

Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Background:

Luke 24:44-49

1. The disciples had understanding of the Scriptures—perfect doctrine
 - > Luke 24:44-45 - Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms
“And He opened their understanding (minds) that they might comprehend scriptures” – Luke 24:45
2. The disciples had a commission from Jesus to preach in His name to all nations
 - > Luke 24:46-47 Mandate to preach in His name to all nations
“and that repentance and remission (forgiveness) of sins should be preached in His name to all nations beginning in Jerusalem” – Luke 24:47
3. The disciples were eyewitnesses of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.
 - > *“And you are witnesses of all these things” – Luke 24:48*
 - > Promise: *“Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you. But tarry, (wait, stay) in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued (clothed) with power from on high.” – Luke 24:49*

Though the disciples understood the Scripture, had received a commission to preach in Jesus' name and were witnesses of death, burial and resurrection of the Lord, Jesus told them to WAIT!

1. Jesus commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem but to wait.
 - Acts 1:4-5
 - > Jesus refers to John the Baptist's prophecy in Matthew 3:11:
“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

2. The purpose of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is to receive power to be a witness for Jesus

> *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be witnesses (martyrs) to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.” – Acts 1:8*

Baptism with the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:1-4

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1. Acts 2:2 – Wind was a *manifestation or sign* of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit
2. Acts 2:3– Fire was a *manifestation or sign* of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit
3. Acts 2:4– Tongues was a *manifestation or sign* of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit
4. Manifestation of God’s presence on the day of Pentecost parallels what God did when he met with the Prophet Elijah

“And behold the Lord passes by and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind as earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire a still small voice. – 1 Kings 19:11-12

5. Power was the RESULT of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

> *“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice...”
– Acts 2:14*

Believers Baptized with the Holy Spirit – 5 New Testament Examples:

1. Acts 2:1-4 – Day of Pentecost—v. 4 *“they began to speak with other tongues”*
2. Acts 8:14-18 – Believers in Samaria—v. 18 *“Simon **saw** something happening”*

3. Acts 9:17, 18 —Saul in Damascus— 1 Corinthians 14:18 *“I thank my God that I speak with tongues more than you all”*
4. Acts 10:44-47 —Gentiles in Cornelius’ house—v. 46 *“They heard them speak with tongues and magnify God”*
5. Acts 19:1-6 —Believers at Ephesus—v. 6 *“they spoke with tongues and prophesied”*

****Scripturally it is clear that the initial evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit was speaking in other tongues.****

Why Tongues?

James 3:8 — *“No man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison”*

1 Corinthians 14:2 — ***“For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him, however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”***

1 Corinthians 14:14 — ***“For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.”***

Why do I need the Baptism with the Holy Spirit?

1. To give us power to be a witness:
 - > *“But shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to me” — Acts 1:8*
2. To build us up
 - > ***“But you beloved building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.” — Jude 1:20***
 - > *“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself” — 1 Corinthians 14:4*

3. It increases our intercession

- > *“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses; for we do not know what we shall pray for as we ought, but the **Spirit Himself makes intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered, now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” — Romans 8:26-27*

4. It is a commandment of the Word

- > *“Therefore **do not be unwise**, but understand what the will of the Lord. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit**, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” — Ephesians 5:17-19*

5. It is normal Christianity—The Holy Spirit makes us **real**, not weird

- > *“The Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the **promise** is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.’” — Acts 2:38-39*

Obstacles to Receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

1. Ties with the Occult
2. Unforgiveness
3. Former teaching which was incorrect.

How to Receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit:

There is not a “step-by-step” formula that needs to be followed to receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Everyone’s experience with the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is unique. It is not based on individual experience, but on the Word of God.

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
— Romans 10:17

1. **Ask** Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit

- > *“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” – Luke 11:13*

2. **Believe** (Receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is an act of faith.)

- > *“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues” – Mark 16:17*
- > *“Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” – Acts 2:38*

3. **Receive** the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

- > Often times it comes through the laying on of hands

“And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.” – Acts 19:6

- > Jesus can choose to baptize people in other ways (privately, in a corporate setting with no laying on of hands, etc.)

“While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.” – Acts 10:44-46

4. **Choose** to speak in tongues

- > Tongues bypass the understanding of your mind. You have to make a choice to not get caught up on meaning and just speak.

“For with stammering lips and another tongue [a ridiculous tongue] He will speak to this people” – Isaiah 28:11

- > Open your mouth and begin to speak. Simply speak the words that the Lord gives you.

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” – Acts 2:4

5. Daily **speak** in tongues

- > Speaking in tongues shouldn't be limited only to church services. Rather, it should become a lifestyle.

“What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.” – 1 Corinthians 14:15