

## Baptism in the Holy Spirit pt 2

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**[ACTS 2:1-4](#)** *“1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”*

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## 2 DIMENSIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT’S MINISTRY

### 1: SPIRITUAL PURITY [INWARD MINISTRY]

- Salvation ([Romans 8](#))
- Sanctification ([Galatians 5](#))
  - Fruit of the Spirit
  - [Galatians 5:22-23](#) “22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

### 2: SPIRITUAL POWER [OUTWARD MINISTRY]

- Spirit Baptism ([Acts 1-2](#))
  - Also called: Baptism in/with the Holy Spirit. Filled with the Holy Spirit.
  - Sometimes used: Holy Spirit fell, Received the Holy Spirit
- Gifts of the Spirit ([1 Cor 12-14](#))

### Q: WHAT IS THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

*SPIRIT BAPTISM IS THE PROPHESED EMPOWERING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, GIVEN TO FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF INCREASED INWARD CLOSENESS TO GOD AND INCREASED OUTWARD POWER TO SUPERNATURALLY HELP OTHERS.*

- Tim Enloe

- Glass of water filled... glass of water overflowing
  - indwelling - cup is filled
  - baptism - cup is overflowing - making others wet - what's on the inside bubbles and spills onto others.

## SPIRIT BAPTISM IS THE PROPHESED EMPOWERING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Moses
  - [Numbers 11:29](#) "But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!"
- Joel
  - [Joel 2:28-29](#) "28 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit."
- John the Baptist
  - [Matt 3:11](#) "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
  - [Mark 1:8](#) "I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
  - [Luke 3:16](#) "John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
  - [John 1:33](#) "I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'"
- Jesus
  - [Acts 1:5](#) "for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
  - [Luke 24:49](#) "And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."
  - [Acts 1:8](#) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

### **GIVEN TO FOLLOWERS OF JESUS**

- Spirit baptism is for believers only
- No special status is required
- Its a gift - not earned
- Jesus wants it for you
- In Acts, several occasions where people were baptized in the Holy Spirit immediately after believing.. others some time later - point being is that it comes AFTER salvation, but does not have to be earned or it doesn't require spiritual maturity.

### **PURPOSE OF INWARD CLOSENESS TO GOD**

- We get this idea from looking at what spirit baptism did for those who experienced it.
  - They were praying, worshipping, praising God
  - They were sensitive to the desires of the Holy Spirit
- Not that those who aren't Spirit baptized aren't close to God...
  - but spirit baptism will increase intimacy - closeness with God. (regardless of starting point - there's more for you!)

### **PURPOSE OF INCREASED OUTWARD POWER TO SUPERNATURALLY HELP OTHERS**

- Share the gospel
    - "go make disciples"
    - "be my witnesses"
    - Pentecost is associated with HARVEST - missions, kingdom expansion!
  - Build and edify the church
    - particular gifts of the Spirit are primarily intended for the Church (prayer meetings, worship services)
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## **3 THINGS ABOUT SPIRIT BAPTISM**

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### **1: SPIRIT BAPTISM IS BIBLICAL**

#### **6 TIMES "BAPTISM IN/WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS MENTIONED**

John the Baptist prophesying about Jesus

- [Matt 3:11](#), [Mark 1:8](#), [Luke 3:16](#), [John 1:33](#).

Prophesy by Jesus to the disciples

- [Acts 1:5](#).

Recognition by Peter

- [Acts 11:16](#) "And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'"
- Here Peter is explaining that what happened in Cornelius' household in [Acts 10](#) was the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- [Acts 10:45-48](#) "45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because *the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out* even on the Gentiles. 46 For they were hearing them *speaking in tongues* and extolling God. Then Peter declared, 47 "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days."

#### **SPIRIT BAPTISM OCCURS 5 TIMES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS**

- [Acts 2:1-4](#) - Jews on the day of Pentecost
  - [Acts 8:14-17](#) - Samaritans (who were believers, but not yet baptized in the Spirit)
  - [Acts 9:17](#) - Saul - Paul
  - [Acts 10:44-47](#) - Cornelius (Roman Centurion) and his household - gentiles
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## **2: SPIRIT BAPTISM IS IMPORTANT**

- *Jesus told his disciples to go into all the world to make disciples... only to wait and stay in Jerusalem until they were clothed with power from on high.*
  - **Q: After becoming a Christian, what does the Bible show is supposed to happen next?**
    - Water baptism - confession of faith and identification with Jesus' death and resurrection.
    - Spirit baptism
  - [Acts 2:38](#) "And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
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## **3: SPIRIT BAPTISM IS FUNCTIONAL**

*By functional, I mean practical and useful - some have turned it into a 'mystical, look at me circus'*

[Acts 2:4](#) "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Q: Who was filled? all (those in the upper room, waiting and praying, those baptized in the Holy Spirit)

Q: Who spoke? the people spoke

- Not someone or something else
- Note that individual human temperament and personality play a role in how any gift of the Spirit is exercised.
- No matter how it is manifested, the gift is uniform.
- THE HOLY SPIRIT WANTS TO COMMUNICATE THROUGH YOU!
  - You will start to get nudges or promptings when He comes upon you.
  - Those nudges/promptings can often be challenging to our personality or comfort zone.

Q: What did they speak? other (heteros) tongues (glossa): Another of a different kind of language - other language.

- Gift of Tongues has 2 functions:
  - praying in the spirit
  - as a corporate message - that together with interpretation (not translation) functions as prophesy - [Acts 2](#) - Day of Pentecost.
  - Its worth observing, that only on the day of Pentecost were the tongues spoken, known languages to the listeners. Every other case would seem to be the prayer language - tongues.

Q: How did they speak? as the Spirit gave them utterance

- Utterance = Apophthengomai
  - Apo = sent/to send (apostle)
  - Pthengomai = words, prophecy (Tim Enloe: data, information, or urgings)
  - In any case - the word clearly means - “sent words”
  - Implication: The people spoke in other tongues (unknown to them) as the Spirit sent them the words.
  - [ACTS 2:14](#) “But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.”
    - He declared what God was saying (sent words), not his own words or thoughts.
    - What was the result?
      - Peter preached boldly!
      - 3,000 people were saved!

**FUNCTIONAL:** The Holy Spirit doesn’t make you speak in tongues. He **prompts** you.

“If you can trust God to guide you to speak in the unknown tongue, how much more after can you trust him to guide you in using your known language to speak to other people.” (Tim Enloe)

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***RESPONSE//CLOSING***

### **1: GIVE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS**

- Salvation is the most important thing.
- Repent of your sin and place your faith and trust in Him!
- Follow Him as LORD of your life - and be his witness.

### **2: RECOGNIZE THAT JESUS WANTS TO EMPOWER YOU TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIMSELF.**

- He's given all of us a pretty tall task.
- But He wants to give us the supernatural power and ability to do so.

### **3: ASK HIM TO BAPTIZE YOU IN HIS SPIRIT**

- We're going to spend intentional time next Sunday
- I'm going to share a few helpful tips at that time
- But God is able to baptize you whenever and wherever!

### **4: MAYBE YOU'RE NOT QUITE THERE YET... ASK HIM THAT HE WOULD LEAD THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART.**

- If this is the 'Promise of the Father' - help me to trust you in this.
- Put a hunger for more inside me.