

## The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: JOEL 2:28, 29

“And this, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”

1. On what kinds of people did He say He would pour out His Spirit?
2. What can we expect sons and daughters to do?

While these things were written in the Old Testament, their fulfillment was to take place with the new Testament Church. Though Jesus was the greatest teacher to walk the face of the earth, He spoke of a time when He would go away for the express purpose of His followers to receive the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: JOHN 7:37-39

“On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If a man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within him.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.”

3. What can believers expect to flow from them according to Jesus?
4. To whom did Jesus refer when speaking of “rivers of living water”?
5. What event would cause the Holy Spirit to be given?

In the closing weeks of Jesus’ ministry He constantly spoke of the coming of the Holy Spirit and what He would mean to the Church.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: JOHN 14:16, 17

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Comforter to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

6. By what name did Jesus refer to the Holy Spirit?
  
7. Jesus said the Holy Spirit will change from being with us to being \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: LUKE 24:29

“I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been endued with power from on high.”

8. What did the Father promise that Jesus was going to send?
  
9. What attribute from on high would the Holy Spirit bring in to the life of followers of Jesus?

Jesus knew that just following Him for three years was not enough. To change them from their present state of believing yet wavering in their walk, He promised them “power from on high.” While many have been brought to salvation by the Holy Spirit, they have not received this power, for their walk is more like the disciples before the coming of the Holy Spirit than the powerful walk they had after.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ACTS 2:2-4

“Suddenly a sound like a mighty, rushing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

10. What bodily manifestations took place in those who received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ACTS 2:5, 6

“Now there were staying in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.”

11. Why were people drawn to the newly formed church from its beginning?

Peter, who only days before had denied the Lord, now boldly spoke to those gathered. He told them this event had been foretold by the prophet Joel and was to not be looked on as strange (some thought they were drunk) but was to be received by all as a gift from the risen Christ. From that day forward the followers of Jesus were no longer “closet Christians” locked away in an upper room but now became a mighty force in the earth to spread the Kingdom of God.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ACTS 2:37-39

“When people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.’”

12. What question did the people ask the followers of Jesus?

13. Peter told them to \_\_\_\_\_, be \_\_\_\_\_ and to receive the gift of the \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Peter described the Holy Spirit as a \_\_\_\_\_; given by a loving Savior to His waiting bride, the church.

15. Who all was this promise for?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ACTS 2:41

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

16. How many were baptized that day?

One of the signs of the disciples’ new power from on high was seen in that everywhere they went, people were healed, evil spirits were cast out, miracles happened and even people were raised from the dead. These early believers were not professional clergymen but simple fishermen and such, who in child-like faith believed that what Jesus said would happen indeed would happen.

What made the difference? It was the power of the Holy Spirit that made the difference then and He can make a difference now.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ACTS 10:44; 11:15-18

“While Peter was still speaking...the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.”

“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I had no further objections and praised God, saying, ‘So then, God has even granted the Gentiles repentance unto life.’”

17. What sign or evidence did Peter say let him know that the Gentiles had received the Holy Spirit?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ACTS 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.”

18. What area of the Christian walk will be empowered by the coming of the Holy Spirit?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ROMANS 8:26

“In the same way, the Spirit helps our infirmity (our lack) because we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that human words cannot express.”

19. In what way does the Spirit help our praying?

The Holy Spirit revolutionizes our ability to witness. He also prays through us in a way we don't understand but God does, for the Spirit always knows how to pray according to the will of God.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10

“To one there is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another the discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.”

