

## The Holy Spirit part 2

### The *Baptism of the Holy Spirit*

- I. BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT (the promise of the Father)
- II. WHAT IS THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT (The three relationships *Para, En, Epi*. The third, *epe*, the coming upon to overflowing of the Holy Spirit in order to be his witnesses in this world. This experience happens separate from regeneration or being born again)
- III. BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT SUBSEQUENT TO BEING BORN AGAIN AS SEEN IN THE SCRIPTURES (Chapter 2; 8; 9; 10; 19)
- IV. BE OPEN AND RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Ask and you shall receive)

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#### I. BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. Last week we pointed out that Jesus was preparing His disciples for His soon and coming departure. He would no longer be here physically on earth and His disciples would no longer enjoy the privilege of seeing Him, hearing Him, touching Him and enjoying fellowship and ministry with Him physically.
- B. We also saw and pointed out that though He was truly leaving he was not going to abandon His disciples and leave them as orphans. This is important when we consider the great task of the great commission given to them and us by Jesus. He was not going to leave them or us to fend for ourselves and try to accomplish this great task apart from Him. Jesus reassured his disciples of this fact when he said to them...
  1. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me... I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter [helper], that he may abide with you for ever; the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless [greek, *orphanos*]: I will come to you." **John 14:1,16-18**

...In fact as good as it was for Jesus to be physically around for His disciples He said himself...
  2. "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient [advantageous] for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter [helper] will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." **John 16:7**
    - a) This is truly an amazing thing to say to a bunch of guys that had lived with, walked with, ministered with, saw the power of, saw the wisdom of Jesus. "How could this be a good thing"...they must have asked themselves.
    - b) The disciples learned over and over for the last three years that it's great to have Jesus around. Every time a tempting Pharisee came Jesus handled it. Every time they found themselves in the midst of a storm, Jesus handled it. Every time there was a multitude to feed with no food present Jesus handled it. All the difficult questions, people, and circumstances that life could afford Jesus handled flawlessly and fearlessly. "The disciples discovered that Jesus was a handy Person to have around. They never had to worry when Jesus was present. They learned to relax and be confident because they knew the Lord was there to help." (Chuck Smith)

c) All this is well and true, but our Lord said that it is better that He should go in order that He send the Holy Spirit to us for the work of the ministry, or to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Acts 1:8

d) And so we see in Scripture the experience of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit spoken of.

C. Prior to pentecost the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was spoken of by John the Baptist and by Jesus in the new Testament. We can see this in...

1. **Matthew 3:11** "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: *he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.*" John the Baptist speaking.

...and in...

2. **John 1:33** "And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, *the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.*" Again John the baptist speaking.

...and...

3. **Acts 1:4 - 5 + 8** "And, being assembled together with [them], commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, [saith he], ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence...But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

D. So what's the difference The Baptism with The Holy Spirit is different from the Baptism of John and the Baptism into the Body of Christ.

1. With John's baptism John is the baptizer, water is the element and the issue is repentance of sins.

2. With baptism into the body of Christ<sup>1</sup> we see that the Holy Spirit is the baptizer and the issue is initiation into the Body of Christ.

...lastly...

3. With the baptism of the Holy Spirit Jesus is the Baptizer, the Holy Spirit is the element and power to be His witnesses is the issue.

E. So the Bible definitely teaches that Jesus will baptize His believers with the Holy Spirit.

## II. WHAT IS THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Jesus told His disciples in Acts chapter one to wait in Jerusalem until they receive the promise of the Father which Jesus had told them about.<sup>2</sup> The promise of the Father is the promise to send "another comforter" the Holy Spirit as we have read already.

B. Jesus went on to say in Acts 1:8 that they will receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon them. This power was not for selfish gain or use but to be witnesses unto the Lord.

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<sup>1</sup> 1 Corinthians 12:13 "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether [we be] bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

<sup>2</sup> Acts 1:4

C. A key word in Acts 1:8 that will help us understand what the baptism of the Holy Spirit is, is the preposition *upon*. In fact there are three greek prepositions that we need to understand in order to catch the picture of what the baptism of the Holy Spirit is. These three greek prepositions actually describe to us the 3 different relationships that a person can experience with the Holy Spirit.

...three greek prepositions...

1. **Para** - Back in John 14:17<sup>3</sup> we see the first one used. The word “with” is the word *para* in the greek language. It means along side of or beside of someone or something. In this we see that Jesus was informing His disciples that the Holy Spirit was presently alongside of them. Personally I believe that the Holy Spirit is alongside of every human being convicting him of sin, righteousness and judgment<sup>4</sup> so as to ultimately draw them to the Saviour.
2. **En** - In the same verse, John 14:17, we have our second greek preposition. This word speaks of a fixed position. In this case Jesus was saying that the Holy Spirit who was presently alongside or with His disciples would, in the not to distant future, be in them. This happened in John 20<sup>5</sup>.
3. **Epi** - The third greek preposition occurs in Acts 1:8 where we see the word upon. Speaking of the Holy Spirit in Acts 1 *epi* would mean upon (as it’s translated) but a variant meaning would “over”. It indicates that the Spirit will be on or upon to overflowing (See John 7:38<sup>6</sup> for illustration). *Now when we talk about the baptism of the holy Spirit, this is what it means. That the Spirit is upon a believer to overflowing for service unto the Lord, specifically, being His witnesses.*

D. Every believer has experienced the first two of the three relationships. Before we were saved the Holy Spirit was alongside of us drawing us and calling us. Then when we repented of our sin and placed our faith in the Saviour He came into us and began to indwell us. These first two every believer has experienced.

