

Baptism in the Holy Spirit - The Promise of the Father

Jesus is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit (John's baptism not ritual - expectation of change - take plunge)

- Mar 1:7-8 ESV And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I have baptized you with water, but **he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.**"

The Promise of the Father → sent by Jesus - Purpose - Promise - Priority - Power

- Luk 24:46-49 ESV and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that **repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed** in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 **You are witnesses** of these things. 49 And behold, **I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.** But **stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.**"

The Promise of the Father **is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit** (promise → power → purpose)

- Act 1:3-8 ESV He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait for the promise of the Father**, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**" 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Act 2:1-21 ESV When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.** [SLIDE] 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "**Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? [SLIDE] 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians--we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.**" [MAP SLIDE][SLIDE]12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. [SLIDE] 16 **But *this* is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:** 17 "**And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,** and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. [SLIDE]19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Promise of the Father is something you see and hear

- Act 2:33 ESV Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, **he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.**

The Promise is for everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself

- Act 2:36-39 ESV Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "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. 39 **For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.**"

An Example of people receiving the promise

- Act 10:44-48 ESV While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because **the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 *For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.*** Then Peter declared, 47 "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have **received the Holy Spirit just as we have?**" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Peter's Account

- Act 11:12-18 ESV And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; 14 he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' 15 As I began to speak, the **Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning.** 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, **but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**' 17 If then **God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us** when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" 18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."
- What happened at Cornelius' is the same thing that happened at Pentecost
- Speaking in tongues links the baptism in the Holy Spirit to the "This is that" experience of the first church on Pentecost

Chain of provenance

- Joel prophesied - In the last days, I will pour out my spirit on all flesh
- Acts 2 - Day of pentecost -- This (what you see and hear) is that
- Cornelius -- they received the same gift as us (Peter could have said -- "This is That")
- Speaking in tongues as the evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit seems to be the evidence that ties our experience directly to the day of pentecost, and because of that directly to the prophecy of Joel.