

Pastor's Welcome Class

Lesson 6 Key

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer

I. The threefold ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.

- A. The Holy Spirit dwells in the believer.
- B. The Holy Spirit abides with the believer.
- C. The Holy Spirit fills and comes upon the believer.

II. The Holy Spirit dwells in the believer. (Ezek. 36:25-27 NKJV) *²⁵Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.*

- A. The Holy Spirit comes within the believer in order to give the new birth to his spirit. This is called being born of the Spirit.
- B. When the Holy Spirit comes within the believer to give him the new birth, He also imparts eternal life to the spirit of the believer.
- C. The Holy Spirit dwells in the believer from that point forward. The Greater One now dwells in you.

III. The Holy Spirit abides with the believer.

A. (John 14:16,17 NKJV) *¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—¹⁷the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

B. In this passage, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would abide with us forever as our Helper.

C. The Greek word translated Helper means one called to the side of another for help or counsel.

1. (John 14:16, 17 AMP) *And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever.*

IV. The Holy Spirit coming upon the believer is known as the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

A. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is an operation of God in which the believer in Christ is filled with and totally immersed in the Holy Spirit so that his spiritual thirst for God's presence is satisfied, and so that he receives miraculous power to confirm the gospel of Jesus Christ.

1. Jesus referred to being filled with the Holy Spirit as a definite operation of God known as "The Promise of the Father" or "The Baptism in the Holy Spirit".

2. **(Acts 1:4,5 NKJV)** *⁴And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; ⁵for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

3. Then He furthered described this experience as the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples.

4. **(Acts 1:8 NKJV)** *⁸But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

5. The actual event of the Holy Spirit coming upon and filling the disciples is given in Acts chapter 2.

6. **(Acts 2:1-4 NKJV)** *¹When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

7. This pattern of receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is repeated throughout the Book of Acts.