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Lesson #13

The Journey

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John 1:32 And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'"

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- This text actually answers a question that came up several weeks ago.
- The Baptist says, “**I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove**” – so there was at least one eyewitness to this.
- Based on John’s declaration, in all probability the whole crowd at the river that day saw what John saw.

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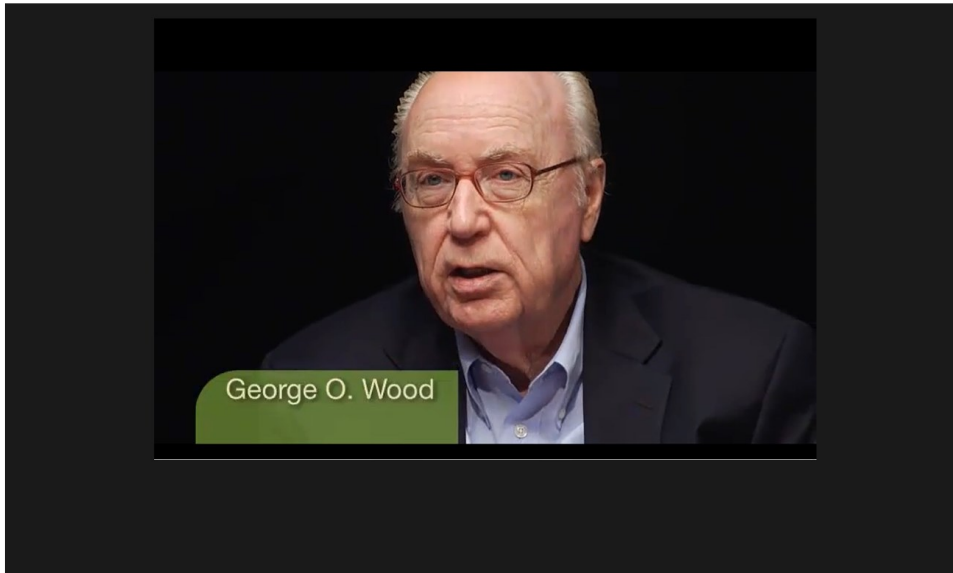
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- ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, **this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.**’
- This one of our AG core doctrines.
- The Assemblies of God have just (4) core doctrines and Spirit Baptism is one of them.

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All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the enduement of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry.

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This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth.

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The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance.

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- I have never experienced **“the baptism”**, so you may not think I am a credible teacher for such a subject.
- But I’ve never been to heaven or hell, and I teach on them – I did not see the flood of Noah’s day, and I teach on that as well.
- To the credit of CLA, I have never been made to feel like a 2nd class Christian –most understand that we do not decide what gifts and experiences we receive from God, nor do we decide when He gives them.

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Questions on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

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“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

John, the Apostle (20:30-31)

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Questions?

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