20. List the nine gifts of the Spirit found in these verses:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.

#### BENEFITS OF BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Spiritual Edification – I Corinthians 14:4
2. A continual reminder of the Spirit living in you – John 14:16, 17
3. The Spirit allows us to pray in line with God's Word – Romans 8:26, 27
4. The Spirit builds our faith – Jude 20
5. The Spirit keeps us free from contamination of the mouth – I Corinthians 14:28
6. The Spirit enables us to pray for people around the world
7. The Spirit refreshes and rests us – Isaiah 28:11, 12
8. The Spirit allows us to give thanks – I Corinthians 14:15-17
9. The Spirit allows us to bring the tongue under subjection – James 3:8
10. The Spirit gives us the power to be greater witnesses – Acts 1:8

#### THERE ARE THREE DIFFERENT KINDS OF TONGUES MENTIONED IN THE SCRIPTURES

1. The Evidence at the Infilling of the Holy Spirit. We receive the evidence of the Holy Spirit when we receive the initial infilling or baptism of the Holy Spirit.
2. Praying in the Spirit or Praying in Tongues. Praying in the Spirit gives spiritual edification to the believer who is already filled with the Spirit.
3. The Gift of Tongues – In I Corinthians 12:28-31 is the gift of tongues which gives spiritual edification to the church and is usually only exercised in the church. I Corinthians 12:11.

## DEFINITION OF TONGUES

Supernaturally speaking, to God OR for God, in a language not known to the speaker.

Example:

TO GOD: (personal ministry)

Prayer or praise in tongues edifies our self. Romans 8:26; I Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:18, 19.

FOR GOD: (public ministry)

A message in tongues, plus interpretation, edifies the church. I Corinthians 14:5.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIFT

1. The PERSON of the Holy Spirit is a gift to the non-believer.
2. The INFILLING of the Holy Spirit is a gift to the believer.

Example:

John 4:13, 14 – Water goes in.

John 7:38, 39

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN BEING BORN OF THE SPIRIT AND FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

Examples

1. Jesus was born of the Spirit (Luke 1:35) and then received the fullness of the Spirit (Matthew 3:16, 17)
2. The disciples were saved (Luke 10:20) but had to be filled (Acts 1:4, 5)
3. Acts 19:2
4. Paul was saved on the road to Damascus (Acts 9). He received the Holy Spirit three days later (Acts 9:17).
5. Cornelius hears the Word (Acts 10:1-6). He was filled with the Spirit (Acts 11:14, 15).
6. Philip preached the Word and they were saved (Acts 8:5, 12) and were filled with the Spirit later.

## WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:4...Acts 10:44-46...Acts 19:1-3, 6...I Corinthians 14:2, 18

Tongues were the evidence. Some state that JOY is the evidence. Acts 8:6-8. Salvation brought Joy. Verse 17, they get filled.

### DO WE NEED TO PLEAD OR BEG OR TARRY?

Luke 24:49

Acts 1:4, 5

\*After these two accounts you'll never find anyone waiting to be filled.

Acts 8:17.....8 years after

Acts 10:44-46.....10 years after

Acts 19:1-3, 6.....20 years after

### HOW CAN I RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. By faith .....Galatians 3:13, 14
2. By believing.....Mark 16:17
3. By obeying.....Acts 5:32
4. By asking.....James 4:2

### HINDRANCES TO RECEIVING

1. Fear.....II Timothy 1:7
2. Pride.....Proverbs 16:18; I John 2:16; James 4:6
3. Traditions of men.....Colossians 2:8

### STATEMENTS PEOPLE MAKE WITH A SCRIPTURE REFERENCE THAT GIVES THE ANSWER

1. I forbid you to speak in tongues .....I Cor. 14:39
2. Speaking in tongues is a sign of over-emotionalism and fanaticism.....Mark 16:17
3. Speaking in tongues is the ability to learn many foreign languages.....I Cor. 14:2
4. I am ashamed and embarrassed to speak in tongues.....Luke 9:25, 26
5. When they speak in tongues they are full of the devil.....Acts 2:4
6. They magnify themselves when they speak in tongues....Acts 10:46
7. Tongues were just for the day of Pentecost.....Acts 8 – 8 years later; Acts 10 – 10 years later; Acts 19 – 20 years later; Acts 2:38, 39
8. Tongues ceased with the apostles.....I Cor. 13:8-12; Eph. 4:13

