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We believe that when the Holy Spirit came upon the whole company of believers on the Day of Pentecost as promised by Christ, they were collectively baptized into one body, which was the birth of the Church, the Body of Christ. Since that time this baptism occurs individually at the moment of salvation, at which time the believer is also indwelt by the Spirit.

We believe that the New Testament distinguishes between being indwelt by the Spirit, which is true of all believers, and being filled with the Spirit, which is the believer's privilege and duty, producing power in Christian witness. There is one baptism with the Spirit, and it is into the Body of Christ, but there are many fillings.

John 14:15-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Romans 8:9; Matthew 3:11; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 5:18; Acts 2:4, 4:8-31; Ephesians 1:13-14

From the Article and its associated verses, discuss the following questions:

-What does it mean to be "baptized with [or in] the Holy Spirit"?

-Is there a difference between being "baptized with the Holy Spirit" and "filled with the Holy Spirit"? Does it matter?

-Should Christians seek to be "baptized with the Holy Spirit"? Should Christians seek to be "filled with the Holy Spirit"?

-How can one be filled with the Holy Spirit?