

Discipleship Training School: Session Three
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Jesus Christ Baptizes His Disciples With The Holy Spirit & Fire!

Key Bible Verses: Joel 2:28-32; Matt. 3:11-12; Lk. 3:16-17; Jn. 7:37-39; Jn. 14:15-19; Jn. 16:5-16; Lk. 24:48-49; Acts 1:1-8, Acts 2:1-47, 4:8, 4:31, 5:32, 6:5, 7:51, 8:55, 8:9-25, 8:39, 9:17, 9:31, 10:38-48, 11:15-18, 13:2, 16:7, 19:1-7, 20:22-24, 20:28,

Introduction: Every aspect of following Christ requires the supernatural help of the indwelling Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. We cannot be Christ's disciples without Christ's Spirit.

Purpose: Jesus Christ wants to baptize (completely immerse) His disciples with the Holy Spirit & Fire! The Person of the Holy Spirit enables us to BE like Christ, and DO like Christ, in the context of the Body of Christ. We want the fullness of Christ and His Kingdom WITHIN our hearts. We want the full exchange of Christ's Spirit BETWEEN believers connected covenantally (oneness) in mind, heart, and lifestyle. We want Christ's kingdom fully actualized WITHOUT – on earth as it is in heaven. It takes the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for this to happen!

Who is The Person of the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Godhead. He is a Person – not just energy or power. There is One God expressed in Three Persons. All three Persons of the Godhead are fully God in essence, and all three Persons are of equal value and importance. However, each member of the Trinity has different roles and responsibilities. Holy Spirit's primary role is to testify about Christ and to bring Him glory. Jn. 15:26-16:1-15 He acts as a Being with personality would act— He speaks ([1 Timothy 4:1](#)), He loves ([Romans 15:30](#)), He teaches ([John 14:26](#)), He intercedes (Romans 8:26).

Another role of the Holy Spirit is to turn us away from self-worship, sin, and demonic control by convicting us of sin, righteousness, and judgment. (Jn. 16:7-11) The Holy Spirit inspires true repentance and the reverential fear of God. (Acts 9:31) The Holy Spirit is here to help us love and obey Jesus. The Holy Spirit is jealous for the glory of God. He has one agenda - to glorify God by bringing everything in heaven and earth under the kingly rule of Jesus Christ. (Eph. 1:9-10) The Holy Spirit is the One who executes on earth the desires of the Father and Son. The Holy Spirit comforts, instructs, empowers, leads, heals, delivers. A Greek word for the Holy Spirit is "paraclete" which means "one who comes along side us to enable us to be and do what God desires". He is our Helper, Counselor, Teacher, and Empowerment.

The Holy Spirit is jealous for the glory of God and the total rule of Christ in both heaven and earth. Therefore, He is committed to the task of partnering with our true self to kill our false self. (Ro. 8:13) The Holy Spirit is holy. The baptism of fire is the burning out of all the impurities inside of us, so that our false self is totally destroyed. The Holy Spirit is deconstructing anything that props us up other than Christ and the Kingdom of God. He will set up scenarios that will result in the public crucifixion of our false self. There will be a day when the praise of man, the fear of man, our reputation, what people think will not matter in light of our passion to bring God glory. Our false self will be crucified with Christ, so that our true self can live for God and His glory. (Gal. 2:20) This is true freedom. The happiest day of our lives is when we are set free from our worst enemy – our false self. This can only happen with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The Person of the Holy Spirit can be:

1. Quenched. 1 Thess. 5:19
2. Grieved. Eph. 4:30
3. Resisted. Acts 7:51
4. Followed. Ro. 8:14
5. Obeyed. Acts 5:32

Jesus Christ is the One who baptizes us with the Holy Spirit & Fire! Acts 2:33; Lk. 3:16

1. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit Occurs In Two General Areas:
 - a. Within our “inner most being” our spirits and hearts: The Holy Spirit’s fire transforms our motives, attitudes, and character into Christ’s likeness. The impurities of our false fallen self are burnt out. Our minds get renewed and our hearts get transformed. The fruit of the Spirit start operating in our lives. Jn. 7:37-39; Eph. 1:13; Gal. 5:23
 - b. Upon us for power to be witnesses and make disciples. The Spirit comes ON us to do the works of Jesus like a.) sharing the gospel in word and deed with power, b.) healing the sick, c.) casting out demons, d.) miracles, e.) gifts of the Spirit, f.) ruling and reigning on earth as servant sons and daughters. 2 Tim. 2:12; Acts 1:8

Are we baptized in the Holy Spirit at our conversion or at a later time?