9. Speaking in tongues does no good.....I Cor. 14:2, 4, 5, 22
10. I hope none of my church members speak in tongues.....I Cor. 14:5
11. My church or denomination would put me out if I spoke in tongues.....John 14:23
12. The tradition of our church teaches against speaking in tongues.....Matt. 15:6

#### WHY DOES SATAN HATE SPEAKING IN TONGUES

1. Satan hates speaking in tongues because he knows it is the scripture sign to the believer that he has received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.....Acts 2, 10, 19, and Mark 16
2. Tongues are God's ordained way for the believer to be supernaturally edified in the inner man.....I Cor. 14:4
3. He (Satan) knows that through tongues and interpretation the church is made strong.....I Cor. 14:4, 5, 12
4. He knows that man can speak divine secrets to God.....I Cor. 14:2
5. Tongues is a sure sign to the unbeliever.....I Cor. 14:22
6. He knows that the Holy Spirit can pray through the believer with the groanings that cannot be uttered otherwise and it is according to the perfect will of God.....Romans 8:26, 27

#### REFILLING

\*John 14:16, "*the Spirit will abide with you forever.*"

\*In the Old Testament the oil in the tabernacle lamps had to be replenished daily. "*...to the cause that the lamps to burn continually*" (Lev. 24:2, 3).

\*Not long after the outpouring on the Day of Pentecost, the original church was again meeting together in prayer. Acts 4:31, "*And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.*"

#### HOW TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT

1. The Holy Spirit is already here. Acts 2:1
2. If you are saved you are ready to receive the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38, 39
3. Expect to receive the Holy Spirit when hands are laid on you. Acts 19:6
4. Expect the Holy Spirit to move on your vocal chords with your cooperation. Acts 2:4, 17
5. You will not receive anything false. Luke 11:11-13



6. Open your mouth and say, "I am receiving the Holy Spirit right now by faith." Psalm 81:10
7. Ask the Father to give you the Holy Spirit.

### THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS GIFTS

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In the church world many say, "Tongues have been done away with, for the Bible says tongues have ceased." These folks usually refer to the scripture, "Charity (love) never faileth, but whether there be prophesies, they shall fail, whether there be tongues, they shall cease, whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly: but then face to face; now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known."

These folks try to tell us that the BIBLE is "that which is perfect," and since we have the Bible in its complete form now, we no longer need supernatural gifts. Of course the Bible is perfect, but our understanding of God's Word certainly is imperfect. Therefore, we still, "see through a glass, darkly."

They say tongues have ceased, but they don't say anything about knowledge vanishing away. This scripture says that when that which is perfect is come, we shall see face to face, and not through a glass darkly, it is also obvious that that which is perfect has not yet come.

Knowledge has not vanished. Prophecies have not failed, and tongues have not ceased. One of these days tongues will cease. In heaven there is no necessity for tongues. Paul stated, "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him: howbeit the spirit speaketh mysteries." I Corinthians 14:2 (Weymouth's translation) reads, "He speaks divine secrets." When we get to heaven there won't be any more mysteries or secrets, so it will not be necessary to speak with tongues. As long as we are this side of Heaven, however, tongues will not cease.

### ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS FOUND AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS LESSON

1. All flesh, sons and daughters, old men, young men, male and female servants
2. Sons and daughters will prophesy
3. Rivers of living water
4. The Holy Spirit
5. Jesus being glorified
6. Comforter
7. In us
8. Holy Spirit
9. Power
10. Speaking in other tongues

11. Because of the noise of the tongues
12. "What shall we do?"
13. Repent, be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit
14. Gift
15. For their children and for all whom the Lord will call
16. 3,000
17. They heard them speaking in tongues and praising God
18. Witnessing
19. Intercedes for us by praying the will of God through groanings
20. 1. Word of wisdom; 2. Word of knowledge; 3. Faith; 4. Gifts of healing; 5. Miraculous powers; 6. Prophecy; 7. Discerning of spirits; 8. Ability to speak in different kinds of tongues; 9. Interpretation of tongues