

## Baptism of the Holy Spirit & Praying In Tongues

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people. 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." Joel 2:28-32

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Lk. 3:16

"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Lk. 24:49

"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." Jn. 14:26

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:4

1. Fuel & Power - To function in all dimensions of life, one must receive a steady supply of fuel or power. The power we need to function in the realm of the kingdom of God is the Person of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Source of our "power= *dunamis* or dynamite in Greek. Acts 1:8 Energy or *enérgeia* (the root of the English term "energy") – *energy*; "power *in action*" strength" etc. Eph. 1:18; 3:7; 4:16.
2. It is in our human spirit that we commune with the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 6:17
3. The Holy Spirit comes into our human spirit and flows out from our inner-most being. (John 7:38) The primary purpose of the Holy Spirit within our spirit/heart is to facilitate intimacy with Christ and our transformation into Christ's likeness: a. fruit of the Spirit, b. wisdom & revelation of the Spirit, c. motivational power of the Spirit. The indwelling influence of the Holy Spirit occurs at our conversion when we receive Christ into our hearts as Lord-King. We are "sealed" with the Holy Spirit at conversion. (Eph. 1:13; 2 Cor. 1:27) The Holy Spirit also comes "on" us in order to give us power to be witnesses of Christ, to make disciples, and to advance Christ's kingdom in every sphere of life. When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, it is called the "baptism of the Holy Spirit".
4. What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
  - a. The Word "baptism" means "to dip, be immersed". It is when we are totally overcome by the Spirit.
  - b. Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. He is God. (Matt 28:19; 2 Co. 13:14; 1 Pet 1:2, Acts 5:3-4)
  - c. One of the Greek words for the Holy Spirit is "paraclete". It means "one who comes along side of".
  - d. The Holy Spirit possesses attributes of personality (Acts 15:28; 1 Co.2:10-12).
  - e. The word "filled" is often used to describe the Holy Spirit's capacity to profoundly merge with our human spirit and influence us to receive God's fruit, wisdom/knowledge/counsel, power plus spiritual gifts. Acts 2:4
5. Subsequent experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit to and separate from the new birth and salvation. Acts. 8:5-18; 19:1-7; Eph. 1:13
  - a. Speaking in tongues as one of the indicators that the one has been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Is.28:11-12; 1 Co. 14:18-22; Acts 2:4; Acts 8:18-19; Acts 9:17, 10:44-46, 19:6; Mk. 16:17
6. The role of the Holy Spirit.
  - a. Holy Spirit brings us into the realm of the supernatural power of God. Acts 1:8; 1 Co. 12:7-11
  - b. He convicts us of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Jn. 16:8
  - c. He draws us to Christ. Jn. 6:44

- d. He comes upon us and within us to bring sanctification, transformation into Christ's likeness. 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:2
  - e. The Holy Spirit gives us our identities by telling us we are sons of God. Ro. 8:14-16
  - f. Holy Spirit is our Teacher. He helps expose lies and deception. He speaks, reveals, and teaches the Truth. The Holy Spirit helps to dismantle "strongholds" in our lives. "Strongholds" are a collection of lies that are deeply embedded in our souls that keep us from enjoying all the benefits and promises that Christ's death on the cross purchased. Jn. 14:26; 16:12-13; I Co.2:9-10,12; 1 Jn.2:27
  - g. The Holy Spirit helps to replace negative ungodly emotions with Christ's emotions like peace, joy, gladness, etc. Gal. 5:22
  - h. The Holy Spirit enables us to carry out the actions, behaviors, and strategies that advance the kingdom of God. Supernatural boldness is a benefit of the influence of the Holy Spirit.
  - i. He gives us His attributes (fruit). Gal. 5:22
  - j. He gives us His counsel, wisdom, revelation. Eph. 1:17-18
  - k. He communicates to us in many creative ways: dreams, visions, etc. Acts 2:17-18
  - l. He empowers and emboldens us to speak the Words and do the Works of Jesus Christ. He gives us special spiritual gifts to build up the church and advance the kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 2:4-5
  - m. The Holy Spirit gives signs, wonders, and miracles to enable us to effectively preach the good news of Christ and His Kingdom and to advance His Kingdom. Ro. 15:19; 1 Co.2:4-5; 2 Co. 6:7, Zech 4:6, Mk. 16:15
  - n. The Holy Spirit commissions you with a calling, ministry, gifts and talents.
  - o. He gives us comfort and help. Jn. 14:16; Ro. 8:26
7. Getting to know, love, and obey the Holy Spirit.
    - a. The Holy Spirit wants to be in your life 24/7/365.
    - b. He wants you to have a very close relationship with Him.
    - c. He wants to lead you. Ro. 8 ; Gal. 5:18
    - d. He wants to "come along side you", enabling you to BE like Christ, and Do like Christ.
  8. The Holy Spirit will not bypass your cooperation and permission.
    - a. You must constantly humble yourself to the Holy Spirit and place your faith in Him.
    - b. An attitude, action, and lifestyle of repentance is key to unleashing the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38
    - c. You must give constant and ongoing permission to the Holy Spirit to work through you.
    - d. Obedience to the Holy Spirit releases greater interaction and influence from the Holy Spirit. Acts 5:32
  9. How to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
    - a. Believe that it is God's will. Lk 11:13
    - b. Ask God. Lk. 11:9-13
    - c. Believe and acknowledge that you have received. Mk. 11:24; 1 Jn. 5:14-15
    - d. Begin to speak in new tongues. Acts 2:4
    - e. Continue to pray in tongues daily. 1 Co. 14:2-4, Eph. 6:18; Jude 20-21
  10. Speaking in tongues is a very important part of being "baptized in the Holy Spirit". There are three kinds of "tongues" described in the Word of God.
    - a. Communicating in a known language of the day that one has never learned. Acts 2:4
    - b. Praying in tongues. We believe the scripture teaches that everyone has the ability to pray in tongues when they are baptized in the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 14:2-5 Why would Paul write, "I would like every one of you to speak in tongues."
    - c. Prophecy in tongues in a corporate worship setting. This requires the gift and utilization of the gift of "interpretation".
  11. Remaining "filled" with the Holy Spirit. Eph. 5:18
    - a. Learn how to keep from "leaking". For example, "Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger" Eph. 4:31
    - b. Don't quench or grieve the Holy Spirit. Eph. 4:30