

Overview of Prayer Meeting - November 30th, 2025

How To Receive The Baptism In The Holy Spirit

Last week's Illustrated Message was entitled, "Dumb and Prayer-less Spirit That Scorns God's Mercy", which is from the Series, The Holy War, and in it emphasized the necessity for prayer, but not just any prayer but specifically praying in tongues which is the evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. If you haven't read the message, go the Illustrated Message tab on this website and you'll be able to read the overview of it.

We read from **Ephesians 6:18** where it says the following in the Amplified Bible; "*18 With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all [a]God's people.*"

On a side note, when it says, '*pray in the Spirit*', various Greek scholars and Bible commentators point out that the Greek present imperative tense is used in this verse. Which means that it is a **continuous replenishment, and an ongoing state of being filled**. That's awesome. So it's not a one time event, but continuous. That's why it's imperative to always be praying in tongues.

We studied that praying in the Spirit is like the buckle of the armour of God, it's part of the armour. We also studied that praying in the Spirit is praying in tongues, which you receive and is the evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

To follow up on that then, we'd like to reintroduce the baptism in the Holy Spirit again to many who may not have ever heard about it, read about it, have vaguely heard something but have not received proper teaching on it and finally to those who have heard and not received it.

Praying in tongues is something the devil wants to stop at all cost because it is so powerful, it is a gift from God for **all** Christians, and satan wants Christians to be dumb and prayer-less in it. We're going to use as a study guide, a small booklet that was written by Gordon Lindsay called, "**How To Receive The Baptism In the Holy Spirit.**" There is a link at the bottom of the message where you can download a copy for free to have it in your library.

Chapter 1 (this is an overview, not verbatim of the book itself)

We start by reading **Acts 1:4-5** Amplified Bible where Jesus says the following; "*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.*"

They didn't know how long they were to wait and tarry, they didn't know that they'd be speaking in tongues, they only knew that they would know when the Holy Spirit had empowered them. It turned out it was 10 days of prayer and worship when this happened, they **all** received, **all** 120 received.

1. If Christ and the Apostles Needed The Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Then We Need It Also.

The excuse that you don't need it today or that you're exempt from it, is erroneous. **Hebrews 5:7-9** says; "7 *who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, 8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,*"

Jesus emptied himself of His glory and became a man, and as a man, He needed the baptism by the Holy Spirit which He received when John baptized Him. **Matthew 3:16** says; "16 *When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and [a]He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.*"

It doesn't say that He spoke in tongues, but it doesn't say that He didn't. We don't know. But we do know that Jesus himself commanded his disciples to wait for it because they needed it as we'll study today.

The 11 apostles plus Matthias who was chosen to replace Judas, the women who followed Jesus, Jesus' mother and siblings, plus the rest of the disciples totalling 120, all were baptized in the Holy Spirit. **Acts 2:1-4** says; "1 *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.*"

On that same day when they were baptized and the people from Jerusalem came running to see and hear what had happened, 3000 were also saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues, **Acts 2:37-39**; "37 *Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the [a]remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.*"

So we see that this started and was birthed in prayer, Jesus commanded them to stay in prayer until they received. Waiting and tarrying until you receive is key.

2. The Holy Spirit Gives Power To Witness

Acts 1:8 says; "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.*"

The purpose of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is to give power to Christians to witness.

3. The Holy Spirit Gives Power To Live a Holy Life

Romans 8:1-2,13 says; "1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who[a] do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*" Verse 13; "13 *For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*"

Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot live an overcoming life. Now we read in **Romans 8:9** the following; *“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”* This declares the born again experience, you have the Spirit of Christ to some degree otherwise you’re not a Christian. However, what was given at Pentecost represents the fuller measure of the Holy Spirit to empower them.

4. The Holy Spirit Is A Comforter Who Will Abide Forever

John 14:16 says; *“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another [a]Helper, that He may abide with you forever”*

Anything of material significance that you have today or want to get, pales greatly to having the Holy Spirit as your Comforter who will abide forever. If you look at your prayer list, what you’re praying for and what you want in life, it doesn’t compare to what the Holy Spirit wants to give you. If you’re not satisfied today or don’t have comfort, it may be good examine your heart to see if you’ve received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:24-26 says; *“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ 25 And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. 26 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.”*

Gordon Lindsay says this; *“The glorious infilling of the Holy Spirit is the only thing that can fully satisfy the human spirit. Man is not designed to be complete within himself. In his soul, there is a spiritual vacuum. If it is not occupied with God, it will eventually be filled with that which is evil.”*

When your spiritual house has been swept, cleaned out, put in order by being born again, if it’s not filled to overflowing with the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you can soon see Christians backslide or become lukewarm, compromising in living a holy life and don’t have power or authority in their lives to overcome the temptations of the devil....and the last state of that man is worse than the first. That is sobering!

