

THINGS THAT ARE DIFFERENT THAT MAN THINKS ARE THE  
SAME Text: Ezekiel 22:26

INTRO: One of the causes of confusion & division among religious people is the tendency among many to make no distinction between things God's words says are different.

I. HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM, SPIRITUAL GIFTS, & THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. These expressions are similar but distinct. Many people automatically think "H.S. baptism" every time they hear the H.S. mentioned. Such should not be the case.

A. H.S. baptism was promised to the apostles in Acts 1:5 and fulfilled a few days later on Pentecost, Acts 2:1-4, 7, 14, 42-43; 4:33; 5:12

1. This phenomena occurred again at the time of the conversion of the first Gentiles in Acts 10.
  - a. On the apostles to confirm gen. truth
  - b. On Cornelius to confirm one specific tr.
2. The key that in H.S. baptism is that the manifestations of the Spirit are made by Christ from heaven without human instrumentality.

I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, "Upon whom you see the Spirit descending & remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes in the H.S." (JN 1:33).

B. Spiritual gifts were imparted by the laying on of apostles' hands. READ I COR. 12:4, 8-10; 13:1-2, 9-10

Acts 8:18; Romans 1:11; Acts 19:6; 2 Tim 1:6

C. The gift of the H.S., Acts 2:38-39.

NOTE: In addition to H.S. baptism which was received by the apostles, & spiritual gifts which were imparted by the apostles to others, the Bible teaches that all Christians receive a oneness with the H.S. when they obey the gospel. This oneness or fellowship is

sometimes referred to as an indwelling of the H.S.  
1 Cor 6:19-20; Rom. 8:9.

I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me thru their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. (JN 17:20-21).

## II. BIBLE FAITH AND HUMAN OPINION.

Rom 10:17; 1:16-17; 2 Cor 5:7; Jude 7

NOTE: Many misuse the word faith. They have "faith" in Jesus as a good man, but not the Son of God. "Faith" that Jesus came again in 1914 secretly. "Faith" that one religion is good as another.

## III. SALVATION BY FAITH & SALVATION BY FAITH ONLY.

A. The Bible teaches salvation by faith. Eph 2:8-9

B. The Bible denies that we are saved by faith only.

James 2:14-26; Heb. 11:7-9

## IV. WORKS OF MAN'S OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS & WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH GOD HAS COMMANDED.

A. The keeping of laws God has abolished, or never commanded to begin with. Rom 10:3 MT 5:20; Titus 3:5

B. Acts 10:34-35; Rom. 1:16-17; Titus 2:11-12

## V. SALVATION FROM PAST SINS & ETERNAL SALVATION IN HEAVEN.

A. Mark 16:15-16.

B. Ongoing obedience.

Therefore my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear & trembling. (Phil 2:12). Mark 10:30

## VI. BACKSLIDING AND APOSTASY.

A. Rev 2:5; James 5:19-20; Gal. 6:1

B. READ HEBREWS 6:4-6

NOTE: In 2 Thess 2:3, the Bible plainly foretells an apostasy to occur before the 2nd coming of Christ.  
The Greek word is APOSTASIA.

VII. GOD'S LAW OF PARDON FOR THE ALIEN SINNER & FOR THE ERRING CHILD OF GOD.

A. Acts 2:36-41

B. Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9

CONCLUSION: It is important that we learn to properly distinguish between things God has made different.

Cox Springs, TX, April 23, 1967

Jonestown, TX, September 14, 1969

Springhill, LA, October 10, 1971

KBSF Radio, Springhill, LA, February 6, 13, 1972

La Porte, TX, May 7, 1978

Exton, PA, November 22, 1987

Shiloh, Mexia, TX, April 21, 1996

Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, October 14, 2001