THE QUESTION

What did the early Christians believe about anointing after baptism?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

The early writers say that after coming up from the water, the newly baptized were anointed with blessed oil. They saw this as a sign of the Holy Spirit and a seal, rooted in the anointing of Israel's priests and in Christ, the Anointed One. The oil touched the body, but its benefit was spiritual.

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The baptized were anointed with blessed oil

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Tertullian describes the order: when believers come up from the baptismal water, they are fully anointed with blessed oil. He presents this as the normal next step after the washing.

1 "After this, when we come up from the baptismal water, we are thoroughly anointed with a blessed oil."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Baptism* 7 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 5, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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It follows the anointing of Israel's priests

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Tertullian traces the practice to the old order, when priests were anointed with oil, beginning with Aaron. He links the word Christ to this anointing. Irenaeus says the Word took flesh and was anointed by the Spirit from the Father.

2 "This practice comes from the old order, in which men entering the priesthood used to be anointed with oil from a horn, ever since Aaron was anointed by Moses."

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3 "He took on flesh, was anointed by the Spirit from the Father, and became Jesus Christ, as Isaiah also says, "A rod will come forth from the root of Jesse, and a flower will rise from his root; and the Spirit of God will rest upon Him: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and piety, and the spirit of the fear of God will fill Him. He shall not judge by appearance, nor reprove by mere words; but He will dispense judgment to the humble, and reprove the arrogant of the earth.""

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 2, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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Oil on the body, help for the soul

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Tertullian compares anointing to baptism itself. In both, something is done to the body, but the effect is spiritual. Baptism uses water yet frees us from sins, and anointing uses oil yet benefits us spiritually.

4 "In the same way, in our case, the anointing is applied physically, that is, on the body, but it benefits us spiritually. It is just like the act of baptism itself."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Baptism* 7 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 5, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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The oil pictures the power of the Spirit

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Hippolytus reads the oil in the story of Susannah as a figure of the Church's practice. He asks what the oil is except the power of the Holy Spirit, with which believers are anointed after the washing.

5 "And what was the oil except the power of the Holy Spirit, by which believers are anointed like ointment after the washing?"

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 7, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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Cyprian calls the anointing necessary

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Cyprian says the baptized must be anointed so they may have the grace of Christ. He adds that the oil is sanctified on the altar, which is why he says groups outside the Church cannot give this spiritual anointing.

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"It is also necessary that the person who is baptized should be anointed, so that, after receiving the chrism, that is, the anointing, he may be anointed by God and have in himself the grace of Christ."

later in the same passage

"Further, it is from the Eucharist that the baptized are anointed with the oil sanctified on the altar."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD)
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A final anointing seals the covenant

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The Apostolic Constitutions describe oil before baptism, water, and then a sealing with ointment at the end. They explain the oil as sharing in the Spirit and the ointment as the seal of the covenants. If neither is at hand, water alone is enough.

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"But first you shall anoint the person with the holy oil, and afterward baptize him with water, and at the end you shall seal him with the ointment."

later in the same passage

"But if there is neither oil nor ointment, water is enough for the anointing, for the seal, and for the confession of Him who is dead, or rather of the one dying together with Christ."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD)
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POINT 7 OF 8

Christians are named for being anointed

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Theophilus answers a mocker by praising anointing as useful and beautiful. He says believers are called Christians because they are anointed with the oil of God.

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8 “So are you unwilling to be anointed with the oil of God? Therefore we are called Christians for this reason: because we are anointed with the oil of God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Theophilus of Antioch,** *To Autolycus* 12 (c. 169–183 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Laying on of hands and the seal follow

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Tertullian says that after the anointing, hands are laid on to call the Holy Spirit. Cyprian says the baptized are brought to the Church's leaders, and by prayer and laying on of hands they receive the Spirit and the Lord's seal.

