Baptism of Fire

Overview: Growing up in Christ to be transformed (i.e., metamorphosized, Rom 12:2) into mature, adult Sons of God requires a process of the stripping away of all that is of sin or that is of this world. That spiritual process is known as the Baptism of Fire wherein all the dross of our lives is burned up by our love for Jesus and by the washing of the Water of the Word.

A. Consecration

1. Counting the Cost

a) Count the cost before building.	Luke 14:28
b) Evaluate the opponent before the battle.	Luke 14:31
c) Evaluate your weaknesses.	1 Cor 9:27
d) Remember that a disciple gets set free.	John 8:31-32
e) Must consecrate:	
(1) Possessions	Luke 14:33; Matt 19:21
(2) Relationships	Luke 14:26; Matt 10:37
(3) Self (goals, plans, ambitions)	Luke 14:27; Matt 10:38; Matt 16:24; John 12:25
(4) Personality	Gal 5:24
f) Living by faith.	
(1) Making decisions by the Word of God or by the Spirit of God.	Psa 119:105
(2) Making decisions by the Spirit of God.	Rom 8:14
(3) Walking in the Spirit.	Gal 5:16
(4) Living in the Spirit.	Gal 5:25
(5) Living by faith.	Rom 1:17; Gal 2:20
(6) Walk in your Spirit suit (i.e., be sealed).	Isa 11:2; John 1:33; Eph 4:30

2. Dying to Self

a) He who has lost his life shall find it.	Matt 10:38
b) Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me.	Matt 16:24-26
c) Whosoever shall lose his life shall find it.	Mark 8:34-38
d) Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it.	Luke 9:23-26
e) He who dies shall bare much fruit.	John 12:24-26

B. Commitment

1. Hot for God

a) Be hot and not luke-warm.	Rev 3:15
b) Counting all things as loss in order to know Christ.	Phil 3:7-10

2. Ardent Zeal and Intense Effort

a) Seeking the pearl of great price.	Matt 13:45-46
b) Seeking the treasure in the field.	Matt 13:44
c) Seeking the benefits of the KOG with ardent zeal and intense effort.	Matt 12:11 AMP

C. Combat

1. Pressing Toward the Mark

a) Reaching forth toward the things that are before.	Phil 3:13
b) Pressing toward the high calling.	Phil 3:14
c) Follow after righteousness and godliness.	1 Tim 6:11
d) Flee sin and follow after righteousness.	2 Tim 2:22

2. Enduring Hardship as a Good Soldier.

a) A good soldier does not entangle himself with the affairs of this life.	2 Tim 2:3-4
b) Run the race in such a way as to win.	1 Cor 9:24-27

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