



How to Receive: THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Special help advice to those who have trouble receiving

More and more I receive calls and mail from people who are experiencing difficulty in receiving the BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. It seems to be a very large problem that has troubled many believers. If you are such a person, please know there are reasons why many have failed to receive the Holy Spirit Power. The following article is written to help you who have not received to know WHY many are having trouble receiving.

I believe that the problems most likely stem from two reasons.

1. UNBELIEF

Before you get upset at this word, please know what I am referring to.

There is a SPIRIT OF UNBELIEF which is hindering you. That ungodly spirit is using your misunderstanding of the Baptism with the Spirit to cause DOUBT to arise in your thinking. Unbelief will hinder you IN ANY THING; regardless of what it is you are seeking. It is a spiritual warfare which is being fought against your very soul and that warfare is very real. It must be dealt with in a VERY REAL AND TRUTHFUL MANNER. It is the same sort of UNBELIEF that arises when a person prays for HEALING, and he is not healed. The enemy comes then and places a thought into your ear saying.... "It must NOT BE GOD'S WILL for you to be healed, and He wishes to keep you sick for a reason." Now we know that this statement IS NOT TRUE for it is God's Will to heal the sick and God DOES NOT want any person sick. But this statement causes UNBELIEF TO ARISE in the mind and heart of many, blocking their faith for healing. The enemy works in this same manner to STOP THE HOLY SPIRIT POWER in many people. When they pray for the Holy Spirit Power and do not KNOW HOW TO RECEIVE BY FAITH.... Then the same situation may arise; it becomes a POINT OF UNBELIEF, this then in turn BLOCKS THE FAITH TO RECEIVE.

The scripture says in **2 Corinthians 2:11**:

"Lest satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not IGNORANT OF HIS DEVICES."

So I want you to first see that the enemy causes many to stumble in UNBELIEF missing the Promise of the Power.

2. DOCTRINAL ERROR AND FALSE TEACHING about the Spirit Baptism.

Many have been taught false things about receiving the Baptism OR HAVE A FALSE IDEA OF HOW IT COMES. This is probably the largest reason many have not yet received.

I myself was unable to receive the Baptism with the Holy Ghost for many years because I was taught WRONG DOCTRINE, and FALSE TEACHING concerning this doctrine. By the Grace of God, after many years of ministry as a pastor, I was blessed by the Lord in

REVELATION KNOWLEDGE to RECEIVE THE POWER. But it took many years of trial and error before the truth overcome the false.

In order to answer these TWO PROBLEM AREAS' LISTED ABOVE, and to deal fully with each, I would like to list the following STEPS TO RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST. In dealing with these steps (helps to understanding why some do not receive), the unbelief and doctrinal errors will be dealt with. These points below surely are not the final word on every angle which causes trouble, but I believe are some very important areas to mention.

In this study, I deal with some of the reasons why I have found many to fail to receive, which I personally have experienced. I am sure there are other things that could be said, but these are the first and foremost in my thinking, causing most people to fail to receive the wonderful Power, when they ask.

STEP NUMBER 1

God has already given the Holy Spirit to believers and it is up to each believer to simply receive GOD'S FREE GIFT.

No believer should ever have to BEG GOD to fill him with the Holy Spirit. The promise of the Holy Spirit has been given already and was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost and has been here ever since that day. After that day God has not GIVEN THE HOLY SPIRIT TO ANYONE. It is only necessary for each believer NOW to SIMPLY RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.

This truth is illustrated in Acts chapter 19.

ACTS 19:1-6

“1.Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2, He said unto them, Have ye RECEIVED the Holy Ghost since ye believed? [He didn't say “Has God given you the Holy Ghost?” He said, “Have ye received the Holy Ghost?”] And they said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be a Holy Ghost.

3. And he said unto them. Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”

**It is pointed out here that Paul did not PRAY THAT GOD WOULD GIVE THEM THE HOLY GHOST.....It rather says THE HOLY GHOST CAME UPON THEM AND THEY SPOKE WITH TONGUES, AND PROPHESED”
(Acts 19:6)**

The same sort of event happened in Acts 8 which occurred some years after the Day of Pentecost.

ACTS 8:14-15

“14. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had RECEIVED THE WORD OF GOD [concerning salvation] they sent unto them Peter and John:

16. Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might RECEIVE the Holy Ghost.”

Now let me point out again that the Apostles did not pray that God would GIVE the Samaritans the Holy Ghost; They prayed that they would RECEIVE the Holy Ghost. Then after they had laid their hands upon them, the Samaritans did RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST.

