

# THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**TEXT:** Acts 2:1-4

## INTRODUCTION:

1. Our text tells the story of Pentecost, when the first disciples were baptized in the Holy Spirit.
2. There is nothing more important in the Christian's life than being baptized in the Spirit.
3. In this message we will answer three questions about the baptism in the Holy Spirit:

### I. WHAT IS THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

#### A. It is when God clothes and fills a believer with His power and presence.

1. Jesus promised power to witness (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8)
2. The disciples received this power on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4).
3. You can receive the same power today.

#### B. It is a promise for all believers.

1. Acts 2:4 "The were **all** filled"
2. Acts 2:14-17 "on **all** flesh"
3. Acts 2:38-39 "**all** who are far off"
4. It is for all; *it is for you today!*

#### C. It a command to all believers.

1. Jesus commanded it (Acts 1:4-5: "he **commanded** them").

2. Paul commanded it (Eph. 5:18: "be filled with the Spirit"),
3. When God commands something it must be important.

### II. WHY IS THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT SO IMPORTANT IN EVERY BELIEVER'S LIFE?

#### A. Because it is the Christian's source of power for life and service.

1. Ref: Acts 1:8; Acts 4:31-33
2. We cannot serve God to the fullest without the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### B. When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit you will receive power to witness.

1. Jesus' promise (Acts 1:8)
2. Power to witness is the primary purpose of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
3. **Q:** Why does every believer need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit? **A:** Because every believer is called to be Christ's witness.

#### C. When you are baptized in the Spirit you will also receive power to do the following:

1. Power to **overcome temptation** and live a **holy life** (Rom. 1:4; 8:13)
2. Power to **pray** (Luke 11:1-13; Rom. 8:26-28)
3. Power to **love** (Rom. 5:5)

4. Power to better understand the **Word of God** (1Cor.2:14; John14:26; 16:13)
5. Power to **preach** (Acts 4:8, 31; 1Cor. 2:4)
6. Power to do the **works of Jesus** (John 14:12 with John14:16 and 16:7)
7. Power to more clearly discern the **voice of God** (Rom.8:16)
8. Power to **worship** (John 4:24)

### **III. HOW CAN YOU BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT TODAY?**

#### **A. Three things you must do *before* you can be filled with the Spirit:**

1. You must be truly **born again** (Acts 2:38; John14:17).
2. You must **hunger and thirst** after God (Matt.5:6; John 7:37).
3. You must be prepared to **obey** God (Acts 5:32).

#### **B. You receive the Spirit through faith**

1. Faith is the essential ingredient for receiving anything from God.
2. You must believe God for the Spirit (Gal 3:2, 14; John 7:38).

#### **C. Together we will take these three steps of faith:**

1. **Ask** in Faith.
  - a. Jesus told us to ask (Luke 11:9, 10, 13).
  - b. We must ask in faith.

#### 2. **Receive** by Faith

- a. For a gift to be fully given, someone must give it, *and* someone else must reach out and receive it.
- b. God will give (Luke 11:9-10); you must receive.
- d. Receiving is a bold, definite, present-tense act of faith.
- d. Jesus said, “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe *that you have received it*, and it will be yours” (Mark11:24)

#### 3. **Speak** in faith.

- a. Once you sense the Spirit’s presence within, begin to speak out faith.
- b. Acts 2:4 “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit *and began to speak . . .*”
- c. Speak from where you sense the Spirit of God. (i.e. you “innermost being” John 7:37).

### **CONCLUSION:**

- Come now to be baptized in the Holy Spirit