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Holy Spirit Baptism

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- Definitions:

a) The baptism with the Holy Spirit is a definite experience, subsequent to salvation, where the Holy Spirit comes upon believers to anoint and empower them for spiritual service and holy living.

b) The baptism with the Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father: “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you...” (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4; Ezek. 36:27).

c) The baptism with the Holy Spirit is a gift.

d) The baptism with the Holy Spirit is commanded by God (Acts 1:4).



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- Pentecost is the fulfillment of the “promise” referred to by Jesus (Acts 1:4-5; Luke 24:49).
- Baptism is an enduement (or reception) of power.
- The Bible uses following terms are to describe the experience:
 1. Baptism in/with/of/by the Holy Spirit
 2. Empowerment
 3. Filled with the Holy Spirit



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- Does the Bible teach that this event is available for every believer today?
 1. Acts 20:19-23: Jesus promised that His presence would continue through His Spirit.
 2. Acts 1:8: Jesus promised them that He would Baptize them with His Holy Spirit.
 3. Acts 2:38: Peter said repent, be baptized... and receive the Holy Spirit.
 4. Essential role of the Spirit in teaching, leading and empowering the church in its mission by providing revelation (1 Cor. 2:10; Eph. 1:17; Col. 1:9), exhortation (Heb. 8), and charismatic gifting (1 Cor. 12; Heb. 2:4) to individuals and groups.



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- Speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is immediate evidence of the baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6).
- Other immediate evidence that accompanies the baptism with the Holy Spirit include: prophecy (Acts 2:17-18; 19:6); praise to God (Acts 2:11, 47; 10:46); an overflowing joy (Acts 2:46); an awareness of the resurrected Jesus (Acts 2:32) and a deep burden and desire to preach or testify about Jesus (Acts 1:8; 2:14-18; 3:31; 19:6).
- There are several gifts of the Holy Spirit, but only tongues and tongues with interpretation came with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit found in the New Testament.



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- In the Old Testament we see words of wisdom (Deut. 34:9; 1 Kings 3:9-12), words of knowledge (Exod. 31:1-3), faith (Gen. 15:6), healing (1 Kings 17:17-23; 2 Kings 4:18-37), miracles (Exod. 7: 10-20; 2 Kings 1:10; 2 Kings 6:4-7), prophecy (2 Sam. 23:2; Num. 24:2) discerning of spirits (Exod. 32:17-19; 1 Kings 14:1-6).
- Permanent Evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:
 - a) The baptism with the Holy Spirit glorifies and reveals Jesus Christ as never before (John 14:21-23; 15:26; 16:13-15). The Holy Spirit centers all things in Christ.
 - b) The baptism with the Holy Spirit gives believers power to continue the miraculous ministry of Jesus (Luke 24:49; John 14:12; Acts 1:8).



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c) The baptism with the Holy Spirit gives believers a deeper passion to save unbelievers (Acts 2:14-41; 4:19-20; 5:29-33; 6:8-10; 11:22-24; 26:28-29).

d) The baptism with the Holy Spirit gives believers a greater power and boldness to witness (Acts 1:8; 2:41; 4:31-33; John 15:26-27; 1 Cor. 2:4-5).

e) The baptism with the Holy Spirit gives believers a new power in and desire for prayer and worship (Acts 2:11; 3:1; 4:23-31; 6:4; 10:9; Rom. 8:26; 1 Cor. 14:14-17; Eph. 5:18-20; 6:18; Jude 20).

f) The baptism with the Holy Spirit gives believers a deeper love for and richer insight into the Word of God (John 6:3).



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g) The baptism with the Holy Spirit gives believers manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:4-11).

h) The baptism with the Holy Spirit gives believers power for holy living (Rom. 8:12-13; Gal. 5:16-24).

i) The baptism with the Holy Spirit gives believers a deeper love for one another (Acts 2:42-46; 4:32-34)



• The baptism with the Holy Spirit is a definite experience in a Christian's life. But it is more than just an experience; it is a way of life. An experience is of little value if it does not transform an individual's life. This is particularly true of the baptism with the Spirit."

– *Class Discussion*

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ARTICLE X: THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

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We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father to endue the believer with the power to glorify Jesus, preach the gospel, live holy, and equip the church.

We believe that this gift is for every believer, just as it was in Biblical times.



What do you believe the Bible teaches about Pentecost as the fulfillment of “the promise” referred to by Jesus (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8)?



Pentecost (Acts 2) is the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-8) and it is the fullness of the Spirit that anoints and equips us to share the gospel with all the world.

What terms do the Bible use to describe this experience? Does this event continue to be available to every Christian today (Acts 2:38, Acts 8:17-18, Ephesians 1:17)?



The Spirit will freely bestow any of the charismatic gifts mentioned in the New Testament, including speaking in tongues, as a result of a person's baptism in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit's baptism with power from on high continues to be available to us today (Acts 2:38, Acts 8:17-18, Ephesians 1:17) and who deeply desire and seek the fullness of God's Spirit in their lives and ministries. The Bible describes this experience as being Baptized in/of/with/by the Holy Spirit, Empowered and Filled with the Holy Spirit.

How will you teach this subject and lead people into Holy Spirit baptism?



Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? Explain.



— Q and A

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