

"What is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and Why Does It Matter?"

Holy Spirit Series Pt 8

What is Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

Baptism in the Spirit is the Promise of the Father

- Act 1:4-5 ESV 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; for John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now."

Act 1:6-7 ESV 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."

Miraculous Power to be my Witnesses

- Act 1:8 ESV 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."

In not many days the Holy Spirit came upon them evidenced by physical manifestation

- Act 2:1-4 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.

Drnk? No This is THAT, it was the fulfillment of prophetic promise - the promise of the father

- Act 2:14-17 ESV 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. 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;

The Promise is something you "SEE" AND "HEAR" (Note the work of the Trinity here)

- Act 2:32-33 ESV This **Jesus** God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 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 all generations

- Act 2:37-39 ESV 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."

What is Baptism in the Holy Spirit? It is the fulfillment of God's promise to pour out His Spirit on all people, in order that we may receive power to carry out His work until Christ returns. It is the initial outpouring of the Spirit in power in the life of the believer. It is separate, distinct and subsequent to salvation (born of the Spirit John 20 / baptized with the Spirit Acts 2) , accompanied by physical manifestation (speaking in tongues is the consistent evidence Acts 2, 19, 10), and is a gift for ALL whom the Lord calls to himself.

Why do we still believe in Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

- **The work is not yet complete** - Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth
- **We are still living in the last days where God is pouring out his spirit** (Act 2:17 "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh)
- **It was normative in early church -- didn't have scripture or 2000 yrs of debate → led by Spirit**
 - Acts 19:1-7 Paul in Ephesus "**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."when Paul had laid his hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying**
 - **Paul** Act 9:17 ESV the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and **be filled with the Holy Spirit.**"
 - **Samaritans** Acts 8:14-17 ESV Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, 15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.
- **Just like Acts 2 -- pointed to Joel (800-900 yrs previous) and Acts 10 pointed to Acts 2...There was an anchor linking Joel's prophecy to people receiving the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. Every time a person is baptized with the Holy Spirit it is once again the fulfillment the promise (The personal testimony of nearly 1 billion people who have received baptism in the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues) - direct link to Joel**

Why did God choose Speaking in Tongues as the evidence?

I would suggest -a way to confirm something has happened, otherwise it is a subjective exercise

- **Acts 2 once they spoke in tongues they stopped waiting**
 - **Acts 10 Speaking in tongues convinced the Jews that Gentiles have been accepted by God**
 - Act 10:44-47 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?"
 - **Acts 11 they called the speaking in tongues, baptism in the Holy Spirit it convinced the apostles that God had received the Gentiles**
 - Act 11:15-17 ESV 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?"
 - **Acts 19 Ephesians speaking in tongues satisfied Paul - they had now received the Holy Spirit**
- Most unruly member is tamed?**
- Surrender, total yieldedness, remove our understanding, humility and reliance upon Christ

How to Receive

Joh 7:37-39 ESV On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

- **Thirsty**
- **Come to Jesus (seek Jesus not tongues)**
- **Drink (surrender open your heart, soul, mind)**
- **It is for believers (make sure you are saved - Repent and believe (baptism before or after)**
- **Convince it is for ALL believers for all time - whoever believes**
- **Be convinced from Scripture this if true**
- **You will "drink in" out of your belly will flow out (speaking in tongues)**
- **Receive - it is a gift (Spirit not yet given)**
- **Proof of the resurrection and ascension of Jesus**
- **Ask**

Luk 11:11-13 ESV What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"**

Ask

It is YOU speaking

- As an act of your will or out of obedience to the prompting of the Holy Spirit speak out the words that are forming in your mind (you can't speak two languages at once)
- Yield to any deep "welling up" within your spirit and allow that inner surge to break through in expressions of worship, praise, and adoration in a language unknown to you but meaningful to God.

Various ways the baptism in the Holy Spirit is described

- **Baptized with the Holy Spirit**
- **Holy Spirit has come upon you**
- **Filled with the Holy Spirit**
- **Pour out my Spirit** on all flesh
- **Received the promise of the Holy Spirit**
- You will receive the **gift of the Holy Spirit**

What is Baptism in the Holy Spirit? (Cup Illustration)

- It is the fulfillment of God's promise to pour out His Spirit on all people
- In order that we may receive power to carry out His work until Christ returns
- It is the initial outpouring of the Spirit in power in the life of the believer (subsequent fillings)
- It is separate, distinct and subsequent to salvation (born of the Spirit John 20 / baptized with the Spirit Acts 2)
 - (Saved - the Spirit IN you - A well)
 - (Baptized or Filled empowered - The Spirit **Poured** out UPON **Filling Overflowing**)
- It is accompanied by physical manifestation (speaking in tongues is the consistent evidence Acts 2, 19, 10),
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