9 “Next, hands are laid on us, calling on and inviting the Holy Spirit through blessing.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Baptism* 8 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 4, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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10 “This is also done among us now, so that those who are baptized in the Church are brought to the leaders of the Church, and by our prayers and by the laying on of hands they receive the Holy Spirit and are made complete with the Lord's seal.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 10, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not describe the exact words said during the anointing or which parts of the body were anointed.
- They do not all give the same order: one source adds an anointing before baptism as well as after it.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 18 early Christian passages and 116 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–18, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 19–112, in Bible order), then 22 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *18 passages from 8 writers*

Theophilus of Antioch, *c. 169–183 AD · source 1*

1 *To Autolycus* 12 **Quote 8, page 5** And what person, when entering this life or going into the gymnasium, is not anointed with oil? What work has any decoration or beauty unless it is anointed and polished… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 2–3*

2 *Against Heresies: Book III* **Quote 3, page 2** judgment to the humble, and reprove the arrogant of the earth." Again, Isaiah, prophesying His anointing and the reason for it, says, "The Spirit of God is upon Me, because… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Against Heresies: Book III* (on point 2) "It is the Father who anoints, but the Son who is anointed by the Spirit, who is the… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 4–6*

4 *On Baptism* 8 (1885 English) **Quote 9, page 5** "the next place the hand is laid on us, invoking and inviting the Holy Spirit through benediction… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *On Baptism* 7 **Quotes 1, 2, 4, pages 2, 3** "this, when we come up from the baptismal water, we are thoroughly anointed with a blessed oil. This practice comes from the old order, in which men entering the priesthood… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *On Baptism* 6 (1885 English) "1:76 Thus, too, does the angel, the witness of baptism, make the paths straight for the Holy Spirit, who is about to come upon us, by the washing away… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · source 7*

7 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 **Quote 5, page 3** "ointments for those who are washed. But what were these ointments except the commandments of the holy Word? And what was the oil except the power of the Holy Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 8–12*

8 *Epistles* **Quote 6, page 4** "the person who is baptized should be anointed, so that, after receiving the chrism, that is, the anointing, he may be anointed by God and have in himself the grace… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Epistles* (on point 8) are considered renewed and sanctified, then why are the baptized among them not also given the laying on of hands, in the name of that same Christ, to receive the… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Epistles* (1885 English) **Quote 10, page 5** "that prayer being made for them, and hands being imposed, the Holy Spirit should be invoked and poured out upon them, which now too is done among us, so that… [continues online] **read ›**

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11 *Epistles* (on point 8) had already been baptized by John before the Holy Spirit had been sent by the Lord, and then laid hands on them so that they might receive the Holy Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Epistles* (on point 8) "Since in baptism each person has his own sins forgiven, the Lord proves and declares in His Gospel that sins can be taken away only by those who have the… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 13–15*

13 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 8) took money, and offered it to us, saying, Give me also the power, that on whomsoever I also shall lay my hand, he may receive the Holy Ghost… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 7, page 4** "the anointing with oil may be the participation of the Holy Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Apostolic Constitutions* the water and the oil, I, Matthias, make this rule. Let the bishop bless the water or the oil. But if he is not there, let the presbyter bless it… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 16*

16 *Divine Institutes* 7 (on point 2) "robe is now a sign among the Romans that royal dignity has been taken up, so among the Jews the anointing with holy oil gave the title and power of… [continues online] **read ›**

Anonymous · *sources 17–18*

17 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 (on point 8) do you think, my brother? If a man is not baptized by a bishop in such a way as to receive the laying on of hands at once, and yet… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 (1885 English; on point 8) "when by imposition of the bishop's hands the Holy Spirit is given to every one that believes, as in the case of the Samaritans, after Philip's baptism, the… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *94 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

19 **Genesis 48:14** But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands. **read ›**

20 **Exodus 29:7** You shall take some of the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him. **read ›**

21 **Exodus 29:10** You shall bring the calf to the doors of the tabernacle of witness, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the calf before the Lord, by the doors of the tabernacle of witness. **read ›**

