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instantly and permanently unites a believer to Christ and His Body.

What does the baptism in the Spirit accomplish?

1. It connects us to _____ and to His death and resurrection, thereby transacting our salvation. We become part of Christ, and so His death and resurrection and righteousness are ours. Union with Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and empowerment.
2. It reveals our salvation as _____ in Christ's work.
3. It connects us to one another as an interdependent _____.
4. It lays the foundation for understanding the _____, how it exists, and our relationship to those in it.
5. It lays the foundation for _____ the Christ-empowered life.
6. It defines how you _____ the Holy Spirit, the Christian life, your eternal security and standing in Christ, to the church, and to Christ as the Head of the Church
7. It helps to avoid _____ and confusion of wrong teaching about baptism in the spirit (tongues, second blessing, etc.)
8. It defines our _____, our _____, and our _____.

Correctly understanding the baptism in the Spirit:

1. Informs us of our _____ in the Body of Christ.
2. Explains our _____ in Christ, how we benefit from His death and resurrection.
3. Assists our understanding of our _____ in serving the Body, our need for the Body, and our responsibility to and for the Body.
4. Gives us the proper _____ on the Church and its beginning at Pentecost.
5. Reveals how we can have the _____ to live the Christian life, living by the power of the resurrection we have in Christ.
6. Helps us understand the _____ of the baptism in the Spirit, given only to believers in the Church (those who believe after Pentecost and before the rapture).
7. Affirms the _____ of the baptism in the Spirit, where once we are placed in the body we are never disconnected from Jesus.
8. Reinforces that baptism in the Spirit is _____ by God to every believer and is not earned or sought.

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