

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Hebrews 6:1-3, “Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so.”

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is one of four baptisms referred to in the elementary teachings of Christ for believers- the word baptism means total immersion.

There are four baptisms in Scripture:

- 1 Corinthians 12:13: Baptism into the Body of Christ when we were first born again
- Matthew 28:19: Water baptism after we are born again as a testimony
- Acts 1:5: Baptized with the Holy Spirit; power for service
- Mark 10:38: The Baptism of Martyrdom; glorifying God through our death

The Holy Spirit Within

It is important to note that all those who are born of the Spirit, have the Holy Spirit dwelling within them- this is a prerequisite of being saved.

Romans 8:9

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

When we first confess Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior according to Romans 10:9, we are born again as Jesus referred to in John 3:6, “Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to the human spirit.”

- **Titus 3:5**, “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit”
- We become the temple of the Holy Spirit- 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20
- Jesus referred to the “Well of Salvation” in John 4:7-13 as the Holy Spirit within
- Jesus talked about the ministry of the Spirit in us- John 14:16-17; 16:7-15
- After Jesus’ resurrection, first thing He did was impart the New Birth- John 20:22

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

In the Old Testament we see the Holy Spirit coming upon those anointed for offices like the judges, prophets, priests and kings

Judges 14:6, “The Spirit of the Lord came upon Samson in power so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat.”

1 Kings 18:46, “The power of the Lord came upon Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.”

1 Samuel 16:13, “So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power.”

The Holy Spirit of Power

Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit when He was water baptized, the Spirit came upon Him in full measure as stated in John 3:34. The secret to Jesus power while on earth, signs and wonders was not because He was the Son of God, it was the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon Him.

Luke 3:16 *Concerning Jesus, John the Baptist said*

“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.”

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

Luke 5:17, “And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick.”

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.”

If the Holy Spirit upon Jesus was the secret to His power ministry on earth, as it also was for the Old Testament people of God, so it is for us under this new dispensation of Grace. The Holy Spirit is the power broker of the Godhead, and the Holy Spirit is here in the earth today; which means signs, wonders and power is here to be demonstrated today in our midst. 1 Corinthians 4:20, “*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.*”

1 Corinthians 2:4-5, “My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power.

Separate and Distinct Experience

Acts 1:4-5, “On one occasion, while he was eating with them, **he gave them this command**: ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 1:8-9 *The last thing Jesus said before His Ascension*

“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.” After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

- Baptism of the Holy Spirit is primarily to receive power/ability to fulfill Great Commission
- It is the doorway to the supernatural power of God operating through our lives
- **Please Read: Acts 2:1-4, 38-39**
- The initial evidence of the Spirit Baptism was speaking in other tongues
- A fulfillment of Joel 2:28 prophecy, according to Acts 2:16, “In the last days...”

Why Tongues – 5 Streams

Mark 16:17, “And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues”

1 Cor. 14:2, “For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.”

- 1) Speaking in new tongues is a New Testament “Sign” of the Holy Spirit upon the believer
 - o Acts 2:11, “We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues- amazed/perplexed!”
 - o A supernatural language: 1Cor. 13:1, “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels”
- 2) Aids in worship- 1Cor. 14:15, “I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.”
- 3) Personal edification- 1 Cor. 14:4, “He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself” Jude 20
- 4) Prayer- Ro. 8:26-27; 1Cor 14:14, “For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.”
- 5) Tongues & Interpretation- 1 Cor 12:10, “Speaking in different tongues/Interpretation of tongues”

1 Corinthians 14:21 Referencing Isaiah 28:11

The Law it is written: “Through men of strange tongues and through the lips of foreigners I will speak to this people, but even then they will not listen to me,” says the Lord.

How to Receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

- 1) **Ask:** Luke 11:13, “If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”
- 2) **Laying on of Hands:** Acts 8:4-21; Acts 19:1-7
- 3) **In a Church Gathering:** Acts 10:34-48; 11:15-17