

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – PART 1

Galatians 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Jesus is the One Who Baptizes Us With The Holy Spirit

- † **Matthew 3:11** "I (John) baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

What Happens - You Receive Power

- † Acts 1:8 But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you **power**. Then you will tell everyone about me
 - POWER – Dunamis – Dynamite
 - Great Force – Great Strength – Miraculous Power

The Holy Spirit Lives In Us As Born Again Believers

- † 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**. 10 But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Understanding The Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit? - He is **GOD**.

The Holy Spirit is not

- † A Force
- † A Power
- † An Attribute of God

The Holy Spirit is Deity, The Spirit Of God.

He Is God

- † Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
- † Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..."
- † 2 Corinthians 3:17 Now **the Lord is the Spirit**, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

He is the **SPIRIT** of God.

- † John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.
- † 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."

800 Years Earlier

- † Joel 2:28 "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

In the Old Testament the Spirit Came Upon – Now He Comes To All And He Comes To Stay – John 14:16 he (God) will give you another Counselor to be with you **forever**

The Holy Spirit Is For **EVERY BELIEVER**

Acts 2:38 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. 39 The **promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call.**"

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT WANT TO DO IN OUR LIVES?

1 - CONVICT us of sin

- † John 16:7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

The only way a person can understand their sin nature is by the Holy Spirit, He may use us, just remember the Holy Spirit does not condemn, so we shouldn't either. That's the reason we can have hope even though we are sinners.

The Holy Spirit will bring conviction to us when we are about to do wrong or after we have done wrong, then we are supposed to act on it.

The Holy Spirit Does Not Condemn Us – He Convicts Us

2 - GUIDE our life

- † John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into

all truth.

Life is difficult; we need a guide.

Without a tour guide we can miss a lot of great things.

The Holy Spirit Guides us through His Word, through other Godly people.

3 - TEACH us truth – He is the Spirit of Truth - John 14:17

- † John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

In order to be taught you need to be teachable; to be humble.

We need to say like King David “teach me your ways”

4 - Work *IN* me to **CHANGE** me into the image of Christ

- † Romans 8:29 ...we see the original and intended shape of our lives there in Him.

This Shaping Happens By The Developing Of The Fruit Of The Spirit In Us

- † Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

5 - Work *THROUGH* me to **SHOW** the power and presence of Christ to the world

- † He empowers me to **BE** a witness to the world.
 - 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.”

There is **PURPOSE** in the power – Be A Witness – Tell People About Jesus

Remember a witness tells what he saw, what happened to him etc., that’s an expert witness.

What do we need to do?

1 - Confess our **NEED** for the Holy Spirit

John 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself;

John 15:5 ... If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

2 - Give the Holy Spirit **COMPLETE CONTROL**

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – PART 2

The doctrine of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit not a Pentecostal doctrine or a Charismatic doctrine, but it's a Bible Doctrine.

Jesus is the One Who BAPTIZES Us With The Holy Spirit

- † **Luke 3:16** John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a GIFT from God.

- † **Acts 1:4** 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. **5** For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

It is a gift from God for every believer and when you receive the baptism you are equipped with supernatural power to reach the lost and to personally overcome in life.

- † Acts 2:39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call."

When you receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit you receive a supernatural prayer language and a supernatural power. There is a reason and purpose for this prayer language and power. The reason and purpose is so you can be a witness. You can't really be an effective witness if your life doesn't line up with your words. So the Baptism of the Holy Spirit will empower you to become all that God wants you to be and also to tell others about this new life you have been given.

- † Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

- † Acts 19:1 Paul arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. 4 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.
- † Acts 4:33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.
- † Acts 5:12 The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. 13 No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. 14 Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. 15 As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. 16 Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.

PURPOSES OF PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

Praying in the Spirit brings refreshing

- † Isaiah 28:11–12 For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, to whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," and, "This is the refreshing".

When you pray in tongues, you pray directly to God from your spirit. This is your own personal prayer language in which you can pray and communicate with God.

- † 1Corinthians 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.

When you pray in tongues, you are edified and strengthened.

- † 1Corinthians 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself...
- † Jude 20 But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

When you pray in tongues, you magnify and praise God from your spirit.

- † Acts 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God
- † John 4:23–24 Yet a time is coming and has come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

When you pray in tongues, you pray Spirit-directed prayers. The Holy Spirit directs your prayers according to the perfect will of God.

- † Romans 8:26–27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Life In The Spirit Releases Worship

Sometimes when we worship we go to the limits of our self and we express deeper worship by worshipping from our Spirit.

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift to you from the Father

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is one of many gifts that God has given us.

We should receive and enjoy every gift God has given us. We don't have to be afraid of any gift that God wants to give us.

- † James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...

GIFTS FROM GOD

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| † Ephesians 2:8 | The gift of salvation |
| † Romans 5:17 | The gift of righteousness |
| † Romans 6:23 | The gift of eternal life |
| † 1Corinthians 12:7–11 | The gifts of the Spirit |
| † Ephesians 4:11 | The five-fold Ministry Gifts |
| † Acts 1:4 | The gift of the Holy Spirit |

Five steps to receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

1 - You must be born again.

- † John 3:3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."
- † Acts 2:38 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."

2 - You must believe that it is for you.

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- † Acts 2:17–18 In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

3 - You must desire the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- † John 7:37–39 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; because the Holy Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

4 - You must ask for it.

- † 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!

5 - You must do the speaking.

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- † Isaiah 28:11–12 For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, to whom He said, “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” and, “This is the refreshing”.

You will do the speaking. You will sense the Holy Spirit giving you the sound, I say sound because it won't sound like recognizable words. But you have to take a step of faith and speak what the Holy Spirit gives you. It may sound strange to you, but allow that supernatural language to flow out of you. You have to remember that you cannot speak two languages at one time. Begin to worship God out of your heart in your own language, and then stop speaking your native language and begin speaking in tongues.

Pray in your prayer language everyday.