

The Baptism In The Holy Spirit (Part II)

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Acts 1:1-8 (NKJV)

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, [2] until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, [3] to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

[4] And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; [5] for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." [6] Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7] And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. [8] But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)

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Before Jesus ascended into heaven He commanded His disciples to stay in Jerusalem to wait for the Promise of the Father. He knew that they were not yet ready to do the job that they were going to have to do. They were saved. They had been born again. They had been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit but they needed something else. Something that would empower them to do the job that He was ordaining them to do. He told them....John baptized you with water but He said, wait here in Jerusalem for a few days and you **shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**

Notice....according to Jesus....they had not yet been **baptized** with the Holy Spirit. They had **received** the Holy Spirit but they had not been **baptized** with the Holy spirit.

Jesus commanded His disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they were **baptized** in the Holy Spirit. Why? Because He knew they in no way could build the church. It was going to take the supernatural power of God to build the church! So He told them to wait in Jerusalem until they got it. He said....

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

He said, "The only way the church is going to be built is through the supernatural **power** of the Holy Spirit.

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This morning I talked about examples in the Book of Acts where people were baptized in the Holy Spirit after they were saved. It was a different experience than their salvation experience.

In Acts, Chapter 8, we read how Philip preached about Christ in the City of Samaria. People were saved, their lives were changed, and they were baptized in water. The Holy Spirit had done a work in their lives.

Yet when Peter and John went to Samaria they laid their hands on them and they had another wonderful experience.

Acts 8:14-17 (NKJV)

[14] Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, [15] who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. [16] For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [17] Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

What happened to Paul on the road to Damascus was the work of the Holy Spirit. His life was changed. But he needed something else if he was going to be able to do what God was calling him to do.

Acts 9:17 (NKJV)

And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and **be filled with the Holy Spirit.**"

In Acts Chapter 19 we read of some people who were baptized by John. They believed the message that John preached which was a message of repentance and a message that they should believe on Jesus as the Messiah. Then Paul baptized them in the name of the Lord.

After that...Paul laid his hands on them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

There is no place in the Bible where it says that this experience is not for the church today. We need that same power that they had in the early church. We need it to do the work God has called us to do and we need it to overcome the flesh and the Devil in our own lives!

We need that anointing, that power! We need the power of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit more than ever! We are living in the last of the last days. We are living in perilous times. Evil has filled our land. This past week I stayed two nights in the French Quarter of New Orleans. I tell you that I could feel the power of Satan in that place. Satan is real. Demons are real. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome the power of the darkness of this world!

Praise God we can have it! Peter said.....

Acts 2:17 (NKJV)

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.

Daniel said.....

Daniel 11:32 (NKJV)

Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

Ezekiel talked about a river that is symbolic of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Ezekiel 47:3-5 (NKJV)

And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water came up to my ankles. [4] Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist. [5] Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed.

First, it was ankle deep. Then, it was knee deep. Then, it was waist deep. And finally, it was a river that was too deep to cross. That's a picture of Jesus pouring out the Holy Spirit more and more and more in the last days.

Have you had that experience?
If not, you can! It's available! It's for you!

Two distinct things happened on the Day of Pentecost.

First, The Holy Spirit was given. Second, The Holy Spirit was received.

Prior to the day of Pentecost the Bible says....

John 7:39 (NKJV)

But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; **for the Holy Spirit was not yet given**, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

But on the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given. And that was a once for all event. Just as Jesus was crucified once for all, the Holy Spirit was given once for all. Those events will not be repeated.

The sacrifice has already been made for the forgiveness of your sins. It's up to you to now receive it by faith.

The Holy Spirit has already been given. It's up to you to receive it by faith.

Just as you have to receive Christ in order to be saved you must also receive the Holy Spirit in order to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

John 1:11-12 (NKJV)

He came to His own, and His own did not **receive** Him. [12] But as many as **received** Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Acts 19:2 (NKJV)

he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

Jesus said.....

John 7:38-39 (NKJV)

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." [39] But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given....

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is something believers have to receive after believing Christ.

The 120 in the upper room would have never received the baptism of the Holy Spirit if they had not been seeking it and tarrying in Jerusalem. You won't be baptized in the Holy Spirit unless you seek for it and spend time in the presence of the Lord.

How do you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues?

1. First, you must receive Christ as your savior.
2. Second, you need to be baptized in water. Be obedient to God's word and live for Him. Read the Bible, attend church regularly, pray.
3. Thirdly, believe that this experience is for you and desire to have it.
4. Fourthly, be obedient.

Acts 5:32 (NKJV)

And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

5. Fifthly, ask Jesus to fill you, get thirsty!

Luke 11:13 (NKJV)

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

John 7:37-38 (NKJV)

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. [38] He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

It's a matter of drinking of the Spirit and becoming so filled with Him that He will give you a new language, a heavenly language.

6. When that happens, begin to speak those words with your mouth.

Acts 2:4 (NKJV)

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Notice it says that they began to speak the words as the Spirit gave them utterance.

God wants to baptize you in the Holy Spirit. It's His special gift to you. Your part is to receive it by faith.

Give invitation!