

## BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Daily Meditation – Friday December 6, 2024

The Bible says, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses...” (Acts 1:8).<sup>1</sup> The baptism in the Holy Spirit empowers and enables the Christian for service (Acts 1:5, 8). In it we are immersed in the Spirit’s life and power. Baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, is one of the most important Pentecostal doctrines of our time.

In the Book of Acts, the Holy Spirit stays to do for the Church what He began to do in the Book of Luke in the ministry of Christ. The major intent of the Spirit’s infilling in Luke and Acts was not to bring salvation, but to equip for service. In contrast to the Old Testament era of the Spirit being poured out upon selected persons, the New Testament era features the Holy Spirit promised to all believers. Christ commanded His disciples to wait to be “clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:29). And afterwards, anointed, Peter preached, “The promise [of the Spirit] is...for all whom the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:39), the baptism in the Holy Spirit is a promise, a gift, and a command.

Have you ever prayed to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit? Below are two prayers. The first is to receive Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life.

Say this prayer out loud to receive Jesus as Lord: “Heavenly Father, I am a sinner and I need a Savior. I confess Jesus Christ as the Lord of my life. I repent of all my sins. Father, I truly believe you raised Jesus from the dead. I pray this prayer in Jesus’ name. Father, I am your child because Jesus is my Lord. I want to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit come into me and fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus. I pray this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Secondly, say the next prayer out loud for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit: “Father, I am your child because Jesus is my Lord. Jesus said, “How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.” I ask you now in the name of Jesus to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Father, I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit by faith. I yield my vocal organs and expect to speak in tongues as the Holy Spirit gives me utterance in Jesus name. Amen”

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<sup>1</sup> All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins and I believe you raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!