

# The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

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## 1. Isaiah prophesied the coming Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 28:11-12 ... “For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. [12] To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.”

A. Notice, Isaiah predicted that praying in tongues will bring rest/refreshing to the spirit, soul and body when nothing else will. It's supernatural.

B. Isaiah also predicted that many Believers, thru unbelief, would reject this supernatural Blood-bought provision.

## 2. Joel prophesied the coming Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Joel 2:28-29 ... “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: [29] And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.”

A. Women are not excluded from the Baptism with the Holy Spirit or the Gifts of the Spirit. Women are men with a womb. Hence “womb-man”!

## 3. Jesus prophesied the coming Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

John 7:37-39 ... “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. [38] He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. [39] (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)”

Acts 1:8 ... “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

A. The Holy Spirit Baptism provides power (dunamis/dynamite) for preaching the Gospel with signs and wonders following. Also, this power was not just promised to the original twelve Disciples. The Apostle Peter made this perfectly clear.

1 Peter 4:10 ... “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

## 4. The promised Baptism with the Holy Spirit arrived on the Day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:1-4 ... “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. [2] And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. [3] And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

A. It's interesting to note from this point on that every time someone in the New Testament received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, they spoke with other tongues. God is no respecter of persons. (Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11) This is still true today.

Acts 8:14-19 ... "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: [15] Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: [16] (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) [17] Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. [18] And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, [19] Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost."

B. Simon "saw" the Holy Ghost was given. You can't see this experience. The word "saw" is actually "perceived / witnessed." What did Simon witness? People praying in tongues as they always do when the Holy Spirit Baptism is received. None of these were of the original twelve.

Acts 10:44-46 ... "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. [45] And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. [46] For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God..."

A. Again, every time someone in the New Testament received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit they spoke with other tongues.

B. Notice also, these were not of the original twelve. They weren't even Jews. This was the first time the Gospel was ever preached to Gentiles/Non-Jews and they all spoke with tongues.

Acts 19:1-7 ... "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, [2] He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. [3] And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. [4] Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. [5] When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [6] And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. [7] And all the men were about twelve."

A. This experience proves that the Holy Spirit Baptism is subsequent to the New Birth. Paul asked if they had received the Holy Ghost "since ye believed." These were Believers who had not yet been filled with the Holy Spirit. Paul laid hands on them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied immediately.

5. You will receive the Holy Spirit, not a counterfeit.

Luke 11:5-13 ... "And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; [6] For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? [7] And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. [8] I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. [9] And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall

be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. [10] For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. [11] If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? [12] Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? [13] If ye then, being evil [referring only to the unsaved people He was talking to. We are not evil, we are holy once Born Again.], know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

A. When we ask for the Holy Spirit our faithful Father will give us exactly what we ask Him for. We will also speak in tongues just like everyone else who receives. It may only be a word or two initially, but as we are faithful to speak them, He will be faithful to give more.

6. Two significant reasons to receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:26-27 ... "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27] And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

A. Paul told the Romans whenever we allow the Holy Spirit to pray through us, He will always and only pray according to the perfect will of God whether it be for ourselves or others. When the Holy Spirit is doing the praying, those prayers never go unanswered. He hits it spot-on every time. Don't know how to pray? Pray in other tongues – you'll hit it spot-on every time, too.

First Corinthians 14:17-18 ... "For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. [18] I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:"

A. When Paul said "verily thou givest thanks well" he actually said "give perfect praise." There's no better way to give perfect praise to God than to do so in other tongues. Every known adjective in the world cannot possibly give praise to God the way the Holy Spirit can through us. Perfect praise opens the spout where the power comes out. God inhabits our praises. (Psalm 22:3)

B. Notice also Paul said "I speak with tongues more than ye all." This is why he received the revelation he did, as well as the signs that accompanied his preaching and teaching. He said he spoke in tongues more than anyone. We should follow his example if we truly desire power.

Tobacco? Acknowledge the need to stop abusing the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Give Him your word that with His help you will begin the process of giving it up. He'll take you by faith and fill you with His Holy Spirit.

Immorality? Tell Him you'll fix it and forsake it along with all other sin.

Horoscope, occult practices, reading, etc.? These will cause God to set His face against you. (Leviticus 20:6) Repent and receive true power.

When I lay hands on you and pray for you, you will receive. You will hear words come up out of your belly / matrix / spirit. Speak them by faith and more will follow.

\*Take authority over unbelief in Jesus' Strong Name.