

WHAT IS THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is God's promise to every believer. It is the supernatural empowering of the believer by the Holy Spirit to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ and to minister in the power of God.

I. THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Old Testament Prophecy

God promised through the prophet Joel that He would one day pour out His Spirit upon His people.

Joe 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

II. JESUS PROMISED THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus assured His followers that the Father willingly gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask.

Luk 11:13 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?

Key Truth

- The Holy Spirit is God's gift.
 - Every believer may ask in faith and receive.
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III. JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE

Although Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost and had the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. He was publicly anointed with the Holy Spirit after His water baptism. This was the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

John 1:32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

John 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

Key Truth

The word "baptize" means to immerse or completely cover.
Jesus ministered in the power of the Holy Spirit.

IV. THE PURPOSE OF THE BAPTISM

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not simply an experience—it is God's empowerment for ministry.

Luk 4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Luk 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Key Truth

Jesus did not begin His public ministry until He was anointed by the Holy Spirit.

V. THE PROMISE TO EVERY BELIEVER

Jesus declared that all believers may receive the Holy Spirit.

John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified)

VI. POWER TO WITNESS

Jesus promised supernatural power to believers.

Mar 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Mar 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Key Truth

The primary purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is to empower believers to be witnesses for Christ.

VII. THE DAY OF PENTECOST

The promise became reality on the Day of Pentecost.

*Act 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be **baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall*



receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Key Truth

Speaking with other tongues accompanied their receiving the Holy Spirit.

VIII. BELIEVERS RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Samaritans

Acts 8:12-17

Although they had believed and were baptized in water, they had not yet received the Holy Ghost.

Peter and John prayed for them.

They received the Holy Ghost.

The Ephesian Disciples

Acts 19:1-6

Paul asked:

"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

After believing on Christ and receiving prayer, they:

- Received the Holy Ghost
- Spoke with tongues
- Prophesied

Key Truth

These passages demonstrate that believers may receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit after they have believed in Jesus Christ.



IX. SPEAKING IN TONGUES

A Personal Prayer Language

1 Corinthians 14:2

"...he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God..."

Spiritual Edification

1 Corinthians 14:4

"...he that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself..."

Building Your Faith

Jude 20

"...building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost."

Key Truth

Praying in the Spirit strengthens and edifies the believer.

HOW TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Be born again through faith in Jesus Christ.
 2. Desire the promise of the Father.
 3. Ask God in faith.
 4. Receive by faith.
 5. Yield yourself to the Holy Spirit.
 6. Trust Him to give utterance as you speak by faith.
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CONCLUSION

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is God's promise to every believer. Through this gift we receive supernatural power to witness, a deeper prayer life, spiritual edification, and boldness to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Acts 1:8

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..."