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John the Baptist spoke in **Matthew 3:11** about the future of the one – Jesus – who would follow after him by saying; “*11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit [a]and fire.*”

Remember how John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit in his mother’s womb when Mary came to her, when she was pregnant with Jesus? We read about it in **Luke 1:39-45**; “*39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 Blessed is she who ^[h]believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”*

What a powerful verification and witness that was! Two pregnant moms meet up and their babies, who don’t see each other, don’t hear each other, don’t know each other, don’t have knowledge yet, can’t talk to each other, jump for joy!! Jesus filled John with the Holy Spirit while they were both in their mother’s wombs! In that peaceful place in his mother’s womb, John the Baptist is leaping for joy for the Christ child who came into his midst, and filled him with the Holy Spirit. So John was baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire in his mother’s womb before he even personally saw or knew Jesus. It was part of the fulfillment of prophecy about John preparing the way for Jesus. It was a supernatural event.

In Jesus’ ministry, He sent out his twelve disciples saying this in **Mark 6:7-12**; “*7 And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. 8 He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts— 9 but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics. 10 Also He said to them, “In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. 11 And [a]whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. [b]Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!” 12 So they went out and preached that people should repent.”*

This is the birth of the early church, the first disciples, men going out performing signs, wonders, miracles with power over the unclean spirits. They walked in the authority that Jesus gave them, they had the power of the Holy Spirit working with them.

But there was more to come. Jesus says in **Luke 24:36-49** the following; “*36 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.” 37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. 38 And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.” 40 [a]When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. 41 But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” 42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish [b]and some honeycomb. 43 And He took it and ate in their presence. 44 Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.*

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46 Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, [c]and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things. 49 **Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city [d]of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.**”

Do you need to have your understanding opened too to understand the scriptures? Jesus was very clear that there was a Promise from the Father that would give them power from on high that they were to wait for. They were empowered by Jesus when He sent them out two by two, but now Jesus wasn't going to be with them any longer but the Holy Spirit would be not only **with them but in** them, to give them the power they needed. They were to keep the door open, to have an open-door policy with Jesus and what He told them.

In the Great Commission, Jesus also said in **Matthew 28:16-20**; “16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; **but some doubted.** 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go [a]therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” [b]Amen.”

There will always be some doubters in your midst. There will be doubters about the baptism in the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised. There would be those who say, ‘what more power do we need, we’ve been sent out and signs, wonders and miracles follow me or them.’ Just as it happened in this scripture, it happens today. Many believe in the salvation plan but not the power of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. They believe the portion of the Holy Spirit that they received upon salvation is sufficient. But Jesus is very clear, they needed more, they needed an immersion – baptism – in the Holy Ghost.

Keep an open-door policy to receive the baptism in the Holy Ghost, that’s what you need too.

The disciples were obedient to what Jesus commanded them to do, and in **Acts 2:1-4** we read about the promised coming of the Holy Spirit; “2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all [a]with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them [b]divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

This is exactly what John the Baptist has prophesied about in Matthew 3:11 that we read at the beginning; the baptism in the Holy Spirit and with fire! Jesus also told them in **Acts 1:4-8**; “4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, **but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**” 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;** and you shall be [a]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

I believe that one of the main reasons so many Christians are experiencing what would appear to be a lack of protection on their lives, is that they have grieved the Holy Spirit and have rejected being filled with the Holy Spirit that Jesus commands us to be filled with. They’re doubters as some of the early disciples were. They doubt they need the infilling of the Holy Spirit; they believe they have enough in their salvation. Or maybe they or you were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues once and thought that it was enough. But **Acts 13:52** shows that it’s a continual infilling that you need; “And the disciples were continually filled with joy and

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with the Holy Spirit.” It’s being filled all the time, every day, every week, month and year. It’s a daily experience not a one-time event.

