

Sunday, June 23

## Supersizing the Working of the Holy Spirit

John 7:37-39

**37** On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." **39** By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

### 1. Jesus and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus rises from the dead, John 20:22 "he breathed on them and receive the Holy Spirit." When a person becomes a believer the Holy Spirit comes and lives within them. Every believer has the Holy Spirit dwelling within them the moment they become a believer.

Jesus says to them "I still have something more for you to receive." Kind of like "what you have is good, but I got something that can supersize it!" The baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Luke 24:29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

Jesus last words, last words matter. Acts 1:5-9

**5** For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

**6** Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

**7** He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;

and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**9** After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

“And you shall receive power” – gives us the ability to live the life we are called to live. The baptism in the Holy Spirit enables us to stand strong and do what Christ wants us to do. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is like putting a strong man into a 90 lb weakling.

## **2. Early church and the baptism in Holy Spirit**

Acts 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 8:14–23

**14** When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. **15** When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, **16** because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**18** When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money **19** and said, “Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”

**20** Peter answered: “May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! **21** You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. **22** Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. **23** For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.”

### ***What can we learn from how early church approached baptism in Holy Spirit ?***

A. Early church thought baptism in Holy Spirit is important, stop what you are doing and go

B. Early church did not wait to send folks to tell them about the Holy Spirit— we don't get good enough to receive it, mature enough to receive it— it is A GIFT.

C. The early church thought it was normal to get baptized in the Holy Spirit.

D. Early church did not believe they were already baptized in Holy Spirit— it was available to them as a separate gift.

E. They believed there was a visible sign (other tongues).

Do I have to be baptized in Holy Spirit to be saved? Absolutely not. Saved grace.

But, why not? Why wouldn't you want this extra power! We get to have it!

### **3. Today and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

Acts 2:39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

***Available for us today! If Jesus thought it was important, I want it! If there is more to be had, I want it! If it helps me to live out my Christian life even more powerfully, then I want it!***

## ***QUESTIONS:***

1. Share a time you tried to do something but you lacked the right

tools to do the job. What would you do if you saw someone you love doing something that you know there is a much easier way to do it?

2. The Holy Spirit baptizes us in Christ. (Salvation) What was your life like before Christ and how did the Holy Spirit lead you to Jesus?

3. Jesus baptizes us in the Holy Spirit. (Supernatural Power) Why do you think Jesus told the disciples in Luke 24:49 to wait for the Holy Spirit? When was the last time that you undeniably saw the Holy Spirit's power at work in or around you?

4. Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? If you have not been, do you seek to be? Why or why not? If so, has it made a difference in walking out your Christian life? Explain