1. There are differing viewpoints in the Body of Christ. Some say you get the Holy Spirit at conversion – all the Spirit, not part of the Spirit, is given in order to experience “new birth”. The Spirit comes in our heart and causes our spirit to be reborn and regenerated. (Jn. 3:5) Others say you get the baptism of the Holy Spirit following conversion. They point to several stories in the Book of Acts where this occurred: Act 8:15-16, 19:2-7
2. I believe that it may be the ideal for the full baptism of the Holy Spirit (within and upon) to occur at our new birth. However, this usually does not occur for many reasons: a.) ignorance (people haven’t heard the full gospel and faith comes by hearing), b.) people have religious traditions which have created unbiblical biases against the supernatural. Some have been taught that spiritual gifts are not for today (cessationism), c.) emotional, intellectual, and cultural resistance, d.) circumstances.
3. There must be the baptism of the Holy Spirit within for new birth to occur. (Jn. 3:5) However, the baptism of the Holy Spirit UPON may come later.
4. Either way, we should all want as much of the Holy Spirit’s influence and power in our lives as possible. Let’s get baptized within and upon, and get continually baptized, and stay in the endless flow and infilling of the Holy Spirit. Eph. 5:18

Is speaking in tongues a required sign that one has been baptized in the Holy Spirit?

1. There are also differing viewpoints around the issue of tongues. Some say that speaking in tongues is the necessary sign which determines you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Others say it is not a requirement. My conviction is that tongues is not required but should be desired. (1 Cor. 14:1) I believe not everyone has the gift of prophecy in tongues (or interpretation). (1 Cor. 12:30) I do believe that everyone is given the ability to pray in tongues. 1 Cor. 14:5
2. There are three kinds of “tongues” mentioned in the Bible:
 - a. Speaking an actual foreign language without any training or background in that language. Acts 2:4-12
 - b. Speaking prophetically in a heavenly or angelic language (not spoken on earth). This is a public prophesy requiring the spiritual gift called “Interpretation”. 1 Cor. 14:1-5

- c. Praying (speaking) in tongues (an unknown heavenly language) unto God. 1 Cor. 14:14

Process of Being Baptized In the Holy Spirit

1. Repentant and renewed mind. Eph. 4:18; 1 Cor. 2:14; Ro 12:2
 - a. Many do not know about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 19:2
 - b. God exists and He rewards those who seek Him. Heb. 11:6
 - c. God is Spirit and creates the natural world from the Spiritual world. We believe in the spirit realm. Heb. 11:3
 - d. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for today! Acts. 2:38-39
 - e. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all followers of Christ. Acts 2:17
 - f. If you ask for the Holy Spirit, you will get the Holy Spirit. Lk. 11:13
 - g. We have to see beyond logic and reason, with new eyes at a new level of supernatural reality. The natural mind does not comprehend the things of the Spirit. 1 Cor. 2:14; Eph. 1:17-
2. Healed emotions. Many have deep seated fears around supernatural activity. Some have been in very scary situations within church settings that have resulted in suspicion, distrust, wounding, or disdain. Others have been manipulated, coerced, even forced to do things against their will. The Kingdom of God produces peace, righteousness, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ro. 14:17 Forgive the offenders. Do not live in reaction to what was bad.
3. Repentant heart. Acts 2:38
4. Forgive and be forgiven. Prolonged unforgiveness, bitterness, will block the Holy Spirit. Mercy and forgiveness, based on the blood of Christ, open the door to the Spirit of God. Acts 2:38; Eph. 4:30-32
5. Believing heart. Acts 2:38
6. Sometimes there is the laying on of hands to "impart" the Holy Spirit. Acts. 8:14-19
7. Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes on people during anointed preaching. Acts 10:44

What are the indicators that you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit?

1. The Spirit tells your spirit you are a son of God. Ro. 8
2. You love God enough to obey Him quickly, completely, and cheerfully.
3. You cultivate a "pray, hear, obey" lifestyle.
4. You start receiving the mind of Christ that results in outward "fruit". The Word of God becomes understandable in your "knower". Dreams, vision, and revelation increase allowing you to "see" the kingdom of God more clearly. Renewed thinking and revelation results in the upgrade of love and responsibility.
5. The fruit of the Spirit starts growing in your lifestyle. Gal. 5:23. You are a lot nicer, kinder, more loving, patient and gentle toward others.
6. The power of God increases dramatically causing you to effectively a.) share and demonstrate the gospel to unbelievers, b.) pray for the kingdom to come on earth, c.) make disciples who make disciples, d.) connect in greater unity and love with natural and spiritual family, e.) accept more responsibilities in the kingdom, i.e. leadership, management, serving, increases, f.) you do inner healing and deliverance, g.) you discover and utilize your spiritual gifts, h.) you pray for the sick with effectiveness.
7. You experience a "happy holiness" that causes you to want to live pure and holy before God. The fear of God increases. Moral purity expands, even in areas and places no one can see you.