

Baptism in the Holy Spirit Sermon - September 1, 2024

1. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is Prophecy fulfilled

In Luke 24 after Jesus' resurrection he came upon 2 of His follower's walking to the village of Emmaus. They were discussing what had happened to Jesus specifically the rumor that Jesus' body was missing. Jesus chided them and then beginning at Moses and all the prophets expounded to them all the scriptures concerning himself.

Jesus started with prophecy to explain what was happening in present time.

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Peter followed this pattern in Acts 2. The 120 believers were speaking in their Heavenly language and thousands of people heard them in their own language. Some were in awe.

Some were mocking.

Peter gets up and starts preaching. What does he start with?

Prophecy. He begins God's original word to gauge and direct the present encounter.

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Today we are going to start with prophecy as well.

The essence or nature of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus Christ. (Rev. 19:10)

Since the creation of the world, God has let mankind in on his plans and desires for His people through prophecy.

When Adam and Eve fell to pride and brought sin into the world, God prophesied of the Redeemer *to come* and the *how* He would come – through a virgin birth. (Genesis 3:15)

That virgin, Mary, had to say 'Yes'. She worked in agreement with God's desire and received His plan.

Isaiah 53 prophesies of the Redeemer not only coming but also *how* he would redeem God's people. (beatings, whippings, etc)

However, Pontius Pilot, the Roman Centurion who handed Jesus over for the beatings, had to say 'Yes' and permit the plan.

Isaiah 9:1-7 prophesies of the Redeemer's character – light in the darkness, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace.

Jesus, as a man, had to say 'Yes' to the plan of God. (Matthew 4:1-11 Temptation in Wilderness and Luke 22:39-42 Garden of Gethsemane)

Another nature or job of Jesus that was prophesied is that He **IS the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit and fire.**

Matthew 3:11 "I (John the Baptist) baptize with water those who turn from their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is far greater than I am – so much greater that I am not even worthy to be his slave. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

Luke gives this same account in chapter **3:15-16** and **Mark** in chapter **1:8**

Jesus himself prophesied in **Luke 24:47-49** "**With my authority, take this message of repentance to all the nations. beginning in Jerusalem: There is forgiveness of**

sins for all who turn to me. You are witnesses of all these things. And now, I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.” And again in **John 7:37-39** “On the last day, the great day of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “If you are thirsty, come to me! If you believe in me, come and drink! For the Scripture declare that rivers of living water will flow out from within.” (When he said “living water”, he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)”

Since the essence or nature of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus Christ. (Rev. 19:10)We can see that in the Holy Spirit coming and demonstrating in many ways, He is pointing us to Jesus.

Jesus said of Him in **John 14:26** “**But when the Father sends the Counselor: as my representative – and by the Counselor I mean the Holy Spirit – he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I myself have told you.**”

Just like Jesus knew in the Garden of Gethsemane the prophecies about to be fulfilled, Jesus knew the timing of when the prophecy from Joel 2:28-29 was about to be fulfilled too.

Joel 2:28-29 says “I will pour out my Spirit upon ALL people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions. In those

dream dreams. Your young men will see visions. In those days, I will pour out my Spirit even on servants, men and women alike.”

We see the beginning of this prophecy being fulfilled in Acts 1

2. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a PROMISE to all believers

Acts 1:4 “In one of these meetings as he was eating a meal with them, he told them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you what he *promised*. Remember, I have told you about this before. John baptized with water but in just a few days you will be *baptized with the Holy Spirit*.”

a. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a PROMISE of the Father.

Galatians 3:5 “I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law of Moses? Of course not! It is because **you believe** the message you heard about Christ.”

Galatians 3:14 “Through the work of Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he PROMISED to Abraham, and we Christians RECEIVE THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT **through FAITH**.”

Law of First Mention

Acts 2:1-4 ALL Jews present were filled and ALL began speaking in other tongues

Acts 10 takes place 12 years after Pentecost.

Peter is directed to Cornelious’ house (Roman officer)

Vs 44-48 Law of first mention for the Gentiles is that ALL were filled

ALL WERE THRU

God's Intent

It is God's heart and desire that NO ONE would perish, we know that each individual has to say 'Yes' to God to receive Jesus as their Lord.

The sad thing is that not everyone comes to salvation through Jesus.

However, their decision doesn't change God's intent, purpose, or desire for them.

In the same way, it is God's heart and desire that EVERY Believer receive the PROMISE of the Holy Spirit praying in tongues. Yet He is waiting on our 'Yes' to receive that baptism in fire!

In Acts 2. vs. 12 and 13 we see that some people present at the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit were doubting and mocking.

There have always been doubters and mockers along the path of God's plan!
God is looking for BELIEVERS!

