

# The Spirit Upon – Lesson 2

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## Dual Work of the Holy Spirit

Certain denominations are of the opinion that when a person is born again, they have received all there is of the Holy Spirit; there is no second subsequent experience as we believe.

- Remember last week we talked about the Holy Spirit “Within” the believer
- Those who were in the upper room were born again when Jesus breathed on them
- John 20:22, *“And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”*

**John 7:37-39**, “On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.’ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.”

## The Holy Spirit Upon

The first believers were already born again when Jesus appeared to them in Acts chapter 1. This fact is very significant because of what Jesus was about to tell them next:

**Please Read:** Acts 1:1-8

**Question:** What gift was Jesus referring to in Acts 1:4?”

- It was not the gift of eternal life, since they had already received that gift earlier
- This gift is Jesus had spoken of was the “Baptism with the Holy Spirit”

Very Important Note: Jesus had told them not to even start fulfilling the Great Commission until they received this gift from the Father God. Jesus also eluded to it in Luke:

**Luke 24:49**, “I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

- To be clothed with something, means that it comes upon you

- The Greek word for “Baptism” is to “Immerse” or to completely submerge
- Water baptism is a complete immersion into water
- So to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, likewise is a complete immersion
  - o It is part of the doctrine of baptisms (Plural) mentioned in Hebrews 6:2
- It’s an immersion of power, like Jesus had received to do the work of His ministry

**Luke 4:14**, “Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.”

**Acts 1:8**, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Notice the language in verse 8 concerning the Holy Spirit “Upon you”

**Luke 3:16-17**, “John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

- Since Jesus emptied Himself of all divine power via the incarnation- Philippians 2:6-11
- The secret to His miracle ministry was not because of His divinity- power of the Spirit
- Likewise, the secret for us in fulfilling the Great Commission is the same power source!

**Luke 5:17-18**, “One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick.”

**Question:** Without this endowment of power, are we reaching our full potential as Christians?

- To further illustrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit as a separate experience

**Please Read: Acts 8:4-20**

**Question:** The new believers here, were they prayed for by Peter and John to receive the Holy Spirit, before or after they were born again?

- I believe it was after, because in verse 12 they were already water baptized
- Peter and John noticed the new believers did not have the Holy Spirit upon them- vs 16

- Let's look at another example, where some disciples had only been water baptized

**Please Read: Acts 19:1-7**

**Question:** If you have already received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit; how much time elapsed after you were born again before you had received?

- There are times when folks get saved and filled with the Spirit at the same time
  - o **Please Read: Acts 10:44-48**
- You may ask, well how do I know I have received this gift?
- There are signs or evidence that follow being filled baptized with the Holy Spirit
  - o Boldness as Jesus said, demonstrations of power via signs/wonders
  - o Speaking with other tongues and manifestations of spiritual gifts

**Acts 2:1-4**, "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

- Next week we will cover the utterance with other tongues in great detail

It's not an option

**Acts 1:4**, "On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:"

**Question:** If God commands us to do something, then is it God's will then?

- Many Christians wrestle with whether or no it's God's will for them to receive this gift
- This gift was not just for the apostles- the upper room had 120 in Acts 1:15; 2:1
- It was not just for the early church either- these signs follow those who believe
  - o **Please Read: Mark 16:15-20 - notice the last phrase in verse 17**

**Acts 2:38-39**

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call."