

Ready: Holy Spirit Fire Power!



I have an open fire in my house, and I love to sit and watch the logs burning on a cold winter evening. It makes my house so warm. I noticed the other day that as the fire got hotter and hotter, the logs started to burn from the inside out. God spoke to me and told me that this is how the Holy Spirit works in us. He burns God's love in our hearts, so we glow on the outside for Jesus.

As I watched the logs glowing, I saw flames jump out and start causing other logs to catch fire. The Holy Spirit is like this fire. When our lives are full of the power of the Holy Spirit, we are contagious which means we are catching! People who spend time with us will know we have Jesus in us. They will want to know more about the amazing power they see in our lives.



When you chose to follow Jesus and were baptised you chose to be part of God's kingdom and to follow His ways for your future. God doesn't want you to stop there though, He has a life full of power for you!!

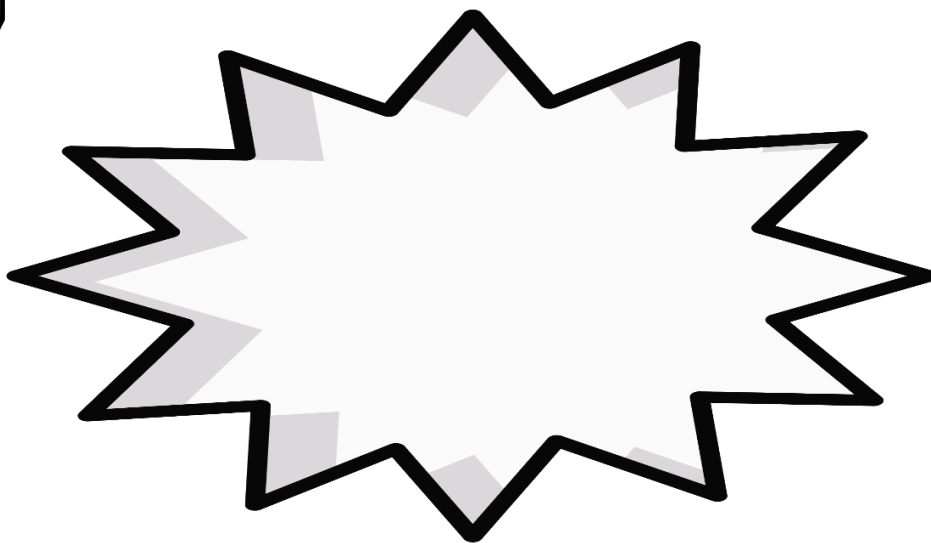
Can you look up these verses?



Acts 2: 36-38



What three things does Peter say God wants us to do?



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So far, you've repented of your sins (chosen to make Jesus your king) and been baptised in water.



What is the third part of beginning a new life in God's kingdom?



You wouldn't get a car and leave it standing on your driveway. That's not all it was made to do. It was made to move and take people to places. You put petrol in it and you whizz off down the road! The Holy Spirit is a bit like the fuel in a car. It's what makes the car work to its best, it's the only way to live God's way to the full.

The Holy Spirit was the person who helped you to find God and choose to follow Jesus. He lives in everyone who has given their life to Him.

But....

You don't just want a small measure of the Holy Spirit you want a massive overflowing filling with the Holy Spirit!!



To be full we need to be baptised in the Holy Spirit. In the same way that being baptised in water meant being completely covered in water, being baptised in the Spirit means being full of Him until we overflow!

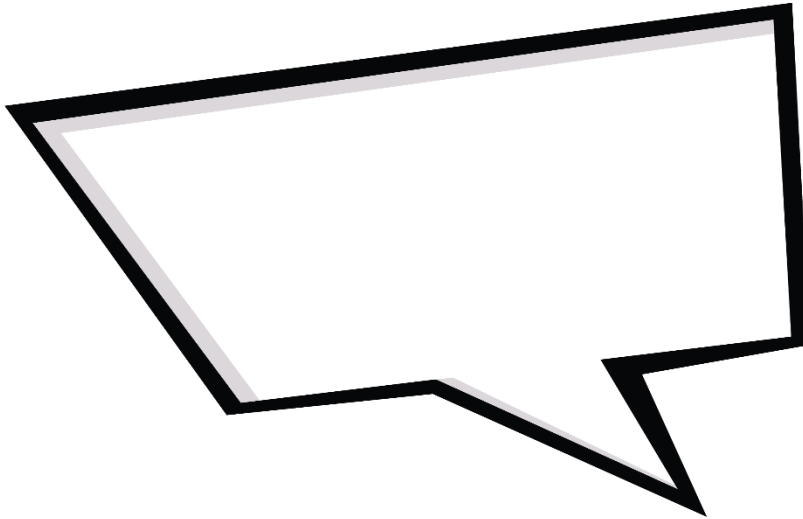


Can you read **Acts 1: 1-9 and Acts 2:1-18** about the first time Jesus' followers were filled with the Holy Spirit?

