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THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT KINGDOM COME SERIES: A STUDY OF ACTS 1&2

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TEXTS: Acts 2:38-39 And Peter *said* unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him.

INTRODUCTION: We talked about the foundational truths of repentance and baptism in water. Hebrews 6:1 states, “baptisms” plural. I want to talk today about The Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

DEFINITION: Baptism with the Holy Spirit happens when the believer encounters Jesus as Baptizer and becomes immersed inwardly and outwardly with the Holy Spirit, resulting in greater manifestation of His power and His presence.

I. BIBLICAL PROMISE

- A. Matthew 3:11** “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”
- B. Acts 1:4-5** “ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘which,’ *He said*, ‘you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’”

II. THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DISTINCT FROM CONVERSION

A. THE APOSTLES

- 1. John 20:21-22** “So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’ ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”
- 2. Luke 24:49** “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

B. THE SAMARITANS



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1. Acts 8:5-6 “Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. ⁶ And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.”
2. Acts 8:14-16 “Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, ¹⁵ who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.”

C. THE APOSTLE PAUL

1. Converted on the road to Damascus by a personal encounter with the resurrected Jesus Acts 9:3-9.
2. Acts 9:17-18 “And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁸ Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.”
3. My experience of being baptized with the Holy Spirit in 1974

D. CORNELIUS

1. Acts 10:44-46 “While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.”
2. Although this experience can happen at the same time as conversion, it seems that the experience is distinct and separate from conversion.
3. Story of Lisa

III. ONE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, BUT MANY FILLINGS

- A. Acts 4:31 “And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”
- B. Ephesians 5:18 (The Passion Translation) “And don’t get drunk with wine, which is rebellion; instead be filled with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.”
- C. I made a covenant with God to stay in the River of God (Ezekiel 47)



IV. THE PURPOSE OF THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. POWER

1. Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

B. BOLDNESS

1. Acts 4:31 “And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”

C. SIGNS AND WONDERS

1. Acts 6:8 “And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.”

D. SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE IMPARTED

1. MINISTRY GIFTS (EPHESIANS 4:11)
2. MANIFESTATIONS GIFTS (1 CORINTHIANS 12&14)
3. MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS (ROMANS 12:6-8)
4. Don’t compare your experience with others. Jesus received the Holy Spirit like a dove, Luke 3:21-22; but the disciples in the upper room experienced fire coming upon them, Acts 2:1-4.

V. SPEAKING IN TONGUES

A. DEFINITION The gift of tongues is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ (1) to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or (2) to receive and communicate an immediate message from God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance in a language they have never learned. Wagner, C. Peter. *Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow*. Baker Publishing Group.

1. You don’t have to speak in tongues as a sign that you have been baptized, but it is something that you should want. Any gift from God is to be desired.
2. We don’t hold to the Pentecostal doctrine that a tongue is the evidence that you have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. There are many other manifestations like prophecy. Sometimes you have a manifestation of laughter, shaking, falling, etc.
3. Tongues edifies you, 1 Cor. 14:4.
4. You grow stronger in faith, **Jude 20 “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.”**
5. It is used for blessing, thanking and magnifying God, 1 Corinthians 14:2, 15-16.



6. It is used for intercession: **Romans 8:26-27**, “**In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God,**” and **Ephesians 6:18**, “**...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints...**”
7. Public tongues if followed with interpretation edifies the church, 1 Corinthians 14:3-5, 26; e.g., Ellen and Akiko

CONCLUSION: HOW WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Hunger and thirst for the Holy Spirit: **Matthew 5:6**, “**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled**”; John 7:37-38,
2. Repent and totally surrender to the Holy Spirit, Acts 2:38, Acts 5:32.
3. Ask and receive by faith, Luke 11:9-13, “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you... ¹³**how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**”
4. Step out and praise Him in tongues!

