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I. Holy Spirit connected to both Matt. 28:19;
Acts 1:4-5; 2:4

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II. Differ in how they are taught

A. Water baptism commanded Acts 10:47-48

B. Holy Spirit baptism promised Acts 1:4-5

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III. Differ in the involvement of man's will

A. Water baptism happened when the hearer chose Acts 2:38, 40-41; 8:35-36; 10:47-48

B. Holy Spirit baptism happened when God chose Acts 1:4, 8; 2:1; 10:44

- The doctrines and traditions of man heavily influence modern teachings surrounding baptism (original sin makes man's will invalid):

“...we also have intellectual problems that come with the fall---our memory doesn't work right, our rationality doesn't work right... something's gonna have to happen in that mind and in that life in order to allow that fallen sinner to understand the truthfulness of the gospel” (Albert Mohler, SBC)

www.albertmohler.com/2014/03/29/ask-anything-weekend-edition-03-29-14/

- As a result of this, they claim the necessity of a spiritual baptism for an inner change and water baptism for other reasons (still TWO baptisms!)

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IV. Differ in purpose and results

A. Water baptism 1 Pet. 3:21 (Acts 2:38; Mt. 26:28)

B. Holy Spirit baptism

- Acts 1:8; 2:11; 10:44-46a (power)

- Acts 11:15, 18 (available to Jew and Gentile)

Is the one baptism. . .

- something commanded or something to wait for?
- something that happens when hearers desire it and or something given when God desires it?
- the baptism that saves or the baptism that miraculously proved that salvation by Jesus' D-B-R is available?

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