

## Holy Spirit and You

### The Power Returning back to the Believers Part 3

#### ***Key Concepts***

1. Be familiar with each episode in the book of Acts where people are filled or baptize with the Holy Spirit.
2. The Promise of the Spirit is to all who believe.
3. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is an experience distinct from the New Birth.
4. All who were filled apparently spoke with tongues.
5. This experience may be ministered by laypersons by the laying on of hands.
6. Know the benefits of speaking with tongues.
7. Know the benefits of being filled with the Spirit.
8. Practice the "Tips for ministering the Baptism" with another believer.

#### I. Baptism with the Holy spirit in the Book of Acts

A. Acts 2:1-4      The experience of those who tarried at Jerusalem according to the Lord's command.

1. They were all filled. This seems to equate "filling" with "baptism" (verse 5).
2. They all spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave them the words. He did not force them to speak. He simply gave them the words.
3. Note again Acts 2:38-39. The promise is to all believers. The promise refers to Acts 1:4, the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

B. Acts 8:4-8,12-18      Deacon Philip in Samaria

1. Vs.5,6      Philip preached Christ. They believed.

2. V.12 They believed Philip as he preached the Kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Christ. They were saved by faith and baptized in water.
  3. V.14 The apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God.
  4. Vs.14-17 Peter and John came and laid hands on these born again, water baptized Christians in order that they might receive the Spirit upon.
  5. **NOTE:** One way of ministering the baptism of the Holy Spirit seems to be through the laying on of hands.
  6. **NOTE:** V.18 Simon "saw" something which told him these had received the gift. What do you think he "saw"?
- C. Acts 9:10-19 Saul of Tarsus received the Holy Ghost.
1. **NOTE:** Ananias was a disciple, a regular, everyday believer. The Holy Spirit can be ministered through any Christian.
  2. Ananias called Saul "Brother". This indicated that he was already a Christian. Remember he called Jesus "Lord" on the road to Damascus, and any doubts he had concerning the resurrection must surely have been dealt with at that time.
  3. Ananias laid hands on Saul. Laymen can be used in this way.
  4. Saul was water baptized after he was Spirit baptized. There is no formula for which comes first.
  5. We don't see anything about the manifestation of tongues here, but we do have the Apostle Paul's opinion on the subject. 1 Corinthians 14:5,18,39
- D. Acts 10:44-48 The Holy Spirit at Cornelius's house
1. The Holy Spirit fell on them without anyone laying hands on them. There is no formula.
  2. The Spirit fell before they were baptized in water.

3. The Jews knew they had received the Spirit by the manifestation of tongues. This is the only way the Bible says others can know that the Spirit has been received.

E. Acts 19:1-6      The church at Ephesus

1. These were disciples of John the Baptist waiting for the coming of the Messiah.
2. Paul told them about Messiah. They believed and were baptized in water. **NOTICE:** A second baptism after coming to real faith is good for those who have been previously baptized.
3. Paul utilized the laying on of hands and the Spirit came upon them.
4. The evidence of their filling was tongues and prophecy.

II. Benefits of Holy Spirit Baptism

- A. In all instances, the first observable evidence of Spirit baptism is speaking in languages unknown to the speaker. Tongues have several important purposes.
  1. These may be human languages or heavenly languages unintelligible to men which enable believers to have intimate contact with God.      1 Corinthians 13:1  
1 Corinthians 14:2
  2. Praying with tongues provides personal edification.  
1 Corinthians 14:4      Jude 20
  3. It allows effective prayer in times when knowledge is lacking.  
Romans 8:26,27
  4. It enables the believer to establish and maintain conscious contact with God.      1 Corinthians 14:28
  5. Tongues are always an acceptable form of praise and thanksgiving.      1 Corinthians 14:15-17
  6. Allowing the tongue to be in control of the spirit.  
James 3:8      1 Corinthians 14:14
- B. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit brings new boldness for Christ.

1. Philippians 1:20 Boldness is the opposite of shame. Jesus is not ashamed of us; we ought not be ashamed of Him. Hebrews 2:11 Romans 1:16
  2. The Holy Spirit inspired boldness in the Book of Acts.
  3. Acts 4:5-13 Compare this with Matthew 26:31-35,69-75. See the change in Peter.
  4. Acts 13:45,46 Acts 14:3 Acts 19:6-8
  5. 1 Thessalonians 2:2-4 Acts 17:1 Paul was bold even after being jailed and flogged in Philippi.
- C. The Baptism of the Spirit is the gateway into supernatural Christianity.
1. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Intellectualism, or doctrine without power, is the bane of the modern church. Paul says we need the demonstration of the Spirit to be really effective.
  2. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 These manifestations are given to empower the Body of Christ for the work of God. They begin at the baptism with the Spirit.
  3. The supernatural is the norm of Bible Christianity. Eliminate angels, miracles, Holy Spirit visitations, and supernatural communications and you do away with the whole Book. The supernatural is the mark of the last day Church. Acts 2:17,18
- D. The Baptism with the Spirit enables us to enter a new realm of worship.
1. Ephesians 5:18,19 We are to substitute the intoxication of the Spirit for the world's imitation. This can be a state of continual filling, giving rise to spontaneous, heart-generated music.
  2. Acts 2:12-21 The original filling resulted in the whole crowd being accused of drunkenness. What do you suppose their behavior must have been to engender this response?

3. 1 Corinthians 14:14-18      There is a singing in other tongues which gives vent to the praise song in our hearts in a unique way. When we do this in public meetings it need to be explained to those who don't know what we're doing.
4. Psalm 33:3      The Lord has given us a way to constantly sing a new song.

III. Tips for ministering the Baptism to others.

- A. Make sure they want it and understand what they are asking for.
  1. Explain the difference between this and salvation or water baptism.
  2. Two biggest problems for most people in receiving:
    - a. They are not saved. Make sure they are born of the Spirit.
    - b. They don't really want the Baptism. They are either afraid or trying to please someone else.
- B. Instruct them using the scriptures from the Book of Acts.
  1. The Baptism is for all.
  2. It is a gift of God and is received by faith.
  3. Tongues is part of the package. It comes with the Baptism.
  4. The Holy Spirit will not force you to speak. He will give you words as you yield your tongue.
  5. The Spirit can be ministered by laying on of hands. Emphasize that the Spirit will come upon them when you lay your hands on them. Be positive. God is.
- C. Use Luke 11:9-13 to teach.
  1. God wants to give you the Spirit. It is a good gift from a good Father.
  2. If you are His child, you will not receive the wrong spirit.
  3. Your only responsibility is to ask Him in faith.

- D. Lead the individual in a simple prayer confessing Jesus as Lord and asking the Father to give the Spirit. Many people will begin to speak in tongues at this point.
- E. For those who have not spoken, remind them about the laying on of hands as a means of ministry. Tell them that the Holy Spirit will come upon them when you lay your hands upon them. Then do it, praying in the Spirit and thanking God for the Baptism.
- F. For those who don't speak, go back over the whole process very carefully. Some will need to be taken out of public view to get their mind on what they are doing.
- G. Never tell anyone they did not receive. Encourage them to continue thanking God for His Spirit and spend time worshipping the Lord. You may want to spend individual time with them to locate where their problem is. If you listen to them long enough their words will give them away.