

Up Close and Personal It's About To Get Real!

The Ministry of Jesus – 30 Years...then suddenly Water to Wine

- Jesus didn't do any miracles until he had received the Holy Spirit!!
- Brothers and Sisters
- Carpenter...

God tells John that the one you see the Holy Spirit descend and remain upon...Baptize in the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11-17 – NLT

¹¹ “I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the **Holy Spirit and with fire**. ¹² He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.”

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³ Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to talk him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,” he said, “so why are you coming to me?”

¹⁵ But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.” So John agreed to baptize him.

¹⁶ After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

John 1:29-34 – NLT

Jesus, the Lamb of God

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ He is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.’ ³¹ I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³² Then John testified, “I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting

upon him. ³³ I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God."

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3 Days Later – Water Into Wine – Wedding in Cana

The Ministry of Jesus – Preaching and Performing Miracles

- Tell people secrets of their hearts – Prophecies
- Healed Officials Son from Death
- Heals the Lame man
- Healed the Sick everywhere he went
- Cast out Demons
- Heals a man with Leprosy
- Miraculous signs appeared
 - Heals the deformed hand
- Feeds 5,000 - 5 Loaves and 2 Fish
- Walked on Water

- Healed the Widow's son who was dead at his own funeral
- Heals the Blind man
- Raises Lazarus from the dead
- Calmed the Storm and the Sea
- Heals the woman with the chronic hemorrhage
- Raises Jairus's Daughter back to life

What Happened to set off such an incredible Ministry?

- Thousands of followers
- Believers and disciples who would eventually be willing to give their lives to carry on the Ministry of Jesus

The Only Begotten Son of the Father

Matthew 3:16-17 – NLT

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Every Significant Advancement in the Church is always Preceded by a Significant and Conspicuous Out Pouring of the Holy- Spirit!

Promise of The Father/Baptism of The Holy Spirit

Acts1:1-9 – ESV

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

Theophilus - The name “Theophilus” literally means “**loved by God**,” but carries the idea of “**friend of God**.” This has led some to believe that “Theophilus” is just a generic title that applies to all Christians.

- More than likely a specific persona and probably a wealthy benefactor who helped fund certain missionary movements and journey’s of Luke and possibly even Paul

³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the **promise of the Father**, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Up Close and Personal It's About To Get More Real

RECAP – Up Close and Personal

A Collection of Talks around the person, presence and power of the Holy Ghost.

God created man to be in an up close and personal relationship with Him. To know him personally...

- God is a person...Mind, Will and Emotions
- Personal Relationship with God through our relationship with the Holy Spirit
 - Thinks, Desires and Touches Heart

God wanted to be as close as possible to us...

- Heaven too far.
- Holy Spirit
- The Spirit of God isn't only with us but in

Born Again when we become a believer and invite Jesus into our lives.

- Washed in His Blood
- Born of Flesh into Adam's Sin
 - Born of the Spirit into Jesus Righteousness
 - No longer Sinners...Children of God
 - His love covers our sin forever
- His Spirit joins with our Spirit that we are the Children of God
 - God isn't mad at us! He isn't disappointed
 - We are perfect in his sight because we are washed continually by Christ's blood
 - We have assurance of Salvation
 - And are Sealed

- We are not waiting for eternal life...we have eternal life in us....God Lives In Us!!

There is more for Believers!

Baptism of the Holy Spirit!

Luke 24:44-49 – NLT

⁴⁴ Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ **Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.** ⁴⁶ And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. ⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of all these things.

⁴⁹ **“And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”**

What are you talking about??
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Acts 2:1-4 – NLT

2 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Acts 2:14-23 – NLT

¹⁴ Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. (**This isn’t Pullman!!**) ¹⁶ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days,’ God says,
‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ In those days I will pour out my Spirit
even on my servants—men and women alike—
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will cause wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below—
blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will become dark,
and the moon will turn blood red
before that great and glorious day of
the Lord arrives.

²¹ But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.'

²² "People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed
Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles,
wonders, and signs through him, as you well
know. ²³ But God knew what would happen, and his
prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was
betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you
nailed him to a cross and killed him.

Acts 2:32-33, 36-41 – NLT

³² "God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all
witnesses of this. ³³ Now he is exalted to the place of

highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today.

³⁶ “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”

³⁷ Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the **gift of the Holy Spirit**. ³⁹ This **promise** is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” ⁴⁰ Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!”

⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

Saved by Faith

Salvation comes simply by believing and confessing Jesus as your Lord and Savior!

Romans 10: 9-13 – NLT

⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. ¹¹ As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”^[e] ¹² Jew and Gentile^[f] are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Mark 16:15-16 – NLT

¹⁵ And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. ¹⁶ Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

When we have the Holy Spirit we are Children of God and He is our Father:

So the Promise of the Father is a gift for his Children...

Romans 9:6-8 - NLT

⁶ Well then, has God failed to fulfill his promise to Israel? No, for not all who are born into the nation of Israel are truly members of God's people! ⁷ Being descendants of Abraham doesn't make them truly Abraham's children. For the Scriptures say, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted," though Abraham had other children, too. ⁸ This means that Abraham's physical descendants are not necessarily children of God. Only the children of the promise are considered to be Abraham's children.

Romans 8:16-17 – NLT

¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. ¹⁷ And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

You receive the Holy Spirit at Salvation

- He comes in and lives in you. He will never leave you and never forsake you.
- That makes God your Father! You His Children!
- You are Saved!
- Forgiven of all of your Sins
- Going to Heaven!

But...There is More! The Promise of the Father to His Children!

Jesus Breathed On Them – Receive The Holy Spirit –

Already had the Holy Spirit

John 20:19-22 – NLT

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!²¹ Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” ²² Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

Filled/Baptized with Holy Spirit Subsequent to Salvation

Acts 8:12-17 – NLT - Believers in Samaria

¹² But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. ¹³ Then Simon himself believed and was baptized. He began following Philip wherever he went, and he was amazed by the signs and great miracles Philip performed.

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter and John there. ¹⁵ As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:17-18 - NLT - Saul's Conversion

¹⁷ So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent

me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ Instantly something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.

Acts 10:34-48 - Cornelius House – Saved

The Gentiles Hear the Good News

³⁴ Then Peter replied, “I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. ³⁵ In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. ³⁶ This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. ³⁸ And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ “And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross,^[c] ⁴⁰ but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to

appear, ⁴¹ not to the general public,^[d] but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. ⁴³ He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name.”

The Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit

⁴⁴ Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. ⁴⁵ The Jewish believers^[e] who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too.⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in other tongues^[f] and praising God.

Then Peter asked, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?” ⁴⁸ So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days.

Acts 19;1-7 - NLT – Believers in Corinth

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers.^[a] ² “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them.

“No,” they replied, “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

³ “Then what baptism did you experience?” he asked.

And they replied, “The baptism of John.”

⁴ Paul said, “John’s baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus.”

⁵ As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues^[b] and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

Tarry for the Holy Spirit! It’s true!

Ask and Keep on Asking! Ask – Seek – Knock

Luke 11:5-13 – NLT (11-13)

⁵ Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: “Suppose you went to a friend’s house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, ⁶ ‘A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.’ ⁷ And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can’t help you.’ ⁸ But I tell you this—though he won’t do it for friendship’s sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

⁹ “And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ “You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead?¹² Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! ¹³ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”

