

## WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY CONCERNING THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sermon 4 of 4 in the “Baptism in the Holy Spirit Series”  
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**Sermon in a Sentence:** Once you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, you have certain responsibilities to fulfill.

**Sermon Purpose:** To inspire people to be baptized in the Spirit and to encourage those who have been baptized in the Spirit to begin to minister in the Spirit.

**Text:** 2 Cor. 3:7-10

### **Introduction:**

1. In our text Paul compares two kinds of ministry: ministry under the Law and the ministry under the Spirit.
  - a. One brings death—the other brings righteousness.
  - b. One is glorious—the other is more glorious.
2. Paul thus described New Testament ministry as “ministry of the Spirit.”
3. In this message we will look at this “ministry of the Spirit.”
3. Believers have five responsibilities in regard to the baptism in the Holy Spirit:

### **I. We Must Personally Experience it.**

- A. The Bible is very clear on this subject.
  1. Jesus himself was first filled with the Spirit (Luke 3:21-22; Acts 10:38).
  2. We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit (Acts 1:4-5; Eph. 5:18).
  3. We are given clear examples of being filled with the Spirit (Acts 2:4; 9:17-18; 19:1-7).
- B. A church’s greatest need is a pastor and leaders who know how to walk in the Spirit.

### **II. We Must Daily Walk in it.**

- A. The Bible often exhorts us to live our lives under the Spirit’s control (Gal. 3:3; 5:16; 1 Tim. 1:6).
- B. How can we walk in the Spirit?
  1. We must first be filled with the Spirit.
  2. We must live a life of holiness.
  3. We must live a life of prayer.
  4. We must learn to “flow” in the Spirit.
  5. We must practice obeying the Spirit’s voice.

### **III. We Must Faithfully Proclaim and Teach it.**

- A. Jesus taught and proclaimed the message of the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:9-13; 24:49-53; John 14-16; Acts 1:4-8).
- B. Peter preached about the baptism in the Spirit (Acts 2:14-21; 33; 38-39).
- C. Paul preached and taught about the baptism in the Spirit (Acts 19:1-7; Gal. 3:2-5; 14; Eph. 5:18).
- D. Have you been preaching and teaching about the baptism in the Holy Spirit? Will you?

### **IV. We Must Know How to Lead Others into the Experience.**

- A. Leading his or her members into the baptism in the Holy Spirit is a primary responsibility of every Pentecostal leader.
- B. The apostles were serious about seeing people baptized in the Holy Spirit.
  - **ILLUS:** This seriousness is illustrated in the story of the revival in Samaria (Acts 8:14-17)
- C. How can we become effective in leading others into the baptism in the Holy Spirit?
  - a. Learn all you can on the subject.
  - b. Preach often on the subject.
  - c. Learn from your mistakes and failures.
  - d. All along, stay close to the Bible.

**V. We Must Provide Opportunities for Our People to Experience it.**

- A. People will not receive the Spirit unless we encourage them and give them opportunities.
- B. How can we provide opportunities for people to be filled with the Spirit?
  - a. Create the right atmosphere in the church.
  - b. Preach often on the subject.
  - c. Pray with the people to receive.
  - d. Teach others how to pray with people to receive.

**Conclusion and Altar Call**

- 1. We must not neglect the precious gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Come and receive the Spirit today.
- 3. Others come to pray with believers to receive.

— Denny Miller