

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

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 1:8 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."

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.

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;

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.

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.

The work is not yet complete (Acts 1:8)

We are still living in the last days where God is pouring out his spirit (Act 2:17)

It was normative in the early church (Acts 19, 9 & 8)

The testimony of nearly a billion people

A way to confirm something happened, otherwise it becomes a very subjective exercise

Acts 2 - After speaking in tongues they stopped waiting

Acts 10 - Speaking in tongues convinced the Jews that God has accepted the Gentiles

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?"

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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?"

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Acts 19 Ephesians speaking in tongues satisfied
Paul - they had now received the Holy Spirit
Most unruly member is tamed?

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**.

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!"**

Various ways BHS 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

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