



Back to the Beginning
Part Two: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit
 Acts 1:8; 2:1-14

1. A Fulfilled _____

From this promise flows the entirety of the book of Acts – and the history and life of the Church. The Book of Acts is the testimony of this promise and so is your life if you belong to Jesus Christ. For the Spirit will direct every step of your walk in faithfulness to Christ.

John 15:26 ~ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”

2. An Identified _____

Who will receive the promised Holy Spirit? Those who belong to Jesus. The Lord told them to wait for the promised Gift, the Holy Spirit, and those who believed were the ones who waited and the ones who received. Are you identified with Christ by faith?

Galatians 3:2 ~ Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

3. The Spirit’s _____

They were “filled” with the Spirit – totally overwhelmed and captivated by the Spirit of God. The presence of the Holy Spirit empowers the Christian to the work of God and brings about an illuminating change in the life of every believer.

2 Corinthians 3:17 ~ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

4. A Divine _____

The great purpose, as spoken in the promise of Christ, is for the believer to bear witness of the Lord Jesus. God will not empower you or I to do our own will for our self-exaltation, but to exalt the name of Christ and testify to His phenomenal grace.

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5a ~ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Luke 11:13

“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”



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 Additional Scripture References

Mark 1:8

“I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 12:13

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Ephesians 4:4

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call.

John 3:5

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

Romans 8:9

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

Exodus 31:3

...and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship.

Acts 13:52

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

1 John 4:4

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Acts 18:5

When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.