Rightly Dividing the Word: The Baptism, Indwelling, and Filling of the Holy Spirit

John 14:16-17

I. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

A. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is mentioned 6 times in Scripture.

1. The Holy Spirit was not going to be baptizing anyone.
2. These verses point to an event.
3. This prophecy is connected to the promise of the Father.
4. The baptism with the Holy Spirit was a visible event fulfilling God's promise of the Spirit to indwell believers.

B. What about 1 Corinthians 12:13?

C. There is only one baptism for the Christians and the church.

II. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

A. The Holy Spirit dwells within all believers.

1. This is stated by Scripture.
2. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is a gift of God.
3. If you do not have the Holy Spirit, you are not saved.
4. The Holy Spirit continues to indwell believers even when they sin.

B. When did the Holy Spirit begin to indwell believers?

1. He did not indwell those in the Old Testament.
2. He did not indwell the Apostles during Jesus' earthly ministry.
3. His indwelling of believers was initiated at Pentecost.

C. The Holy Spirit indwells believers the moment they are saved.

D. The Holy Spirit does His work in the life of every believer once they are saved.

III. The Filling of the Holy Spirit

A. The command to be filled

B. The reason to be filled

1. It is through the filling of the Holy Spirit we have victory over sin.
2. It is through the filling of the Holy Spirit that we can produce fruit.
3. It is through the filling of the Holy Spirit we have power for service.

C. The reason Christians are not filled.

1. They do not want to be filled.
2. They have quenched the Spirit.
3. They have grieved the Spirit.

D. How to be filled.

1. Be Clean.
2. Be Consecrated.
3. Be Compliant.