

believer’s need to be continually refreshed and anointed with “fresh oil” as emphasized in Scriptures. An initial filling is not enough. Let’s be filled again today, so we can spread His life and anointing for power in His kingdom to others!

Notes:

IN SHORT, FOR MY OWN LIFE AS A LEADER I AM COMPELLED TO ANSWER THE QUESTION: “DOES JESUS THINK IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR HIS PEOPLE TO BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?”

The apparent answer is more than “Yes.” The Holy Spirit’s fullness, though not essential for salvation (only regeneration by His power is for that), is essential for ministering in the power of Jesus’ life, love and grace. We might say, “It makes no difference if a believer is baptized in the Holy Spirit—unless we want to help him or her toward becoming instruments who make a difference in their world by the power of Jesus’ life lived and ministered in and through them!”

II. A Leader Will Inevitably Face Questions On This Subject.

That questions rise regarding the Baptism with the Spirit should not surprise us. They exist wherever truth is taught on any meaningful thing God does in human life and experience. Consider:

- A. Water Baptism** – Dipped? Sprinkled? In the name of Jesus?
- B. Infant Presentation** – Dedicated? Baptized-Christened? Infant regeneration?
- C. The Lord’s Table** – Frequency? Transubstantiation? Closed Table?
- D. Baptism with the Holy Spirit** – Automatic at new birth? Signs? Importance?

Our objective is not to simply minister a “doctrine” but to lead people into an “experience of living Truth.” Just as our purpose in soul-winning is not to persuade people they are lost sinners, but to bring them to a born again experience in Jesus Christ. This isn’t to trivialize teaching regarding any biblical truth. Learning the Word of God on *any* subject is fundamental and foundational. But “doctrine” isn’t the goal as we teach our people of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Rather, introducing them to an experience that will enable their ministering the life and power of the Holy Spirit is. Thus, to lead others into the truth is to lead them to confront Jesus—the living Truth, and to experience the liberating work of the Holy Spirit in each facet of life and truth unto which Christ calls us.

