## Pentecost

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Before the disciples could receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Jesus <u>supernaturally unlocked their minds</u>.
You can open your mind to ideas, but only God can unlock it.

## **THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER:**

""Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike."

Joel 2:28-29 NLT

## **1. BORN OF THE SPIRIT**

"Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."" John 3:6-8 NLT

Salvation is *provided* by the Father, *made possible* by the Son, and *empowered* by the Spirit. "For by one [Holy] Spirit we were all baptized into one body, [spiritually transformed—united together] whether Jews or Greeks (Gentiles), slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one [Holy] Spirit [since the same Holy Spirit fills each life]." 1 Corinthians 12:13 AMP

This baptism is done by the Holy Spirit all by Himself in response to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

-Baptism into Christ is private matter of the heart.

-Water baptism is a public matter of obedience.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is empowerment to live a life of power for God's glory.
Some are only interested in the cheapest ticket to Heaven. 2. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT "He who believes in Me [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Me], as the Scripture has said, 'From his innermost being will flow continually rivers of living water.' " But He was speaking of the [Holy] Spirit, whom those who believed in Him [as Savior] were to receive afterward. The Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor)." John 7:38-39 AMP

Jesus after His Resurrection:

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"Jesus instructed them, "Don't leave Jerusalem, but wait here until you receive the gift I told you about, the gift the Father has promised. For John baptized you in water, but in a few days from now you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit!" But I promise you this—the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and you will be seized with power. You will be my messengers to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces —even to the remotest places on earth!""

Acts 1:4-5, 8 TPT

No one gave the early believers an option. Every one accepted the truth that if you wanted to walk in God's power and have victory over sin, you received the gift. That was that.

No argument, no debate.

No such thing as different doctrines and practices related to the Holy Spirit. No cessationist theories