It is clear then that the Holy Ghost CAME ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST and we are NOT TO LOOK FOR ANOTHOR DAY OF PENTECOST. It has already happened. But rather we are urged to RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST which is already given. God has not GIVEN THE HOLY GHOST to anyone since the Day of Pentecost..... WHY? Because He has ALREADY BEEN GIVEN. It is now up to believers to RECEIVE HIM.

STEP NUMBER 2

It is important to know that the Holy Spirit is ready now to be IMMEDIATELY received. Any person who is saved can RECEIVE HIM IMMEDIATELY and does not have to WAIT.

After the Day of Pentecost [after the Holy Ghost had fallen upon the 120 in the upper room] Peter stood up and told in his sermon:

ACTS 2:37-38

“37. Now when they (the many unbelieving who had gathered to see the pouring out of the Holy Ghost) heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

Let me point out that anyone than who is saved is ready to IMMEDIATELY to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

It is erroneous to teach that a person must WAIT to be filled. It is NOT A REQUIREMENT NOW (as it was on the Day of Pentecost) because the SPIRIT HAS ALREADY BEEN Poured OUT. It is clear THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE PENTECOST. Now every time new believers received the Holy Spirit Baptism after Pentecost that event was RECEIVED. In other words they simply BELIEVED AND RECEIVED IT BY FAITH.

The early church was waiting for something they knew only which Jesus said was to come upon them. It was the first time such an event had ever happened where ALL THE BELIEVERS in one place received the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. It was true in the Old Testament that only CERTAIN ONES were FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT. But never was IT AVAILABLE TO ALL GOD’S PEOPLE. It certainly had never happened before, thus we have the description in Peters Sermon on Pentecost which explained what was happening. Peter stood up on that day and said....

ACTS 2:14-

“14.....Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18. And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit and they shall prophesy...”

NOW THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER DAY OF PENTECOST AGAIN, but there were and many days afterward that men and women did RECEIVE the Holy Spirit upon BELIEVING the fact that THE SPIRIT WAS ALREADY GIVEN TO ALL.

Peter went on and taught further into his message this fact in this same chapter verses 38-39

Acts 2:38-39

“38. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost,

39. For the promise is UNTO YOU, AND TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND TO ALL THAT ARE AFAR OFF, EVEN AS MANY AS THE LORD SHALL CALL.”

Upon careful examination of these verses you will discover that the scripture is teaching that this POURING OUT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS FOR.....

1. YOU.... (Them that Peter was speaking to)

2. To their children.

3. To all who were afar off.

4. To as many as the Lord shall call.

In other words, it was to be continuous from that time forward, for and to all believers (who would believe and receive it) in the future. So this event was the **BEGINNING** and the **COMING OF THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**; all people afterward would **SIMPLY RECEIVE THIS BY**:

1. **FAITH** (in the finished fact that this Spirit Outpouring was available **NOW**

OR BY:

2. **BY THE LAYING ON OF HANDS** of the apostles (those who were gifted to help others receive it) helping all those who needed help to receive this Baptism of Power.

STEP NUMBER 3

SOME ARE TEACHING A FALSE TEACHING at this point. They are telling people that they **MUST BE TOTALLY CLEAN FROM SIN** in order to receive the Baptism.

It is common to hear some say that if you have sin in your life you will not be able to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. This teaching is **NOT SCRIPTURAL** and will keep some from receiving the Holy Spirit.

The Scripture teaches that we who are saved **ARE JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD** and in that Justification when we die, we will **GO TO GOD**. The Bible does **NOT TEACH THAT WE HAVE TO BE PERFECT TO BE SAVED** but it does teach we **MUST BE BORN AGAIN**. To say that we must be **PERFECT AND WITHOUT SIN** to receive the **GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** would be the same as saying **WE HAVE TO BE PERFECT AND WITHOUT SIN TO BE SAVED**.

Salvation is By Grace through Faith in the **RESURRECTED CHRIST**. We are **NOT SAVED BY WORKS** we are saved by Grace. The same is true than about the Baptism, we **RECEIVE** the Gift **BY GRACE AND**

THROUGH FAITH in exactly the same way!

This erroneous teaching has kept many from receiving the Baptism with the Holy Ghost.

If a person had to be perfect to receive the Holy Ghost Power, than Paul would have missed it seeing that he was NOT YET PERFECT.

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-13

“12. Not as though I had already attained, either were ALREADY PERFECT....

13.I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.”

Paul was evidently NOT PERFECT (neither is anyone else) so this is not a requirement. Yet we know of many who have RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT by FAITH. They are receiving because they are SAVED BY HIS BLOOD and are accepted into the Family of God, not because they are worthy, but because they have become a Child of God through the New Birth experience. (Because they are Children of God, through the “Work of Jesus on His Cross and Resurrection”)

Other things should be pointed out here. If we had to be SINLESS AND PERFECT to receive this Power of the Holy Spirit, then WHY WOULD WE NEED HIM? A main reason why men need the Holy Spirit Baptism is to HELP THEM WALK IN POWER OVER SIN AND LIVE IN VICTORY.

