

Solid Foundation

Pillars of Christianity

Lesson Four

“Spiritual Power”

INTRODUCTION:

Most Christians live and die never knowing the fellowship and companionship of the Holy Spirit. Many have heard about the Holy Spirit and some even know doctrinal answers regarding the Holy Spirit. But knowing about Him and personally knowing Him and experiencing His power and presence in our everyday lives are two very different things.

- * There is no _____ for the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit in our _____ and in our _____.

If we remove the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit, then all that is left is just dead, dry, religious works, and religious works will never cause the sick to be healed, the downcast to receive joy, the hopeless to find hope, or turn cities and nations to Jesus Christ. We must experience the power of the Holy Spirit!

- * Let's answer a few questions about the Holy Spirit and His power:

Question #1: Who Is The Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is a _____.
- The Holy Spirit is not an _____, a _____, or an _____.
- The Holy Spirit is the _____ person of the Divine Trinity.
 - The _____
 - The _____
 - The _____
- **Circle all the words in the following Scripture that refer to the Holy Spirit:**

John 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father to give you another counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot accept Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and shall be in you.

John 16:13-14

But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak of His own; He will speak only what He hears and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to Me by taking what is Mine and making it known to you.

- In John 14–16, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit with the words “HE, HIM, HIMSELF”, _____ times.

Question #2: Do I Receive The Holy Spirit When I Get Saved?

- When a person is _____, he is born again by the _____ of God.

Romans 8:9-10

You, however are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But, if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.

- Our _____ man is now to be controlled by the _____ of God living in us.

Romans 8:12

Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

- We are born again _____ the Spirit of God _____ into our heart.

Question #3: What Is The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit?

It is true when we get saved, the Holy Spirit moves into our lives. We now have our ticket to heaven and have begun on our journey there. However, God desires for us to live victoriously and to be effective for His kingdom while we are here. We are unable to do this in our own strength and ability. Therefore, we need His power in our lives. This is what the “baptism of the Holy Spirit” is all about.

Matthew 3:1, 11

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the desert of Judea and saying . . . I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come One who is more powerful than I . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you . . .

Ephesians 5:17-18

Therefore, do not be foolish, but understanding what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery (excess). Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

- Paul is not writing to _____; he is writing to _____.

Acts 2:38-39

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—For all whom the Lord our God will call.

- There is no doubt that the _____ of the Holy Spirit is a separate experience than _____.

Question #4: How Do I Receive This Power?

- There are four things needed to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

1. _____

Acts 2:38

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Acts 19:1-3

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied.

- These men were _____ and therefore _____ for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

2. _____

- **You must ask yourself two questions:**

(1) Do I believe the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for me?

Acts 2:39

The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.

(2) Do I want to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- **If you answered “yes” to both of these questions two things should begin to show up in your life:**

1. _____

2. _____

John 7:37-39

On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow within him.” By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive.

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

3. _____

- The main ingredient for receiving anything from God is _____.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

- The step you take to receive from God is to _____ in faith.

Luke 11:11-13

Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.

- God's Holy Spirit is _____ to all of us who will _____.

Ephesians 1:18-19

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know . . . His incomparably great power for us who believe.

4. _____

- Praise is your _____ reaching _____ and _____ to God.
- It is _____ and _____.

People do not get filled with the Spirit by whining and whimpering. They receive as they praise and worship the Lord. The Psalmist tells us "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." If you are breathing, that means you!

Question #5: How Will I Know When I Have Received This Power?

- The _____ tells us how we will know.

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like a blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 10:44-46

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Acts 19:4-6

Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus. On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus." When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

- There is _____ thing in common in all of these incidents.
- Every time, in the New Testament, when someone _____ the Holy Spirit, they _____ in tongues.

- Therefore, the _____ evidence that one has been baptized with the Holy Spirit, is that they _____ in other tongues.

You see, when you receive the Holy Spirit, the power does not come from above, but from within. Rising out of the innermost part of your being He shall come like a mighty river to overflow your vessel. Many of you, at one time or another, have felt this rising tide within you. You did not know it was the moving of God to overflow your lives with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. When it happens again, let it continue to rise! When it gets to your vocal cords, you will speak in another tongue.

CONCLUSION:

Some people will never receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Why? They are not interested. They do not desire Him. They will have to stand before Jesus and answer for living in the greatest hour of spiritual illumination, yet continuing buried in the dark cellars of religion and tradition.

Let desperation grip you! Jesus said, "*If any man thirst . . .*" Find yourself an altar and thirst after God and you will come up filled with the power of the Holy Spirit!