22 **Exodus 29:21** You shall take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, and on his sons and on his sons' garments with him. So he and his garments shall be sanctified, and his sons and his sons' garments with him. But the blood of the ram you shall pour against the altar all around. **read ›**

23 **Exodus 30:18** "Make a bronze washbasin with a bronze base for washing, and put it between the tabernacle of witness and the altar, and pour water into it. **read ›**

24 **Exodus 30:20** Whenever they go into the tabernacle of witness, and whenever they come near the altar to minister and to offer whole burnt offerings to the Lord, they shall wash with water, and so they shall certainly not die. **read ›**

25 **Exodus 30:25** You shall make of it a holy anointing oil, a perfumed ointment by the perfumer's art. It shall be a holy anointing oil. **read ›**

26 **Exodus 30:26** With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of witness and the ark of the tabernacle of witness, **read ›**

27 **Exodus 30:28** the altar of whole burnt offerings and all its utensils, the table and all its utensils, and the washbasin. **read ›**

28 **Exodus 30:31** And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'This shall be a holy oil of anointing to you throughout your generations. **read ›**

29 **Exodus 31:9** the pure lampstand and all its utensils, the washbasin and its base, **read ›**

30 **Exodus 31:11** the anointing oil, and the compounded incense of the sanctuary. According to all that I have commanded you, they shall make them." **read ›**

31 **Exodus 38:27** The hundred talents of silver went into the casting of the hundred pillar tops of the tabernacle and into the pillar tops of the veil: (Septuagint Exodus 39:4 (Exodus 38:27 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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32 **Exodus 40:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

33 **Exodus 40:9** You shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and sanctify it and all its furnishings, and it shall be holy. **read ›**

34 **Exodus 40:10** You shall anoint the altar of burnt offerings and all its furnishings, and sanctify the altar; and the altar shall be most holy. **read ›**

35 **Exodus 40:11** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

36 **Exodus 40:13** You shall put the holy garments on Aaron, and anoint him and sanctify him, and he shall serve me as priest. **read ›**

37 **Exodus 40:15** You shall anoint them as you anointed their father, and they shall serve me as priests; and so they shall have an anointing of priesthood forever, throughout their generations." **read ›**

38 **Exodus 40:30** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

39 **Leviticus 1:4** He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that it may be acceptable for him, to make atonement for him. **read ›**

40 **Leviticus 4:17** The priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood of the calf and sprinkle it seven times before the Lord, in front of the holy veil. **read ›**

41 **Leviticus 6:21** It shall be made on a griddle with oil; he shall bring it kneaded, in rolls, a sacrifice of broken pieces, a sacrifice for a pleasing aroma to the Lord. (Septuagint Leviticus 6:14 (Leviticus 6:21 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

42 **Leviticus 6:28** The clay vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken; but if it is boiled in a bronze vessel, he shall scour it and rinse it with water. (Septuagint Leviticus 6:21 (Leviticus 6:28 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

43 **Leviticus 7:35** This is the anointing of Aaron and the anointing of his sons from the burnt offerings of the Lord, on the day when he brought them near to serve as priests to the Lord, **read ›**

44 **Leviticus 8:10** Then Moses took some of the anointing oil **read ›**

45 **Leviticus 8:11** and sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times. He anointed the altar and sanctified it and everything on it, and the washbasin and its base, and sanctified them. And he anointed the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and sanctified it. **read ›**

46 **Leviticus 8:12** Moses poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head, and he anointed him and sanctified him. **read ›**

47 **Leviticus 8:29** Moses took the breast and removed it as an offering laid on before the Lord, from the ram of consecration; and it became Moses' portion, just as the Lord had commanded Moses. (Septuagint Leviticus 8:28 (Leviticus 8:29 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

48 **Leviticus 8:30** Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood that was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron and on his garments, and on his sons and on his sons' garments with him. (Septuagint Leviticus 8:29 (Leviticus 8:30 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

