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*The Baptism of the Holy Spirit*

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**I BACKGROUND**

◆ **This is the “*promise of the father*”**

*“I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”* (Luke 24:49) Also Acts 1:4 & 2:33.

◆ **This promise was not restricted to those believers but is for all believers**

*“The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call.”* (Acts 2:39)

◆ **The use of terms**

- ‘Baptism’ means to immerse, dip, plunge into or bury.
- The word ‘en’ means ‘with’ or ‘in’.

◆ **At conversion the Spirit baptises you into Jesus**

*“For all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”*  
(Galatians 3:27) *“For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body...”* (1 Corinthians 12:13)

◆ **Jesus baptises into the Holy Spirit**

*“I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me will come One who is more powerful than I, one whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”* (Matthew 3:11) *“...the one who sent me to baptise you with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is He who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.’”* (John 1:33)

◆ **People are only baptised in the Spirit after they are saved**

This is verified by both Scripture and experience.

- The disciples were saved the Old Testament way before Calvary. (John 17:6-12) They were saved the New Testament way on the day of the Resurrection and they received the Spirit in regeneration, John 20:22. Romans 8:10 – New Birth). Jesus commanded them to wait in Jerusalem until they received a mighty inducement of power. (Acts 1:4-8)
- They were baptised in the Spirit on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:16, 33)

- Paul was saved on the Damascus road. (Acts 9:1-6, 17) He was baptised in the Spirit three days later. (Acts 9:17)
- There is only one account in the Bible where someone was baptised in the Spirit at conversion. (Acts 10:44) Acts 11:13-14 shows us that he was not saved previously.

◆ **The baptism in the Holy Spirit has a two-fold outworking**

- **Outworking of power:** -

*“I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”* (Luke 24:49) This is a command for equipping us for the task Jesus has for us. It is a two-fold equipping: -

• Equipping us to be witnesses

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...”* (Acts 1:8)

- all through the book of Acts we see the disciples witnessing for Jesus *“in the power of the Spirit”*.

- Paul’s witnessing (1 Corinthians 2:4-5 & 4:19-20 & 1 Thessalonians 1:5)

• Equipping us to perform (gifts)

Everywhere the disciples went *“signs followed”* (healing) Acts 2:43. (Acts 3:11, 4:33, 5:12, 6:8, 8:6, 14:3 & 15:12 & Romans 15:1-9) When people were baptised in the Spirit the gifts began to operate.

- disciples in the Upper Room: tongues (Acts 2:4)

- Cornelius and his household: tongues (Acts 10:44-46)

- Converts at Ephesus: tongues and prophecy (Acts 19:6)

- Paul (Acts 9:17 & 1 Corinthians 14:18)

- 4000 new converts (Acts 4:31)

- Believers in Samaria *“Astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw”* (Acts 8:12-19)

- **Out working of purity (cleansing):** -

*“Holy Ghost and fire”* (Luke 3:16) *“Cloven tongues of fire”* (Acts 2:2-3)

- Purifying their hearts. Paul compares the Day of Pentecost with Cornelius baptism in the Spirit (Acts 15:8-9)

- Refreshing: *“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”* (John 7:38)

- The fruit of the Spirit displays the purifying works of the Spirit in our lives. (Ephesians 5:24)

- *“The love of God is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost...”* (Romans 5:5, Galatians 5:22-23 & 1 Corinthians 13:1-3) The fruit of the Spirit, and primarily love, is going to draw people to Christ.

◆ **The baptism in the Holy Spirit is received by faith**

- It was by faith that the disciples were baptised in the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. *“Purifying their hearts by faith.”* (Acts 15:8-9) *“That we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”* (Galatians 3:14)
- It involves: -
  - confession (1 John. 1:9)
  - consecration (Romans 12:1-2)
  - claiming (Luke 11:13)

◆ **The baptism in the Holy Spirit is maintained by obedience**

As we *“walk in the light”* we are kept clean and filled (1 John. 1:7). *“Be being filled with the Spirit...”* (Ephesian 5:18)

## **II HOW TO BE SURE THAT YOU ARE BAPTISED IN THE SPIRIT**

◆ **You must be converted**

- Although Calvary is one complete work, most people are only baptised in the Spirit after they are saved. This is verified by both Scripture and experience.
  - The disciples were saved before Pentecost.
    - the Old Testament way (John 17:6-12)
    - the New Testament way when they received the Spirit in regeneration (John 20:22)
  - They were baptised in the Spirit 40 days later on the Day of Pentecost.
    - *“tarry”* (Acts 1:4-8)
    - *“filled”* (Acts 2:1-4)
  - Paul was saved on the Damascus road, Acts 9:5-17. He was baptised in the Spirit three days later (verse 9, 17 & 18).
  - Cornelius and his household received salvation and the baptism in the Spirit at the same time (Acts 10:44). In Acts 11:13-14 we are told that Cornelius was not saved previously.
- At conversion the Spirit baptises into Jesus (Galatians 3:27 & 1 Corinthians 12:13)
- After this, Jesus baptises into the Spirit (Matthew 3:11 & John 1:33)

◆ **You must be clean (confession of all sin)**

*“Forgive sins – cleanse unrighteousness.”* (1 John.1:9)

◆ **You must be consecrated (committed)**

*“...do not be conformed to this world...”* (Romans 12:1-2)

◆ **You must claim the baptism**

This involves faith (Luke 11:13, Acts 15:8-9 & Galatians 3:14)

◆ **You must co-operate**

Once we have asked Jesus to baptise us in His Spirit we must stop asking Him and begin to thank Him that He has baptised us. Begin to praise Him, worship and exalt Him. We often have to help people to overcome their fears or prejudices regarding ‘speaking in tongues’ by encouraging them to speak out in faith, expecting the Holy Spirit to give them the words. Show people that this is one of the signs Jesus said would *“follow them that believe”* (Mark 16:17) and that in the book of Acts, people normally spoke in tongues when they were ‘baptised in the Spirit’ (Acts 2:4, 10:44-46 & 19:6)

◆ **You must continue: -**

- to obey (1 John 1:7)
- to know (Romans 6:6)
- to reckon (Romans 6:11)
- to yield (Romans 6:13)
- to be filled (Ephesians 5:18)

◆ **The Holy Spirit does a number of things**

- He sets us free (Romans 8:2 & 2 Corinthians 3:17)
- He helps us to witness without fear (Acts 1:8 & 2 Timothy 1:7)
- He teaches us (John 16:13)
- He glorifies Christ (John 16:14)

◆ **The Holy Spirit is a Person**

- *“He”* (John.14:16)
- He is co-equal with the Son (2 Corinthians 13:14)
- He teaches (John 14:26)
- He speaks (Galatians 4:6)
- He leads (Galatians 5:18 & Romans 8:14)
- He pleads with God (Romans 8:26)
- He becomes sad (Ephesians 4:30)