If men can do everything BY THEMSELVES than why would they need the Holy Spirit?

Even carnal Christians received the Baptism in the Word of God. Read it. If a carnal Christian can receive you can receive as well.

Even Baby Christians can receive the Baptism, because the new converts in the Book of Acts were Baby Christians.

Therefore IF A PERSON IS SAVED, HE IS READY TO IMMEDIATELY RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM.

STEP NUMBER 4

THE PERSON RECEIVING THE BAPTISM SHOULD EXPECT THE HOLY SPIRIT TO MOVE UPON HIS VOCAL ORGANS. That person will receive SUPERNATURAL WORDS on his lips.... WHICH HE HIMSELF MUST SPEAK IN COOPERATION WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Remember the PERSON RECEIVING is the one who will do the talking... NOT THE HOLY

SPIRIT! The Holy Spirit gives the utterance, but the man does the actual speaking.

It is not scriptural to tell a person that he will be FORCED TO SPEAK SUPERNATURALLY.

It is alright to tell a person he must YIELD TO THE SPIRIT.

Yielding is WORKING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

It is a well-known fact that a person who speaks in tongues can SPEAK ANY TIME. It is not true that each time they speak it must be a FORCED SITUATION. This is actually what some people are teaching! This is the reason why many are having a hard time receiving the Baptism. They are being told they MUST WAIT UNTIL THE POWER TAKES OVER. This erroneous doctrine has hurt many.

If it were true that a person must speak ONLY WHEN THE SPIRIT MOVED HIM and he had nothing to do with the speaking, then explain what Paul meant in

1 Corinthians 14:29-32.

“29. “Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

30. If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. [How can you hold your peace by speaking out and disrupting the other speaker?]

31. For ye may all prophesy one by one (in order) that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

32: AND THE SPIRITS OF THE PROPHETS ARE SUBJECT TO THE PROPHETS. [Notice the scripture says the prophets can control the message and wait for an opportunity to give it].

Now we understand part of the Prophets gifting here is talking messages in tongues. If tongues TAKE OVER THE PERSON than how could the instruction here, make sense? It is taught here that the MESSAGE is given and the person receiving it KNOWS IT but can hold it. When I first began to speak in tongues, I was in Church one day and I received a message in tongues. I knew I had the message, so I went forward to the pastor and ask him, “May I give a message in tongues that I have?” He said yes and I proceeded. After the message was given, no person arose to interpret, so the Holy Spirit gave me the interpretation. This is an example of how this works.

Now the prayer tongue which is given at the BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST works the same way. The Tongue comes up and you know it, THEN YOU (NOTICE I SAID YOU) MUST SPEAK IT.

When a person receives the Baptism for the first time, he should EXPECT THE TONGUES to rise in his vocal organ, then OPEN HIS MOUTH, AND SPEAK AS THE SPIRIT GIVES HIM THE WORDS TO SPEAK. If you will do this, then ALL CAN RECEIVE IMMEDIATELY the Gift of the Holy Spirit NOW. The fact is a person is not forced to speak but he can respond to Him who gives the utterance, but you do the talking. Let us see this scriptural teaching in the scripture itself:

ACTS 2:4

“4. [They] began to SPEAK with tongues, as THE SPIRIT gave them UTTERANCE.”

ACTS 10:46

“46. For they heard THEM SPEAK with tongues, and magnify God....”

ACTS 19:6

“6 And when Paul had laid hands upon them, THE HOLY GHOST CAME ON THEM; and THEY SPAKE with tongues, and prophesied.”

1 CORINTHIANS 14:2, 4, 5

“2. For HE THAT SPEAKETH in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandth him; howbeit in the spirit HE SPEAKETH mysteries...

4. HE THAT SPEAKETH in an unknown tongue edifieth himself.....

5. I would that YE ALL SPAKE with tongues.....”

1 CORINTHIANS 14:14, 15, 18

14. For if I PRAY in AN UNKNOWN TONGUE, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15. What is it then? I WILL PRAY with the spirit, and I WILL PRAY with the understanding.... 18. I thank my God, I SPEAK with tongues more than ye all.”

1 CORINTHIANS 14:27-28

“14. IF ANY MAY SPEAK in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

29. But if there be no interpreter, LET HIM KEEP SILENCE in the church.”

Notice that everyone ministering in and receiving the Holy Spirit in praying in tongues in public assembly is always THE PERSON HIMSELF that does the actual speaking. But the Holy Spirit gives the supernatural utterance.

