

CHAPTER 5

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Holy Spirit baptism is often thought of as the same experience as when we were first saved, but it is clear in the Bible that these are different works of the Holy Spirit. In John 20:22, Jesus breathed on the disciples with the Holy Spirit. However, in Acts 1:4-5, He said to the same disciples that they had to wait in Jerusalem as “in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.” So the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a different work to that of salvation.

WAS THE HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

- A. Bezalel was filled with the Spirit of God (Ex. 31:3), making him skilled in crafts. So the Holy Spirit enables men to do God-appointed tasks.
- B. The Holy Spirit came upon Moses and his Elders (Num. 11:25).
- C. In special times, the Holy Spirit was active in people’s lives (Judg. 11:29). The Holy Spirit enabled Jephthah to destroy the Ammonites.
- D. Othniel and Gideon both accomplished victory for the Lord when the Holy Spirit empowered them (Judg. 3:10-11, 6:34).
- E. Samson did not have natural strength: it was only when the Holy Spirit came upon him that he was able to perform supernatural feats (Judg. 14:6).

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit came upon men and then withdrew (1 Sam. 10:6, 16:14). In John 1:33, John the Baptist said that the Messiah would come and the Holy Spirit would remain.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS ACTIVE IN CHRIST'S LIFE

Jesus Christ is our foundation and pattern for the flow of God through the Church.

CHRIST WAS	THE CHURCH IS TO BE
Born of the Spirit (Luke 1:35)	Born of the Spirit (John 3:5)
Filled with the Spirit (John 3:34)	Filled with the Spirit (Eph. 3:19)
Baptised with the Spirit (Matt. 3:16-17)	Baptised with the Spirit (Acts 1:5)
Led of the Spirit (Matt. 4:1)	Led of the Spirit (Rom. 8:14)
Sealed by the Spirit (John 6:27)	Sealed by the Spirit (Eph. 1:13)
Empowered by the Spirit (Luke 4:14)	Empowered by the Spirit (Acts 1:8)
Anointed by the Spirit (Acts 10:38)	Anointed by the Spirit (1 John 2:27)

IS THE HOLY SPIRIT HERE JUST TO HELP US?

- A. In the modern Church, we regularly hear prayers that sound like this: "Come Holy Spirit, do a work, revive us, let us see miraculous signs and wonders, etc."
- B. If I woke up in the morning and said, "Wife get my breakfast, clean up after that, vacuum the carpets, now I need some dinner, wash my car, get my supper, etc." What sort of a relationship would I have? A very poor one, and yet we use the Holy Spirit like this all the time.

2 Cor. 13:14 says, "The _____ of the Holy Spirit be with you all." This expression means 'an intimate relationship' with the third person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is a real person who can be _____ (Eph. 4:30).

As in a natural relationship where we learn intimacy, so the Holy Spirit longs to have an intimate relationship with God's people.

DO WE NEED TO BE BAPTISED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. Jesus was baptised in the Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:16; John 1:19-34). If Jesus who was perfect was baptised in the Spirit, how much more do we need to be?
- B. Jesus baptised not with water, but with the Holy Spirit (John 1:33, 4:2).
- C. Jesus promised life from within us, through the Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39).

- D. The Father, through Jesus, gave the Holy Spirit as promised (Acts 2:33).

WHY DOES GOD SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. It was a _____ and a giving of _____
(Acts 1:4-5 and 8, 2:33 and 39; Luke 24:48).
- B. It is a separate _____ which we have or we don't have. Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the Early Church was classed as the foundation of our conversion (Acts 2:38).

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ARE BAPTISED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. All the people began to _____. Not some, but all the people (Acts 2:4).
- B. They declared the _____ of God.
- C. It was an experience which could be _____ (Acts 8:18 and 21).
- D. Cornelius and all the people _____ (Acts 10:44-46).

The Bible does not say 'tongues' is the evidence for Holy Spirit baptism, but wherever you read about people being filled with the Holy Spirit, you also read that the majority spoke in tongues.

CAN YOU BE A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT BEING BAPTISED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. In Acts 19:1-6, Paul found some disciples who had been baptised in water, but had not heard about the Holy Spirit. So these Christians were _____ with the Holy Spirit. In verse 6, "Paul placed his hands on them and the _____ came on them and they _____" when they found out there was such an experience.
- B. Being filled with the Holy Spirit gives Christians _____ to witness for Jesus to all men (Acts 1:8). We are much weaker when we have not received the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C. God desires everyone to be filled and to speak in tongues so that, when the tough times come, we have an instrument with which to _____ ourselves (1 Cor. 14:4).

- D. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is for _____ who believe (Matt. 16:17; Acts 2:38-39).

WHY DOES GOD BAPTISE THE TONGUE?

- A. The tongue causes most of our problems, so He baptised the tongue with _____ (Matt. 3:11).
- B. Baptism and tongues is a _____ of the believer (Mark 16:17).
- C. So we can worship the Lord (Acts 10:46).
- D. So we can pray more effectively (Eph. 6:18).

HOW DO WE GET FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. We _____ Jesus to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- B. Thirst and hunger after righteousness (Matt. 5:6).