49 **Leviticus 9:22** Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them; and he came down after offering the sin offering, the whole burnt offerings, and the peace offerings. **read ›**

50 **Leviticus 13:33** then the skin shall be shaved, but the broken patch shall not be shaved; and the priest shall set apart the broken patch seven days a second time. **read ›**

51 **Leviticus 13:54** the priest shall give orders, and one shall wash the thing on which the plague is, and the priest shall set the plague apart seven days a second time. **read ›**

52 **Leviticus 13:58** And the garment, or the lengthwise threads, or the cross threads, or any article of skin that is washed and from which the plague departs, shall be washed a second time, and it shall be clean. **read ›**

53 **Leviticus 13:59** This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of wool or of linen, or in lengthwise or cross threads, or in any article of skin, for pronouncing it clean or pronouncing it unclean." **read ›**

54 **Leviticus 14:14** The priest shall take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest shall put it on the lobe of the right ear of the one being cleansed, on the tip of his right hand, and on the tip of his right foot. **read ›**

55 **Leviticus 14:15** Then the priest shall take some of the cup of oil and pour it into the priest's own left hand. **read ›**

56 **Leviticus 14:16** He shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and he shall sprinkle some with his finger seven times before the Lord. **read ›**

57 **Leviticus 14:17** The priest shall put the rest of the oil that is in his hand on the lobe of the right ear of the one being cleansed, on the tip of his right hand, and on the tip of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the guilt offering. **read ›**

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58 **Leviticus 14:18** The priest shall put the rest of the oil that is on his hand on the head of the one who is cleansed; and the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord. **read ›**

59 **Leviticus 14:26** The priest shall pour some of the oil into the priest's own left hand, **read ›**

60 **Leviticus 14:27** and with his right finger the priest shall sprinkle some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the Lord. **read ›**

61 **Leviticus 14:28** The priest shall put some of the oil that is in his hand on the lobe of the right ear of the one being cleansed, on the tip of his right hand, and on the tip of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the guilt offering. **read ›**

62 **Leviticus 14:29** The rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of the one who is cleansed; and the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord. **read ›**

63 **Leviticus 15:12** A clay vessel that the man with the discharge touches shall be broken, and a wooden vessel shall be rinsed in water, and it shall be clean. **read ›**

64 **Leviticus 16:19** He shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and sanctify it from the uncleannesses of the children of Israel. **read ›**

65 **Leviticus 16:32** The priest whom they anoint, and whose hands they consecrate to serve as priest after his father, shall make atonement; he shall put on the linen garment, the holy garment. **read ›**

66 **Leviticus 21:10** And the high priest among his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil has been poured, and who has been consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor tear his garments; **read ›**

67 **Numbers 4:14** They shall put on it all the vessels with which they minister at it: the fire pans, the flesh hooks, the bowls, the cover, and all the vessels of the altar. They shall spread over it a cover of blue skin and put in its carrying poles. Then they shall take a purple cloth and cover the washbasin and its base, put it into a cover of blue skin, and set it on carrying poles. **read ›**

68 **Numbers 8:10** And you shall bring the Levites before the Lord, and the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites. **read ›**

69 **Numbers 8:15** And after this the Levites shall go in to do the works of the tabernacle of witness; and you shall cleanse them and give them before the Lord. **read ›**

70 **Numbers 19:9** And a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the young cow and put them outside the camp in a clean place; and they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel; it is a water of sprinkling, a purification. **read ›**

71 **Numbers 19:17** And for the unclean they shall take some of the burnt ashes of the purification, and they shall pour running water over them into a vessel. **read ›**

72 **Numbers 27:23** and he laid his hands on him and appointed him, just as the Lord had commanded Moses. **read ›**

73 **Numbers 31:23** everything that passes through fire shall be clean; yet it shall be purified with the water of purification. And whatever does not pass through fire shall pass through water. **read ›**