Don't you know that the devil always pushes against God's highest flow and plan??? He tries to distract, bring division, bring confusion, minimize what God has said is HIS WAY.

Some of you may have heard that not every believer can receive the gift of praying in tongues or that the gift has passed away. That lie is a distraction from the enemy to keep you from God's best for you.

What if you and I made up our mind to be decided to devote to

What if you and I made up our mind – we decided today to say ‘Yes’ to ALL that God has for us??

3. Three Distinct Experiences

It is important to understand that there are 3 distinct steps in fully surrendering to God and His Way.

(1) Salvation (2) Water Baptism (3) Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:37-41 “Peter’s word convicted them deeply, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter replied, “Each of you must (1) turn from your sins and turn to God, and (2) be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. (3) Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you and to your children, even to the Gentiles – all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

-Peter distinguishes salvation, water baptism, and receiving the promised Holy Spirit.

-Peter says ‘You WILL receive’. That is a bold statement!
Peter knew God’s Word IS His Will!!

Acts 8:14-17 Philip in Samaria

“When the apostles back in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God’s message (1 **salvation**), they sent Peter and John there. As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new Christians to receive the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus (2 **water baptism**). Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit (3 **baptism in Holy Spirit**).”

Acts 10:44-48 Cornelious; house

“While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them which heard the word. 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 Spirit. *For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.* [There was a demonstration! Proof!] Then answered Peter, “Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Acts 19:1-9 Paul to the church in Ephesus

“While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior provinces. Finally, he came to Ephesus, where he found several believers **(1 salvation)**. “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them.

“No”, they replied, “we don’t know what you mean. We haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

“Then what baptism did you experience?” he asked.

And they replied, “The baptism of John.”

Paul said, “John’s baptism was to demonstrate a desire to turn from sin and turn to God. John himself told the people to believe in Jesus, the one John said would come later.”

As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus **(2 water baptism)**. Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied **(3)**.

4. What does the Baptism in the Holy Spirit bring?

a) Boldness – I have baptized you with the Holy Spirit and fire

a) Boldness - Jesus baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and fire was so we could be **emboldened to be a witness for Jesus**.

(Peter's example)

b) Power - Jesus said that the Holy Spirit brings **power** (Acts 1:7-8)

Allowing Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire gives you BOLDNESS and POWER beyond your personality.

c) Rocket fuel! Praying in the Holy Spirit **edifies** - builds up and strengthens us.

We need strength in this day and hour before Christ returns.

Acts 4:29-31 (The filling is for the strength to preach even in volatile situations) 1 Cor. 14:4

If you are feeling weak, tired, overwhelmed, etc then set aside focused time to pray in your Heavenly Language communing with the Father.

d) God's Perfect Will is prayed out into the earth. – Romans 8:26-27

CLOSING

Today YOU have the opportunity to be part of a prophesy fulfilled.

You have the opportunity to receive the very nature of Jesus Christ but it takes YOUR 'Yes'.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, *already* gave her 'Yes' to receive God's plan.

Jesus, our prophesied Redeemer, *already* said 'Yes' to the

Jesus, our promised Redeemer, already said 'Yes' to the Father's plan.

The **120 followers** of Jesus (including His mother Mary) in the upper room had *already* given their 'Yes' to receive Jesus as Lord and then gave another 'Yes' to receive the Promised Holy Spirit.

On the day of Pentecost about **3,000 people** already gave their 'Yes'....

And **history has records upon records of men and women saying 'Yes'** to Jesus as Lord *and* 'Yes' to receiving the PROMISE of the Holy Spirit praying in tongues.

These men and women have displayed the very nature and power of Christ Jesus to the world.

I ask today, will YOU give your 'Yes' to God?

Will YOU do as Peter instructed and repent of, turn away from, your sins, the occult, demanding your own way, and Satan, and be surrendered to Christ Jesus as Lord?

Will YOU give your 'Yes' to God and be water baptized showing and demonstrating to others your commitment to die to yourself and live for Christ Jesus?

Will YOU give your 'Yes' to God and receive the PROMISE of the Holy Spirit being filled with power to do the works of Jesus?

Steps to receive:

- 1 All occult activities and vows to other gods,

organizations (Freemasonry) must be renounced.

- 2 Jesus must be Lord of your life (aka born again) and renounce YOU as Lord and controller of your life.
- 3 Ask! Ask Father God for the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire!!
- 4 Demonstrate! Holy Spirit doesn't take your tongue and start wagging it. You must start to speak out by faith and then Holy Spirit will come along and help you.

*This will be one of the first times you switch from your mind being the driver to your spirit man being the driver and the rivers Jesus prophesied about will flow out of you.