



Practical Godliness

Lesson 3 | Baptism of the Holy Spirit – Do You Have It?

Acts 18:24-28 (ESV) Apollos Speaks Boldly in Ephesus

24 Now a Jew named **Apollos**, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an **eloquent** man, **knowledgeable in the Scriptures**. 25 He had been **instructed in the way of the Lord**. And being **fervent in spirit**, he **spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus**, though he knew **only** the baptism of John. 26 He began to **speak boldly in the synagogue**, **but** when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God **more accurately**. 27 And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, 28 for he **powerfully refuted the Jews** in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

Acts 19:1-7 (ESV) Paul in Ephesus

1 And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2 And he said to them, “**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**” And they said, “**No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.**” 3 And he said, “**Into what then were you baptized?**” They said, “**Into John's baptism.**” 4 And Paul said, “**John baptized with the baptism of repentance**, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came on them**, and they began speaking in tongues **and** prophesying. 7 There were about twelve men in all.

What were the attributes that described Apollos’ preaching abilities? (See page 5 for Answer)

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What was Apollos lacking? (See page 5 for answer)

1. _____

How do we know if we have the Holy Spirit then?

John 16:7-8 (KJV)

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will convict the world of **sin**, and of **righteousness**, and of **judgment**:

The Holy Spirit will convict the world of:

a. Of Sin:

To be convicted of sin, is to be convicted of what we **are doing** that's wrong. We all need to be convicted of what we are doing wrong that we may come to repentance.

b. Of Righteousness:

To be convicted of righteousness is to be convicted of the good things we **should be doing**.

c. Of Judgment:

To be convicted of judgment, in other words, there is a sense of **urgency**. If you don't respond to the conviction when the Holy Spirit brings it to you, you're in trouble.

Do we see this **pattern** in Scripture when people received the Holy Spirit?

A Closer Look | John 4 verses 6 to 39

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the **sixth hour**. 7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, **Give me to drink**. 8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said unto her, **If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.**

Thinking Deeper: At the sixth hour (v6), what was Jesus doing?

Luke 23:34, 39-44 (ESV)

34 And Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.**" And they cast lots to divide his garments. 39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, **remember me** when you come into your kingdom." 43 And he said to him, "**Truly, I say to you today, you will be with me in paradise.**" 44 It was now about the **sixth hour**, and there was darkness over the whole land. John 19:28-30 (ESV) 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

It is mentioned at the cross, in the sixth hour, Jesus was **saving** the thief on the cross, and here, at the sixth hour, Jesus was saving the woman at the well. In both instances, Jesus was thirsty. Salvation of souls is not easy work, and without the living water, the Holy Spirit, no soul can be saved. Without water, no seed can grow and produce fruit (Mark 4:28, 1 Corinthians 3:6-11).

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. 15 The woman saith unto him, **Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not**; ... 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "**I who speak to you am he.**" ... 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him ... 39 Many Samaritans from that town **believed** in him **because of the woman's testimony**, "He told me all that I ever did."

Did the woman at the well receive the Holy Spirit, the well-spring of Living Water?

- a. **Of Sin:** She was convicted of the wrong things she had one. She was convicted of her 5 past marriages (John 4:16-18).
- b. **Of Righteousness:** She was convicted of what she needed to be doing that she wasn't. She went and shared her testimony with the whole town of Galilee (John 4:28-29).
- c. **Of Judgment:** She moved with quickness and eagerness without wasting any time. She left her water pot she was in such a hurry to tell others that time was short and the Messiah was in their town. Jesus was only there for 2 days (John 4:43).

Summary of the Study:

1. What is the first thing that happens when we receive the Holy Spirit?

Acts 2:37

"We are convicted in our hearts and ask, 'What shall we do?'"

Acts 2:38

"Repent and be baptized"

2. What are the Gospel Signs that comes with the conviction of the Holy Spirit?
 - a. To be (reproved) convicted of sin. Sin is what we are doing that's wrong. We all need to be convicted of what we are doing wrong
 - b. To be convicted of righteousness. Righteousness is the good things we should be doing.
 - c. To be convicted of judgment, there is a sense of urgency! If you don't respond to the Spirit, you're in trouble. Today is the day of salvation (2 Cor 6:2).

Example: The woman at the well in John 4, she was convicted of all 3.

She confessed her sin, went and did right by telling others and sharing her testimony, and moved with urgency and brought others to Christ while he was there for 2 days.

These 3 things are actually a repetition of the First Angel's message:

Revelation 14:7

7 Fear God (confess your sins), Give glory to Him (testify of the good things He has done for you to others as a witness), for the Hour of His judgement is come (time is short, do not grieve the Holy Spirit).

Thinking Deeper:

John 16:9

9 Of sin, **because they believe not on me;**

Did you know after Jesus preached for 3 ½ years; He only had a small number of followers
- They stopped believing in Him -

Peter and the other disciples accomplished more in one day than Jesus accomplished in his entire ministry. Jesus sowed many seeds, but He alone could not gather in the harvest. God has asked us to do a greater work than He accomplished (John 14:12). He did not mean that we would perform bigger miracles but that through the Holy Spirit, we would be tools to gather in an even larger harvest. The Spirit is going to do great work through those who allow themselves to be convicted and go through a Baptism of fire experience. This work begins by being convicted of the sin in our lives.

Closing thoughts:

As the divine endowment—the power of the Holy Spirit—was given to the disciples, so it will today be given to all who seek aright. This power alone is able to make us wise unto salvation and to fit us for the courts above. Christ wants to give us a blessing that will make us holy. “These things have I spoken unto you,” He says, “that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” John 15:11. Joy in the Holy Spirit is health-giving, life-giving joy. In giving us His Spirit, God gives us Himself, making Himself a fountain of divine influences, to give health and life to the world. If this is your desire today, sign your name below as a sign between you and God that you want to drink of the Living Water and never thirst again and that you want to be a part of the finishing work of Christ and tell others of the wonderous love of Jesus:

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ANSWERS

A. What were the attributes that described Apollos' preaching abilities?

1. Eloquent
2. Knowledgeable
3. Instructed in the way
4. Fervent in the spirit
5. Spoke and Taught accurately of Jesus Christ
6. Spoke boldly in public
7. Powerfully refuted the Jews

B. What was Apollos lacking?

1. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit – He knew only the baptism of John which was a Baptism of repentance only. Hebrews 6:2 says “the doctrine of **baptisms**” suggesting more than one kind of washing. See the following progression:

Mark 1:8

8 I (John) indeed have **baptized you with water**: but he (Christ) shall **baptize you with the Holy Ghost**.

Luke 3:16

16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed **baptize you with water**; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall **baptize you with the Holy Ghost** and with fire:

Acts 8:16-20

16 For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then **laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost**. 18 And when **Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given**, he offered them money, 19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Acts 19:5-6

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.

Titus 3:5 (KJV)

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by **the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost**;

[Sequence: Water Baptism → Holy Spirit Baptism → Laying on of Hands \(Extra Power\)](#)