74 **1 Samuel 16:13** Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day onward. And Samuel arose and went away to Ramathaim. **read ›**

75 **1 Kings 1:45** Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him at Gihon, and they have come up from there rejoicing, so that the city rang with noise. This is the sound that you have heard. **read ›**

76 **1 Kings 7:38** He made ten bronze basins; each basin held forty choes and measured four cubits; one basin was on each of the ten bases. (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 7:24 (1 Kings 7:38 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

77 **1 Kings 17:21** And he breathed on the child three times and called on the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, please let the soul of this child return to him." **read ›**

78 **2 Kings 2:21** And Elisha went out to the outlet of the waters and threw salt there, and said, "Thus says the Lord: I have healed these waters; there shall no longer be death or barrenness from there." **read ›**

79 **2 Kings 2:22** And the waters were healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha that he spoke. **read ›**

80 **2 Kings 4:34** And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he bent himself over him, and the flesh of the child became warm. **read ›**

81 **2 Kings 9:6** So he arose and went into the house, and he poured the oil on his head and said to him, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: I have anointed you king over the people of the Lord, over Israel. **read ›**

82 **2 Chronicles 4:6** He made ten washbasins, and he set five on the right and five on the left, to wash in them the works of the whole burnt offerings and to rinse in them; and the sea was for the priests to wash in. **read ›**

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83 **Ecclesiastes 3:20** All go to one place; all came from the dust, and all will return to the dust. **read ›**

84 **Ezekiel 16:9** And I washed you in water, and washed your blood from you, and anointed you with oil. **read ›**

85 **Wisdom of Sirach 31:25** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

86 **Wisdom of Sirach 45:15** Moses filled his hands and anointed him with holy oil; it became for him an everlasting covenant, and for his seed for the days of heaven, to minister to the Lord and to serve as priest together, and to bless his people in his name. **read ›**

87 **Susanna 1:34** And the two elders stood up in the midst of the people and laid their hands on her head. **read ›**

88 **2 Maccabees 3:20** And all of them, stretching out their hands toward heaven, made their plea. **read ›**

89 **Matthew 3:6** They were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. **read ›**

90 **Matthew 3:11** I indeed baptize you in water for repentance, but he who comes after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit. **read ›**

91 **Matthew 3:16** Jesus, when he was baptized, went up directly from the water: and behold, the heavens were opened to him. He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming on him. **read ›**

92 **Matthew 19:15** He laid his hands on them, and departed from there. **read ›**

93 **Mark 1:8** I baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit." **read ›**

94 **Mark 1:10** Immediately coming up from the water, he saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. **read ›**

95 **Mark 10:16** He took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. **read ›**

96 **Luke 3:16** John answered them all, "I indeed baptize you with water, but he comes who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to loosen. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire. **read ›**

97 **Luke 3:22** and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, saying, "You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased." **read ›**

98 **John 1:33** I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and remaining, he is the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' **read ›**

99 **Acts 1:5** for John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now." **read ›**

100 **Acts 6:6** whom they set before the apostles. When they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. **read ›**

101 **Acts 8:17** Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. **read ›**

102 **Acts 8:19** saying, "Give me this authority too, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." **read ›**

103 **Acts 9:18** Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he received his sight. He arose and was baptized. **read ›**

104 **Acts 11:2** When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him, **read ›**

105 **Acts 11:16** I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit.' **read ›**

106 **Acts 13:3** Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. **read ›**

107 **Acts 19:4** Paul said, "John indeed baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in the one who would come after him, that is, in Christ Jesus." **read ›**

108 **Acts 19:6** When Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. **read ›**

109 **Acts 25:7** When Paul arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around, bringing many serious charges against him which they could not prove, **read ›**

110 **Galatians 3:27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **read ›**

111 **Hebrews 6:2** of the teaching of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. **read ›**

112 **1 John 2:27** And as for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you. But as the same anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is no lie, and as it taught you, you will remain in him. **read ›**

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