

**What We Believe doctrine 7**

- 1. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit was the normal experience of the early Church. This doctrine of scripture was not a fringe detail to be overlooked.**

**Luke 24:49** And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

- a. When God makes a promise, He always keeps it. “The” promise of the my Father lets us know this promise of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is very specific and is important for God’s children to receive.

**Acts 1:4 & 8** Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard from Me; . . . but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.”

- a. The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus. Matthew 3:16 After He was baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and settling on Him,
- b. **Isaiah 42:1** "Here is My Servant, whom I uphold, My Chosen One, in whom My soul delights. I will put My Spirit on Him, and He will bring justice to the nations.

- 2. The Power of the Holy Spirit was not limited to the New Testament but was also demonstrated in the Old-Testament but on limited vessels.**

- a. The Holy Spirit coming upon a person is separate from the Holy Spirit entering into a believer. In the

Old Testament the servants of God would have the Holy Spirit come upon them.

- b. Samson: **Judges 14:6** The Spirit of the LORD **came powerfully upon him** so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat. But he told neither his father nor his mother what he had done.
- c. Elijah: **1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18:46** The power of the LORD came on Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:4** There are different gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different ministries, but the same Lord. 6 There are different ways of working, but the same God works all things in all people.

### **3. The Baptism is separate from salvation.**

**Acts 8:14-16** Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they would receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For the Holy Spirit **had not yet fallen** upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the **name of the Lord Jesus**. 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they **received the Holy Spirit**.

- A. The Holy Spirit fills a person at Salvation to cleanse the Temple. The Holy Spirit Baptizes the person so that His power, His grace, His anointing may flow through them in unique and special ways.
- B. We do not need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit to be saved. Salvation is the cause of Christ's blood but the Baptism is for serving in ministry more effectively.

**Acts 10:44-46** 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the **Holy Spirit fell upon** all who heard his message. 45 All the circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that **the gift of the Holy Spirit** had been poured out

even on the Gentiles. 46For they heard them speaking in tongues and exalting God.

**Acts 11:15-17** 15As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just as He had fallen upon us at the beginning. 16Then I remembered the word of the Lord, as He used to say, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17So if God gave them the same gift, He gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to hinder the work of God?"

#### **4. The Baptism will bring an overflowing fullness of the Spirit**

**John 7:37-39** 37On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and called out in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said: 'Streams of living water will flow from within him.'" 39He was speaking about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. For the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.  
\*\* The latter part of this verse is important because it reveals that one of the proofs that Jesus is resurrected is that people receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

**When they were brought before the religious leaders the Holy Spirit filled Peter and John to speak to the elders. Acts 4:7-8**  
7They had Peter and John brought in and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" 8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people! 8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people!

**5. The Baptism produces a reverence and deep respect for the things of God. Acts 2:43** Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

**Reverence and the Fear of the Lord are good traits that all believers should possess Hebrews 12:28-29** Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let's show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service **with reverence and awe; For our God is a consuming fire.**...\*\*

The word awe is δέους (deous) meaning to have a reason to fear, or to pay reverence to God because you understand His position and power correctly. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit helps to increase this in the believer.

## **6. The Baptism will produce an intensified commitment to God and His work.**

**Acts 2:42** They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**Mark 16:20** And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

a. John 4:31-34 31Meanwhile the disciples urged Him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32But He told them, "I have food to eat **that you know nothing about.**" 33So the disciples asked one another, "Could someone have brought Him food?" 34Jesus explained, "**My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me** and to finish His work. 35Do you not say, 'There are still four months until the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are ripe for harvest.

i. Jesus is saying that the Holy Spirit is His sustaining source of power to do the work of God. Jesus likens the Holy Spirit to bread for energy.