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Draw a picture in this box and label it to show what happened.



After Jesus went back to heaven, He said He would send the Holy Spirit to help us. By giving us the Holy Spirit, God has given Himself to us to live in us and to help us to live His ways!

Being full of the Holy Spirit means we don't have to do things by ourselves anymore. He will give us all the strength, comfort, help and confidence we need to live our lives to the best.

- He gives us more boldness to tell our friends about Jesus!
- He makes the Bible come alive to us!
- He gives us His gifts (You can read about these in 1 Corinthians 12: 8-11)
- He helps us know what to do, where to go and what to say
- He helps us pray
- He makes us more like Jesus!!

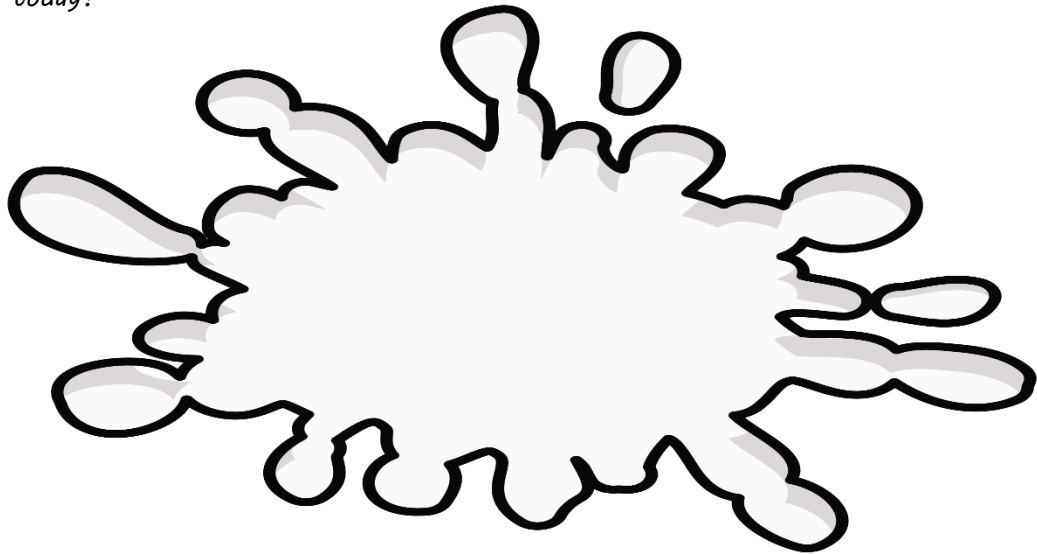


Can you find **Ephesians 1: 19-20**?

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If the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is in you and me, what does this mean for my life today?



Do you want some of that power in your life? Do you want to be baptised in the Holy Spirit now?!



If you have already prayed to be baptised in the Holy Spirit you can pray for Him to fill you again today. There is a prayer to help you with this at the end of this section if you need it.

Here are some steps you can follow to being baptised right where you are:

1. **Be thirsty for the Holy Spirit to fill you, like a drink overflowing.** You need to really want Him to fill you **completely**. Ask Jesus to forgive you of anything you have done that is not what He would want you to be doing or saying (sin).



2. **Drink up!** Be ready to receive and take the Holy Spirit as a gift. It might help you if you hold out your hands like you're going to get a present. It is important that, after you have prayed, you say thank you to God and begin to sing a song or tell Him how much He means to you. It helps to say these words or sing out loud.

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3. **Speaking in tongues!** You will begin to speak in tongues as you pray. This means that words will come out of your mouth in a language you don't understand. That's ok! Remember when we read about Pentecost earlier in this section, that when the disciples first spoke in tongues, they didn't know what language they were talking but God used it to speak His words to people from other countries. Your language is a heavenly language which you can use to speak to God from deep in your heart to deep into His. God knows what your tongues are saying, and He knows your heart. When you get some words, keep speaking and allow God to give you more and more!



4. **You might want another Christian to pray for you to be baptised in the Holy Spirit by putting their hands on you ("laying hands").** This is another way God uses to pass on or "impart" God's blessing to you.



This is a prayer you can use to be baptised in the Holy Spirit:

Jesus I am thirsty for your Holy Spirit. I want Him to fill me. Please wash away any sins and make me clean. I give my life to you completely and ask you to fill me with Your Spirit until I overflow with Your love and power. Thank you for hearing me and answering my prayer. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit that you have given me today. I receive it. Amen

Take a few minutes to chat to God now and ask Him these questions:



- Jesus, would you show me what your power is like?
- Would you show me what your power is for?
- Please fill me with your power now so I can use it to live for you.



Hooray! Now you are baptised in the Holy Spirit. It is important that you practise speaking in tongues every day. It's just like learning to talk a new way!

Each day remember to ask the Holy Spirit to help you in everything you do and speak. Keep His fire burning in your heart and pray every day that you are filled to overflowing with Him.



Now watch and see what God is going to do through you..... It's going to be powerful!!