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Sanctification Series – Part 1: What is the Baptism with Fire?

Series Intro: This series aims to learn what the Bible teaches about sanctification and being set free from sin and bad habits.

Part 1: What is the Baptism with Fire

In this sermon, we will gain a biblical understanding of the baptism with the Holy Spirit and the baptism with fire.

- 1 The purpose of the baptism in the Holy Spirit – Matthew 3:11
 - 1.1 Power to be a witness (not purifying) – Acts 1:8, Acts 4:31, Acts 6:8

 - 1.2 What Jesus said about the baptism with the Holy Spirit – Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-5, 8

 - 1.3 The Holy Spirit and fire – Acts 2:1-4

- 2 The purpose of the baptism with fire
 - 2.1 Rhema’s official statement regarding the baptism of fire: “Neither Kenneth E. Hagin nor Kenneth W. Hagin have done extensive teaching on the “Baptism in Fire.” In addition, the “Baptism in Fire” is currently not a significant topic in the curriculum of Rhema Bible Training Colleges worldwide. Also, Rhema does not teach or practice that there is specifically a separate baptism in fire that is necessary for believers and that is administered through the laying on of hands.”

 - 2.2 The context is a warning of judgement – Matthew 3:7, 10-12, Matthew 25:31-34, 41, Matthew 13:30

 - 2.3 Fire for purifying is connected to judgment – Malachi 3:1-5, Malachi 4:1-2, Psalm 1:4-5

Conclusion: The Bible teaches that baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the baptism with fire are two different experiences. The baptism with fire is a judgment on those who reject Jesus. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is for power to witness. Therefore, as a believer, you do not experience the baptism with fire.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the context of Matthew 3:7-12?
2. What is the purpose of the baptism with fire?
3. What is the purpose in the baptism in the Holy Spirit?