

## The Presence of God in Baptism

### John the Baptist

*"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you **with the Holy Spirit** and fire. (Matthew 3:11)*

*And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the **Spirit of God descending** like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17)*

### The Cross Baptism

*Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, (Mark 10:38-39)*

### The Continued Work of Jesus, by the Spirit

*In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. (Acts 1:1-2)*

*And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (Acts 1:4-5)*

### Baptism in Acts - A Response to Believing the the Cross Baptism by the Spirit

*But when **they believed Philip as he preached good news** about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.(Acts 8:12)*

*Then Philip opened his mouth, **and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news** about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. (Acts 8:35-38)*

*One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened **her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul**. And after she was baptized, and her household as well. (Acts 16:14-15)*

