

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- Every believer has the Holy Spirit in him/her
- Rom 8:9 And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

Baptism Unto Life
Baptism Into The Body Of Christ

Baptizer -- Holy Spirit
Element -- Body of Christ
Purpose -- Newness of Eternal Life
Evidence -- Fruits of the Spirit

"For by one spirit we were all baptized into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free - and have all been made to drink in one spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26,27).

Baptism Unto Power
Baptism In The Holy Spirit

Baptizer -- Jesus
Element -- Holy Spirit
Purpose -- Power to Witness
Evidence -- Gifts of the Holy Spirit

John answered, saying, to all "I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16).

And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and he remained upon him. I did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God" (John 1:32-34)!

2 Distinct experiences

Receiving the Holy Spirit upon conversion and being baptized in the Holy Spirit are two separate and distinct experiences.

The disciples received the Holy Spirit on the day of Christ's resurrection for the New Testament experience of salvation. At this moment the disciples passed from Old Testament salvation to New Testament Salvation.

- "So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:21,22)

2 Distinct experiences, not always

- Cornelius and his household received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation (Acts 10:44-48).
- It does not have to happen this way.
- This was more the exception.

Why the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

The Power of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' Life

- Even Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit
- Luke 3:21-22 One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”
- Luke 4:1 The Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, return from the Jordan River.
- Luke 4:14 Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit power.
- Everything He did, he did it through the power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus emphasized the importance of being baptized in the Holy Spirit

It's a command

- "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; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:4,5).

Even Jesus' mum...

•The 120 met in the upper room for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, men and women. "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." (Acts 1:14)

•"Then the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).

Jesus gave us the purpose for being baptized in the Holy Spirit

- "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).
- The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not for the purpose of cleansing from sin, but for the purpose of empowering for service.

Speaking in tongues is the initial physical evidence

- Acts 2: 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (NIV)
- Acts 10:44-46 Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. For they heard them speaking in other tongues^[b] and praising God.
- Acts 19:6 Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied

Why don't I Speak in Tongues?

Gifts must be received - Ask & Receive in Faith

- Luke 11:9-11 "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Why don't I Speak in Tongues? 10 Barriers

1. Anti-Pentecostal baggage (thinking)

- “You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! ¹³ So if you sinful people 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.”

2. Shy or Introverted Personality

- fear of humiliation or public attention
- *There is no special place or special service where you must receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Pray right where you are*

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3. Hyper Analytical

- This mentality comes from the fear of not understanding or intellectually processing what your experience.
- *The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is supernatural. Put your trust in God and stop trying to completely understand it.*

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5. The Passive Approach

- This mentality comes from a fear of self-inducement of a counterfeit experience; and therefore, we assume it is not divine. Pressure to make it up. Am I a puppet?
- *Be Filled: We must act in obedience to work in cooperation with the Spirit.*
- *Acts 2:4 they began to speak as the Holy Spirit enabled them.*

6. Overwhelming Feelings of Unworthiness

- Fear of rejection - God will pass by them, they won't be good enough, or maybe they will be the only ones that will not receive the baptism.
- *The gift of the Holy Spirit is for you because of what Jesus fully accomplished in his death and resurrection*

Why don't I Speak in Tongues? 10 Barriers

7. Seeking the gift rather than the GIVER

- *Desiring to receive the gift rather than intimacy with the giver, Jesus.*
- *Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8) was mesmerised by the glamour of tongues & wanted to buy it.*

8. Assuming that any spiritual gift or experience is the Baptism of the H.S.

- *Being slain in the spirit or shaking is not the evidence of the BHS.*
- *The only biblical pattern of the filling of the Spirit is prophetic in nature - speaking in tongues, praising God, etc...*

9. Sin, Unforgiveness, Fear, Demonic (The 4 doors)



How to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit:

1. You must be born again Christian

"Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:38,39).

2. It is administered by Jesus

"John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16).

3. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift received by faith

"that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:14).

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

How to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit:

4. We receive by asking

- "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" (1 John 5:14,15).
- "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 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!" (Luke 11:9-13).

How to receive: Pray the prayer of faith:

Dear Lord Jesus:

I thank you that you shed your blood on Calvary's cross for my sins. I ask for forgiveness for my sins and I do acknowledge you as my Lord and Savior. I ask you to baptize me in the Holy Spirit.

I claim by faith the baptism in the Holy Spirit right now.

Thank you Jesus, Amen.

- **Now, begin to praise Jesus, but not in your language.**
- **You will be using your vocal chords and lips and you will be speaking as on the day of Pentecost, but the Holy Spirit will be giving you a new language to praise God.**
- **You will have another hot line to heaven with which to pray and praise the Lord.**