Many who have been seeking the Baptism with the Holy Ghost for years and still have not received should know that they have been BELIEVING WRONG THINGS ABOUT THIS GIFT, and should NOW know that WAITING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FORCE THEM is the reason they have not received.

When the Holy Spirit is moving upon your tongue and lips, what you must do is PUT SOUND TO IT. If you obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit, you will find yourself talking with tongues. You must understand that YOU MUST COOPERATE with the Holy Spirit. Speaking with tongues IS NOT ENTIRELY THE HOLY GHOST.

Speaking in tongues is COOPERATION BETWEEN YOU AND THE HOLY GHOST.

STEP NUMBER 5

FEAR KEEPS MANY FROM RECEIVING THE SPIRIT BAPTISM.

There have been many religious teachers who have **TAUGHT FEAR**. They have told people that they should **FEAR RECEIVING SOMETHING BAD** when someone asks for or receives by the laying on of hands. It has been pointed out by these religious teachers, that there is also a **BAD SPIRIT** which one may receive, and if he does, then there will be much deception and trouble.

Although it is true that there are **FALSE SPIRITS** who can come when called, it should be known that **ONE DOES NOT NEED TO FEAR**, if he is asking to receive from the right source. We should ask our Heavenly Father in the **NAME OF JESUS CHRIST**. When we do we will receive what we ask for. A person is guaranteed that **THE REAL SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL COME** and not some **FALSE SPIRIT**, when he prays to **THE HEAVENLY FATHER** asking Him, **IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST** for the Holy Spirit. Even the scripture teaches this in the following verses:

LUKE 11:11-13

“11. If a man shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12. Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE SHALL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THEM THAT ASK HIM?”

Now we see in this verse, that the Heavenly Father is not going to give us an evil Spirit. You do not have to be a rocket scientist to understand that the Father is good and does **GOOD THINGS** for and to His Children.

In Luke chapter 11, we read how Jesus talked of “Serpents” and “Scorpions” as being the **EVIL THINGS** to be given in contrast to the

Holy Spirit. He is saying should we fear receiving these evil things from the hand of our Heavenly Father. Certainly not, we will receive the GOOD SPIRIT..... THE HOLY SPIRIT! In Luke chapter 10, Jesus talks again of these evil spirits in the proper attitude....

LUKE 10:19

“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY.”

No, the POWER OF THE SPIRIT the Heavenly Father gives, will DESTROY THE EVIL POWERS, WALKING UPON THEM, STOMPING THEM INTO THE GROUND! The enemy has no power over God, therefore we are to be certain we will not receive a bad spirit or evil thing from the hand of God. Yet many TEACH FEAR even today, warning people to NOT PRAY FOR THE SPIRIT, teaching them to fear.

Fear kept me from receiving the Holy Spirit power for years, until one day I read these verses above and understood GOD IS GOOD and I was not to fear ANYTHING HE GIVES. Thank God we all can be delivered from fear THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD.

A good illustration would be like a man who never learned how to swim because he was taught the fear of the water. You have to get into the water to learn how to swim. Even so a person must ASK FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT if he is ever to receive Him. Many people hang back and will not even try, BECAUSE OF FEAR.

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

I remember in my own problem of receiving the Baptism and speaking in tongues that FEAR GRIPPED ME holding me in a place of NOT RECEIVING. I remember years ago hearing a “Fundamental” preacher who preached a terrible sermon about THE DOCTRINE OF DEMONS. He said in his sermon he had “cast out” tongue speaking demons, thus proving that tongues speaking people were demon possessed. He went on to say that “If they speak in tongues be sure to not let them put their hands on you! If you do you will receive THE SAME DEMON.”

I went with that sermon in my mind for many years and treated all who spoke in tongues as if they were demons. It caused me much pain

and failure. It also caused me to reject many wonderful SPIRIT FILLED AND BAPTIZED AND GIFTED PEOPLE. It hurt me, and it hurt my ministry.

One day a Spirit Filled Christian Friend who I was talking to looked right at me and said, “Ken, do you think God would give you something bad which would HURT YOU?” No, I said, I know God is good and will not hurt me. Then that person said.... “THEN WHY ARE YOU AFRAID TO TALK IN TONGUES if Jesus said that men would talk in NEW TONGUES in Mark 16?” That person went on to quote that verse of scripture quoted above stating: What Father would give his son a stone for a fish, etc., how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them who ask you.

After making the comment she said, “Why not go and pray, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST and ask Him about talking in tongues. Why continue to be afraid of God?”

When I finally did talk in my Heavenly Prayer Language it was such a blessing and wonderful gift I knew, and still know, without a shadow of a doubt that TONGUES ARE FROM THE LORD.