

# Acts 1:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

## Analysis

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The contrast between John's water baptism and Spirit baptism marks the transition from preparatory ministry to new covenant reality. The Greek 'baptizo' (immerse) emphasizes total envelopment by the Spirit, not mere external ritual. This promise fulfilled at Pentecost demonstrates God's faithfulness and inaugurates the age of the Spirit.

## Historical Context

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John the Baptist had prophesied this Spirit baptism (Mark 1:8) around AD 27-28. Jesus now promises its imminent fulfillment 'not many days hence,' building anticipation for Pentecost ten days later.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How have you experienced the Spirit's empowering presence in your Christian walk?

2. In what ways does Spirit baptism transform believers beyond mere religious ritual?

## Interlinear Text

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ὅτι Ἰωάννης μὲν βαπτισθήσεσθε ὕδατι ὑμεῖς δὲ  
 For John truly baptized with water ye but  
 G3754 G2491 G3303 G907 G5204 G5210 G1161  
 βαπτισθήσεσθε ἐν πνεύματι ἁγίῳ οὐ μετὰ πολλὰς  
 baptized with Ghost the Holy not many G4183  
 G907 G1722 G4151 G40 G3756 G3326  
 ταύτας ἡμέρας  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 3:11** (Holy): I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

**Luke 3:16** (Holy): John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

**1 Corinthians 12:13** (Spirit): For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

**Titus 3:5** (Holy): Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

**Mark 1:8** (Holy): I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

**Acts 19:4** (Baptism): Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

**Acts 10:45** (Holy): And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**John 1:31** (Parallel theme): And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

**Joel 3:18** (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

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