

## Baptized with the Holy Spirit

### Key Verses:

Acts 1:8 - *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

Acts 2:38, 39 - *And Peter said to them, "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. v.39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."*

### The Objective:

The resurrected Christ instructed His disciples to go into the upper room and wait for the promise of the Father. He told them they would receive power after the Holy Spirit had come upon them. This lesson explains the importance of being baptized with the Holy Spirit and why every would-be disciple should seek it.

- 1) Who is the Holy Spirit?
  - a) The Holy Spirit is the third member of the threefold Godhead, and He is with you in every life situation.
  - b) He is not a vague influence or mystic idea – He is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c) This means He can communicate and make Himself real. You cannot necessarily see Him, but He is, nevertheless always present.
- 2) What does He do?
  - a) He \_\_\_\_\_ us into the Kingdom. ("Regeneration" - See lesson one.)
    - i) John 3:3 - *Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*



- ii) John 3:5, 6 - *Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. v.6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."*
- b) He \_\_\_\_\_ us with power.
- 3) There is a promise of power made to us in Scripture!
- a) The Promise of the \_\_\_\_\_
- i) Luke 24:49 - *And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.*
- ii) John 14:26 - *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*
- b) The Promise of the \_\_\_\_\_
- i) John 16:7 - *Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.*
- ii) John 15:26 - *But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.*
- c) The Promise from \_\_\_\_\_
- i) Acts 2:16, 17 - *But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: v.17 "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams..."*

Note: Peter is quoting Joel 2:28-32.

Five Important Reasons Why you Need the Power of the Holy Spirit:

- 1) He gives you power to become God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) John 1:12, 13 - *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, v. 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*
  - b) With the Holy Spirit working in you, you can accomplish things that you could never do in your own strength. You can become God's child and live as a member of His family.
- 2) He gives you power for \_\_\_\_\_ .

Gal 5:16 - *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*
- 3) He gives you power to overcome the \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a) Jesus drove out demons by the power of the Spirit. Matthew 12:28 - *But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*
  - b) This same Spirit dwells in us (Romans 8:11).
- 4) He gives you power to minister to other Christians.
  - a) 1 Corinthians 12:4 NLT - *There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.*
  - b) 1 Corinthians 12:7 NLT - *A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.*
- 5) He gives you power to \_\_\_\_\_ to unsaved people.

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Four New Testament Facts Regarding the Holy Spirit:

- 1) All believers have experienced the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in their life when they were born again (born of the Spirit).

*Romans 8:9 - You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.*

- 2) There is another experience subsequent to salvation available to every Christian. It is called the \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Ghost.
  - a) Jesus commanded His disciples to wait for it.
  - b) *Luke 24:49 - And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.*
  - c) *Acts 1:4, 5 - 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; v.5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.*
  - d) *Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

- 3) Peter and John prayed for the \_\_\_\_\_ believers to receive it.

*Acts 8:14-17 - Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, v. 15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, v. 16 for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. v. 17 Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.*

- 4) The Apostle Paul made sure the Ephesian believers received it.

- a) *Acts 19:1, 2 - And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed*

*through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. v.2 And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."*

- b) Acts 19:5, 6 - *On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. v.6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.*

What does the baptism in the Holy Spirit look like?

- 1) The initial experience is detailed in Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost.
  - a) 120 obeyed the Lord's command to \_\_\_\_\_ for the promise of the power.
  - b) They were waiting in \_\_\_\_\_ expectantly for some kind of impartation of power.
- 2) Several Physical Manifestations:
  - a) Sound of Wind

The Holy Spirit is the breath of God and the Word "spirit" is often translated from a word that literally means wind.
  - b) The Appearance of Fire
    - i) John the Baptist testified that a day would come when Jesus would baptize His followers with the Holy Spirit and fire (Matthew 3:11).
    - ii) Fire is a great picture of the Holy Spirit because fire changes everything it touches.
  - c) Tongues: speaking out prayers and praises from unlearned languages
    - i) This is probably the most controversial manifestation of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.



ii) The record is very clear, when the people were filled with the Spirit, they began to speak out prophetic utterances as the Spirit enabled them.

d) Spiritual Drunkenness

i) The spiritual experience was so powerful that their physical bodies were even affected.

ii) It is not uncommon for our human bodies to be moved by a spiritual manifestation.

(1) The arresting soldiers fell down involuntarily when Jesus declared Himself to be the "I AM" (John 18:6).

(2) God's presence manifested so powerfully to Paul that he fell to the ground (Acts 9:4).

Five Resulting Spiritual Manifestations of the Spirit's Power:

- 1) The Spirit-filled believers were \_\_\_\_\_ like never before.
- 2) The Spirit-filled believers became powerful \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) The Spirit-filled believers exchanged the fear of man for \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) The Spirit-filled believers became a \_\_\_\_\_ people, seeing things by the spirit.
- 5) The Spirit-filled believers became aggressive \_\_\_\_\_.

How do I receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

In the Scripture, there are many different ways people received the baptism of the Holy Spirit (See Acts 2:4; 8:17; 9:17; 10:44-46; 19:6). Some were waiting and praying. Some were hearing the Word and responding to the teaching. Some received it through the laying on of hands. Following are some spiritual requirements and some helpful hints.

- 1) Get right with God... Holy Spirit baptism follows \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:38, 39).
- 2) Deal with your \_\_\_\_\_ issues (Acts 5:32 - obedience).
- 3) Passionately \_\_\_\_\_ the fullness of the Spirit (Acts 2 & 19:1-7).
- 4) Ask in \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 11:9).
- 5) Have other Spirit-filled believers \_\_\_\_\_ with you (Acts 8:17; 9:17; 19:6).
- 6) Begin to pray and worship God at an \_\_\_\_\_ level (1 Corinthians 14:15, 16).
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ by faith.
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ out the utterances of the Spirit (Acts 2:4).
- 9) Continue with a \_\_\_\_\_ heart (Luke 11:9-13).

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## REFLECT

1. Have you been baptized with the Holy Spirit? How has this affected your daily life?
2. Have you received your prayer language? How has this deepened your intimacy with the Lord?
3. What questions do you have about what it means to be Spirit-filled?

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## ACT

If you have not yet received your prayer language, ask the Lord to baptize you with the Holy Spirit this week.

If you have your prayer language, make an intentional effort this week to pray in the Spirit slightly more than last week.