

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*“On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for **the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*

- A word about baptism – “baptizo” immerse/saturate “pickled”
- Three baptisms for the believer:
 - The Spirit baptizes us in Jesus (1 Cor. 12:13)
 - The disciple baptizes us in Water (Matt. 28:19)
 - Jesus baptizes us in the Spirit (Matthew 3:11, Mark 1:8, Luke 3:16, John 1:33)

*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 1:4-5, 8 NIV

- Baptism in the Holy Spirit brings POWER...
- Power to lay your life down...OR power to live for and accurately represent Jesus.
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OLD TESTAMENT PROMISE

Isaiah written 700 years prior to Jesus

Ezekiel 500 years prior to Jesus

Joel 400 years prior to Jesus

- **The Holy Spirit will bring fruitfulness** (Isaiah 32:15).

Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful field is counted as a forest -Isaiah 32:15 NKJV

- **The Holy Spirit will bring refreshing** (Isaiah 44:3; John 7:38-39).

For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring; -Isaiah 44:3 NKJV

“On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke

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concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified." -John 7:37-39 NKJV

- **The Holy Spirit will bring inner transformation** (Ezekiel 36:24-30).

"For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then 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. I 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. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them." -Ezekiel 36:24-27 NKJV

- **The Holy Spirit will bring deliverance** (Ezekiel 39:26-30).

"after they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt safely in their own land and no one made them afraid. When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer. And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord GOD." -Ezekiel 39:26-29 NKJV

- **The Holy Spirit will bring deeper communication and intimacy with God** (Isaiah 28:11, Romans 8:26).

...with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people, -Isaiah 28:11 NIV

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. -Romans 8:26 NIV

- **The Holy Spirit will be "poured out on all flesh"** (Joel 2:28-29)

"“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.” -Joel 2:28-29 NIV

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NEW TESTAMENT PROVISION

Holy Spirit Poured Out...
Acts 2 (upper room)
Acts 8 (Samaria)
Acts 10 (Cornelius's house)
Acts 19 (Ephesus)

THROUGH PETER

'In the last days, God says, **I will pour out my Spirit on all people.** Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, **I will pour out my Spirit in those days,** and they will prophesy."

Acts 2:17-18 NIV

*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." -Acts 2:38-39*

"When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

Acts 8:14-17 NIV

THROUGH PAUL

"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."

Acts 19:1-2 NIV

*"So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. 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 in 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."*

Acts 19:3-6 NIV

HOW TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

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- 1) Receive Jesus as savior. (Acts 2:38)

- 2) Repent and renounce any known sin.

- 3) Ask God for the precious gift of the Holy Spirit.
 - a. We can be confident that God will give us exactly what we ask of Him.

 - b. *“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” -1 John 5:14-15*

 - c. *“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!” -Luke 11:11-13 NIV*

Prayer to Receive baptism of the Holy Spirit

Prayer of Freedom

Father, I thank you for your love to me. Even now as you reveal things in my life that are not right or are hinderances to my relationship to you, I know that it is because you love me. I thank you that you sent Jesus, your son, that I might be free. Now in the name of Jesus, I renounce and turn from my sin...(Name the sin or thing that God has revealed.)

I ask the blood of Jesus to cleanse me and break its hold on my life. I receive my freedom and deliverance by faith and I thank you for it.

I thank you, Father, that I am your child. I know that my sins are forgiven through the blood of Jesus. I know that the Holy Spirit dwells in me, but now I ask you dear Father, to give me the gift of the Holy Spirit as promised in your word. I trust you Father and I know that you will not give me a snake if I ask for a fish, nor a scorpion for an egg. You are a good Father and you give good gifts to your children. Please baptize me with your Holy Spirit. I receive Him now by faith, I thank you for Him and I begin to speak out as the Spirit gives me the utterance.