

# The Baptism in the Holy Ghost

Introduction:

The Baptism in the Holy Ghost is essential in the life of the believer. It is true that at conversion it is the Holy Spirit that beacons us to come to Christ. The Holy Spirit is working in the world today and convinces us of our need of a savior. It was God's plan in the beginning that the Holy Spirit would work in this capacity after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus told his disciples in the book of John that he would go away, that He would not leave us comfortless, that He would send another comforter, that He may abide with us forever. It is true that there are three that bare record in heaven; The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost. The work of the Holy Spirit in the world is not only to convince men of their need for a savior, but also to convict us when we step out of line of God's Holy Word. The Holy Spirit is sent along with us in our daily walk to be a comforter. The Greek work here for comforter is "PARAKLETOS" which means (one called along side for help, Intercessor, consoler). The Holy Spirit is our guide, our teacher, our instructor, our helper. When a person accepts Christ as Lord and Savior, the next step we should take is to seek to be Sanctified daily. Sanctification is a work in progress for the believer. To sanctify means to make holy. We cannot be made holy except by following the lead of Christ and the Holy Spirit. The believer then needs to seek the fullness of God, the fullness of God is developed as we seek the infilling of the Holy Spirit. All of God's people need to be filled or "Baptized in the Holy Ghost"

Our Prayer is that these scriptures through the power of the Holy Ghost will lead you to a

deeper walk with God.

Matthew 3:11: I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Acts 1:8 says "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

### Living Water

John 7:37-38: In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Acts 1:4-5: And being assembled together with them, (Jesus) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

### Speaking with other Tongues

Acts 2:4-39 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded,

because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

Others mocking said, these men are full of new wine. But Peter standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell in Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man

approved of God among you by  
miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst  
of you, as ye yourselves  
also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and  
foreknowledge of God, ye  
have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom  
God hath raised up, having  
loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should  
be holden of it.

For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before  
my face, for he is on my  
right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart  
rejoice, and my tongue was  
glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not  
leave my soul in hell,  
neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast  
made known to me the  
ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David  
that he is both dead  
and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore  
being a prophet, and  
knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of  
his loins, according to the  
flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this  
before spake of the  
resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his  
flesh did see corruption. This  
Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore  
being by the right hand of  
God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the  
Holy Ghost, he hath shed  
forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into  
the heavens: but he  
saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,  
Until I make thy foes thy  
footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that  
God hath made that same

Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call'."

In Acts 9:5-6, Luke writes about Saul's journey to Damascus: And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for the to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. As you read on, in Acts 9:17-18 Luke writes: And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Brothers and sisters, God will fill you with the Holy Spirit, but first we must walk in repentance and be willing to receive by faith His free gift which will empower us.

You Should be baptized with the Holy Ghost!

Why you should seek to be baptized in the Holy Ghost:

A. Acts 1:8 Power In the Lords Work.

Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

B. Romans 8:26 Power in Prayer.

C. John 14:12: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

1. A person must accept Jesus Christ as Savior before he or she can experience the baptism in the Holy Ghost.

When you are born again, you are drawn by the Holy Ghost into the Body of Christ. This is called the new birth; the old man passes away and becomes a new creature in Him.

New birth is not the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Jesus said in Luke 24:49 : And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. The disciples had not yet received the baptism in the Holy Ghost; but, very shortly, they were to receive the fullness of the power from on high which would make them stronger witnesses for Him.

2. Next is water baptism all Christians need water baptized, which is an outward sign of an inward grace.

Acts 8:12-17, Luke writes about Philip preaching Christ: But when

they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Acts 19:1-3, Luke writes: And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Third, there is baptism in the Holy Spirit with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues.

3. It's God's will that all be filled with the Spirit

Luke 11:13 (Jesus said) If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children;

how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Ghost to them that ask Him?

4. All believers are commanded to receive, Be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, in wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.

Acts 10:44-45 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5. When one receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit, there is an utterance by the Spirit, and an expression is made in an unknown tongue.

Acts 2:4 states: They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." The people cooperated in speaking, but the Holy Spirit gave the utterance.

6. Edification of God's People

I Corinthians 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

7. The baptism of the Holy Ghost comes upon us as we worship and praise God.

John 4:23-24 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the

Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24. God is a Spirit:

and they that worship must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Worship is worship, when it is in Spirit and in truth.

8. Praying in the Holy Ghost.

Jude 1:20 ....beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

I Corinthians 14:18 states: I thank God that I speak in tongues more than you all.

Paul also said, "forbid not to speak with tongues"

9. Praying in the Holy Ghost is our direct line to the throne of God

Romans 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.

For we do not know what

we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings

which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

10. The Holy Ghost is for you, and your children, sons and daughters Joel 2:28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit.

Conclude

You should seek to be filled with the Holy Ghost for it is the will of God that you are equipped to do His work.

God Bless You  
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