

Sermon in a Sentence: Look to Jesus to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Purpose: That believers will come to Jesus and be baptized in the Holy Spirit,

Text: Luke 3:16

I. Jesus is the One Who Baptizes in the Holy Spirit

- a. We should look to Jesus, not only as our Savior and Healer but also as our Baptizer in the Holy Spirit.
- B. The only sign of the Messiah mentioned in all four gospels is that He baptizes in the Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33)
- c. Look to Jesus today as your baptizer in the Holy Spirit!

II. We Must Prepare Ourselves to Receive this Baptism from Jesus

- A. We must prepare ourselves spiritually (Acts 2:38).
 1. Must be born again
 2. Must confess and forsake any habitual sin
- B. We must prepare ourselves mentally.
 1. Must not let misinformation confuse us.
 2. Must rather believe what the Bible teaches:
 - a. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is available today (Acts 2:14-17).
 - b. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is for all believers (Acts 3:38-39)
 - c. Speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is the initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4).
 - d. Many other wonderful results will follow (power to witness; closer relationship with God; gifts of the Spirit; power over Satan, etc.)

e. The experience must be maintained (Eph. 5:18).

- C. We must prepare ourselves emotionally.
 1. Our hearts must be ready to receive.
 2. We must want to be baptized in the Holy Spirit (Matt. 5:6; 6:33; John 7:37-39).
 3. We must believe that Jesus will baptize us in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5; Mark 11:24).

Conclusion

- Are you ready to be baptized in the Holy Spirit? Then come to Jesus, the baptizer in the Holy Spirit, and let Him baptize you today.

— Jim Lemons