

LESSON 3

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Required Bible Reading:

Isaiah 28:11-12

Matthew 3:11

Mark 1:8

Luke 3:16

John 1:33

John chapter 3

John 7:39

John 20:19-22

Acts chapters 1-28

Romans 8:26-28

1 Corinthians chapter 14

2Corinthians 5:17

Jude 20

Brother Hagin's book, *Why Tongues*

There have been many arguments about the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Some say you have all the Holy Spirit you'll ever get when you are born again. There are others that say speaking in tongues is of the devil. There are others who say if you don't speak with other tongues then you are not saved. Others say the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not for everyone. Each one of these statements is not correct.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit was instituted by Jesus Christ and is for everyone who has been born again. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is always accompanied with speaking in tongues. Reading the book of Acts will prove this to be true. If you have not spoken with tongues, you are not baptized in the Holy Spirit. You don't have to be baptized in the Spirit to go to heaven, but you do have to be born again to enter heaven. To truly understand the purpose of the baptism of the Holy Spirit you must understand the purpose of the Holy Spirit when you are born again.

After Jesus arose from the dead He appeared to his disciples and breathed on them and said receive the Holy Spirit. This is the first place in the Bible that we have a record of anyone being born-again. No one could be born again until Jesus Christ shed his blood and died on the cross paying the penalty for the sin of all mankind.

To be born-again you must confess Jesus as your Lord and believe that He rose from the dead. Jesus showed the nail and sword wounds to the disciples when He appeared to them and they believed that He rose from the dead. He then breathed on them and told them to receive the Holy Spirit. They were born-again. The Holy Spirit came into their life to change them and they became new creatures in Christ Jesus.

This simply means that their spiritual nature was changed. Their whole outlook on life was different and now they lived to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. The purpose of the Holy Spirit at that point was to help them and not anyone else. This is where the church world as a whole has missed it. The church has tried to take the new birth experience alone and change the world and Jesus never meant for that to happen. That doesn't mean you can't help someone in a measure and lead them to Christ, but if your going to help anyone to any greater extent you need to be baptized with the Holy Spirit according to Jesus.

In Acts chapter one, Jesus commanded some of the disciples, that He had already breathed on to receive the Holy Spirit, to wait until they were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 tells us the purpose of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It says that you will receive power (supernatural miracle working gifts and abilities) when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. The purpose of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to help others come to Christ and get set free. Miracles, signs and wonders accompany those who are baptized in the Spirit.

Acts chapter two records what happened when they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. It tells that they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues (other languages) as the Spirit gave them the utterance. Notice that all of them were filled with the Spirit and all spoke in other tongues. The reason they were was because they were seeking the experience like Jesus told them to. Up until that special day of Pentecost they had to wait for the Holy Spirit to be sent to the earth by Jesus Christ. Ever since that day, the Holy Spirit has been available to all who desire to be filled. You don't have to wait anymore all you have to do is receive Him.

This lesson is not meant to cover every aspect of the Holy Spirit but there are some things we need to look into. When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit you speak with other tongues or languages you never learned. This is a supernatural Holy Spirit language that will also help you to pray the perfect will of God. **Romans 8:26** tells us that the Holy Spirit will pray in a given circumstance. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not an intellectual thing. It is of the spirit of man, not his mind. This manifestation of God's Spirit actually confounds our natural thinking. We are speaking a language we don't understand and yet are actually communicating with God. It is by this empowerment that we actually speak out the mysteries of God and can receive revelation of God's will for every area of our lives. Receive this promise by faith and then begin to use it to help others and build yourself up. Although Paul called tongues the least of all the gifts, it is the means to unlocking the power of God so you can become all He wants you to be.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

If you do not have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, then we ask that you follow the scriptures and receive this endowment of power from on high. If you already have the baptism, then help someone else receive by following the Biblical examples you have found in this lesson.

Date Accomplished: _____

Name of Person spoken to: _____

Print Name Here: _____ Date: _____

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HOLY SPIRIT

1. Jesus stated that we “must be born of _____ and of the _____”
2. What is the sign which always accompanies the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

3. Who preached the message of repentance after the Holy Spirit fell on those that were in the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost? _____
4. How many were added to the church that day? _____
5. The spirits of the prophets are subject to the _____
6. Miracles, _____ and _____ accompany the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
7. What is the purpose of the baptism of the Holy Spirit? _____

8. You speak in tongues as the _____ gives utterance.

True or False

9. When a person prays in an unknown tongue, his soul prays. T___ F___