This lack of protection is not to be confused with being persecuted for preaching the Gospel as we know Jesus said that persecutions would come to those who preach the gospel, but rather just day to day issues as; accidents, acts of violence, any type of calamity or act of nature, that could possibly come your way that would be fatal. Just as a side note though, we do see also supernatural deliverances by the Holy Spirit for the Christian from persecutions.

When these things occur in our lives, or the lives of our Christian family members, or fellow Christians, it is important to evaluate whether or not you or he or she rejected the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Any time you operate independent of the Holy Spirit, you are opening a door for the devil to do what he does best, “rob, kill and destroy”. You may have all of the justifications there are; you’re born again, you love Jesus, you don’t need tongues or the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and you don’t need extra power, each to his own, that’s not you and deep down inside you don’t believe in it because it ended with that one time outpouring with the disciples, or you think it’s hysteria and just up in peoples heads.

If you are closing the door on the Holy Spirit which Jesus commanded you to receive, you open the door to the devil. So now, he has power over you but you didn’t think you needed power over him, which is through the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

So you open the door for Jesus to come in, but close the door for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and end up opening the door for the devil to operate and plunder you. The devil loves to see Christians reject being filled with the Holy Spirit, because they don’t have the Holy Ghost power that’s needed to fight him and his fallen angels (demons).

Operating independent of God has always been in the heart of man from day one until now, and it’s so interesting to see so many Christians operating independent of God and reject that which they need the most, the Holy Ghost and fire.

Again, John the Baptism said this in **Luke 3:16**; “*16 John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”*”

This is what you need today!

Ephesians 6:12 talks about the spiritual warfare that is going on around you even though you can’t see it with your physical eyes; “*12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [a]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*” This is why you need the Holy Spirit and fire, to fight this type of spiritual warfare.

The Apostle Paul also says in **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**; “*3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not [a]carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*”

The Apostle Peter also says in **1 Peter 5:8**; “*8 Be [a]sober, be [b]vigilant; [c]because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*”

If our warfare is not with flesh and blood, what makes you think that you can fight the devil without the power of the Holy Spirit given through the baptism spoken of in Acts 1:4-8?

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You can't fight the devil with a letter opener, you need a double edge sword, a Bible that is spoken with the power of the Holy Spirit and fire. It's time to close the open-doors in your life that the devil has access thru and to be filled with the Holy Spirit and power.

You can maintain a religious nominal Christian life with open doors for the devil to walk thru or you can live a Holy Spirit filled Christian life with closed doors for the devil not to walk through.

Jesus said this to His disciples (which includes you and I) in **John 16:5-15** ; *"5 But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 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 depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He [a]will take of Mine and declare it to you."*

The Holy Spirit will give you understanding and warnings about many things that you're to stay away from and to avoid if you let Him. Where to go, where not to go, how to come in and go out, who to talk to and who not to, tell you to leave early to avoid an accident or to take a different route, when to travel and when not to....all of the day to day decisions that are made, He'll help you...if you receive His guidance and power.

Maybe your hearing all kinds of heart-breaking stories from Christians, and you're scratching your head wondering, how did that happen, it doesn't make sense, what happened Lord and why weren't you there? So it's good to ask if they were filled with the Holy Spirit or did they purposefully reject that baptism?

It's interesting to see that what Christians need the most - the Baptism of the Holy Spirit - they reject in exchange for independence that leads to a nominal Christian experience that causes them a lot of unnecessary trouble that could have been avoided by simply believing and obeying Jesus' words found in **Acts 1:4-8**; *"4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, 'which,' He said, 'you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, 'Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 And He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be [a]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

One other thing too must be mentioned. Just because you or someone you know is filled with the Holy Spirit doesn't mean that the devil won't try to attach, kill, steal and destroy. But we always must remember to close every possible door that may give access to the devil and that's where praying in tongues helps as **I Corinthians 14:15** says; *"I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding"* and also **Romans 8:26** says; *"²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession ^[a]for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."*

The Holy Spirit is your Helper and will help you all the time. It's time to make an open-door policy for the Holy Spirit to continually fill you up, and closed-door policy on the devil and the temptations he wants to throw at you. Amen.