5. The Holy Spirit Will Quicken Our Mortal Bodies

Romans 8:11 says; *“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”*

Everyone will be raised from the dead, either at the resurrection of the dead, those who are Christians when Jesus raptures His church when we’re all caught up together with Jesus in the clouds, or at the resurrection of the dead to stand before God the Great White Throne Judgment. You don’t want to be at this final judgment.

6. The Holy Spirit Will Guide Us Into All Truth

John 16:12-13 says; *“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.’”*

Gordon Lindsay says this; *“Some denominations, who deny the experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, have been drifting into rationalism and unbelief. They also deny the virgin birth, signs of the miraculous, and the born-again experience”*

Any Holy Spirit baptized Christian intuitively knows that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God. That's not saying that a spirit filled Christian will not make mistakes or sin, because they still have a free will, but when continually yielded to the Holy Spirit, they'll be kept from serious error and will be quick to repent. The following two Bible references show that people can backslide. It's possible that's why see so many Christians falling away today because they're following false doctrines, ie; that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is not for today, that's false teaching. So they search for the supernatural in the world and they end up receiving from the demonic realm.

1 Timothy 1:19-20 says; *“19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, 20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.”*

2 Timothy 2:17-18 says; *“17 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, 18 who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.”*

7. The Holy Spirit Will Help Us To Pray Supernaturally

Romans 8:26; *“ 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.”*

Now, Christians can still pray and God in His mercy and graciousness will hear the heartfelt prayer because of His love for them. As we said before, the Christian has a measure of the Spirit to receive answers to prayer. But as we read in Romans 8:26, there is something much deeper with the full baptism where Holy Spirit will make intercession for us. That's powerful! The Apostle Paul says in **1 Corinthians 14:14-15**; *“For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.”*

This shows that we can both pray in our natural language, natural understanding but with the baptism of the Holy Spirit we can pray in the Spirit, tongues.

8. Does The Baptism In The Holy Spirit Take Place At Conversion?

This is an excellent question. If we use the example of Jesus and his disciples, it says they were in prayer and worship for 10 days in the Upper Room and then received. If there is passion and hunger for the baptism, it can take place immediately although usually there is a short interval of time. Cornelius in Acts 10:44-48 had been fasting, praying and was God fearing and when the angel appeared to him to send for Peter, he did it immediately and as we read, that while Peter was preaching the gospel, the Holy Spirit fell on them (because he and his household were believers), and they received and spoke in tongues.

Jesus taught in **Luke 11:13** that a believer is to ask for the Holy Spirit; *“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”*

After Jesus’ resurrection **John 20:22** says; *“And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”* The disciples received the Holy Spirit in part, because Jesus still commanded them to wait in Jerusalem until they were ‘endued’ with the power, the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

John 7:37-39 says this about the baptism; *“37 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. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those [a]believing in Him would receive; for the [b]Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”*

Again we see that the disciples had a measure of the Holy Spirit, but not the full baptism as that was given on the Day of Pentecost. This baptism is something subsequent to salvation.

When Philip the evangelist went to Samaria, he preached salvation and when Peter and John were sent there, they prayed that they’d receive the Holy Spirit as we read in **Acts 8:14-17**; *“14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.”*

These were Christians, they’d been baptized in the name of Jesus and they received the Holy Spirit when hands were laid on them. What was the evidence? Speaking in tongues.

The Apostle Paul received the baptism in the Holy Spirit after his conversion when Ananias laid hands on him to be filled with the Holy Spirit, Acts 9:17-18.

Finally, Paul taught that the baptism of the Holy Spirit followed conversion when he spoke to the brothers in Ephesus when he asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit after they believed. They said no and subsequently Paul laid his hands on them, they were baptized in the Holy Spirit and they spoke in tongues. That was close to 30 years after the Day of Pentecost, and this was again for the Gentile Christians.

All of this comes back to prayer. Jesus’ commandment to pray for and seek earnestly for this baptism. This baptism is the key that every Christian needs and during today’s prayer meeting, this is what we prayed for.

You can download the free book by clicking on the link, [How To Receive The Baptism In The Holy Spirit](#) by Gordon Lindsay.