E. But not every believer has experienced the third relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is that relationship when the believer will “receive power after the Holy Spirit has come *upon* you”

F. “The *epi* empowers the believer for service. It is an out flowing of the Spirit, a flowing forth from my life of the *dunimus*, the dynamic, power of God’s Spirit, working through my life and touching those around me.”<sup>7</sup>

1. The word *dunimus* is the greek word for power. We also see this word in Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the *power* [*dunimus*] of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” The word speaks of inherent power residing in something by virtue of it’s nature. Here in Romans 1:16 it tells us the Gospel is the inherent, omnipotent power of God operating in the salvation of a lost soul that accepts it.

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<sup>3</sup> John 14:17, Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth **with** you, and shall be **in** you.

<sup>4</sup> John 16:8, And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

<sup>5</sup> John 20:22, And when he had said this, he breathed on [them], and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

<sup>6</sup> John 7:38, He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

<sup>7</sup> Chuck Smith, Living Water, Pg. 262

G. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is that which we all need to serve the Lord in His own power and ability!

### III. BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT SUBSEQUENT TO BEING BORN AGAIN AS SEEN IN THE SCRIPTURES

- A. Now that we know what the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is and what it is for, what about *when* we receive it. Do we get it at salvation or is it a separate experience subsequent to salvation? Can it also be received at salvation or does it always have to happen subsequently to salvation?
- B. As stated above not every believer will have the baptism of the Spirit. "A man may be regenerated by the Holy Spirit and still not be baptized with the Holy Spirit. In Regeneration there is an impartation of life, and the one who receives it is saved; in the baptism with the Holy Spirit there is an impartation of power and the one who receives it is fitted for service."<sup>8</sup>
- C. Whether it happens at salvation (which is possible) or at a later time is incidental and is not possible to determine. *But what we do know for sure is that the baptism with the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct experience from regeneration.* Usually it does happen subsequently to salvation but we will see one instance where it did not happen this way.
- D. Looking through the gospels and the book of Acts will help us to see the when, the how and the effect or result of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. So lets take a look at some passages together...

1. First the Gospels were we can clearly see that the Holy Spirit had already come and indwelled the disciples and that they were regenerated prior to the day of pentecost when the initial baptism of the Spirit was poured out.

a) **John 20:18–22** "Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and [that] he had spoken these things unto her. Then the same day at evening, being the first [day] of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace [be] unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them [his] hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. *Then said Jesus to them again, Peace [be] unto you: as [my] Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on [them], and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.*"

(1) Jesus said that He is sending them out into the world and then He breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit. This is when the Holy Spirit indwelled these disciples. So They were saved and in dwelt by the Spirit and had yet to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Then later on in...

b) **Luke 24:38–50** "And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them [his] hands and [his] feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took [it], and did eat before them. And he said unto them, These [are] the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and [in] the prophets, and [in] the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that

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<sup>8</sup> R.A. Torrey, What the Bible Teaches, Pg. 322

repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them...”

- (1) Jesus told his already saved disciples that they should wait in Jerusalem till they be endued with power from on high in the receiving of the promise of the Father.
- c) **Acts 2:1–4** “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, *they were all*<sup>9</sup> with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- (1) When: subsequent and distinct from salvation
  - (2) How: disciples waiting in the upper room
  - (3) Result: rushing mighty wind, cloven tongues like as of fire, speaking in tongues, great boldness seen, three thousand saved.
- d) **Acts 8:5-6, 8, 12, 14–17** “Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did...And there was great joy in that city...But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women...Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they [their] hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
- (1) When: Subsequent and distinct from salvation
  - (2) How: Peter and John prayed for the people who had been saved and baptized, they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.
  - (3) Result: no manifestations mentioned
- e) **Acts 9:1-6, 17, 18-20** “And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: [it is] hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord [said] unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do...And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, [even] Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And

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<sup>9</sup> Acts 1:12–15 tells us that it was about 120 disciples waiting in obedience for the promise of the Father.

immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.”

- (1) When: subsequent to salvation
- (2) How: Through the laying on of hands and prayer
- (3) Result: scales fell from the eyes of Saul and he received sight, he was then water baptized, Saul went straightway and preached the gospel.
- (4) **Acts 10:24–48** “ **24.** And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends... **43.** To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. **44.** While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. **45.** And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. **46.** For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, **47.** Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? **48.** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.”
  - (a) When: at the moment of conversion and salvation
  - (b) How: in the middle of a sermon that Peter was preaching, as people were listening to the word being taught to them
  - (c) Result: speaking in tongues, magnifying God.
- f) **Acts 19:1–7** “And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard [this], they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid [his] hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.”
  - (1) When: subsequent to salvation
  - (2) How: the laying on of hand and prayer
  - (3) Result: speaking in tongues and prophesied
- g) We can clearly see from these passages that the Baptism with the Holy Spirit does in fact happen subsequent to and distinct from salvation. We can also see that in different ways the baptism came and having different results.
- h) We need to understand that the Lord never gave a formula for these things. He never said that if you have received the baptism with the Holy spirit you will speak in tongues. Nor did he ever say that you must be waiting as the early church waited in the upper room. And he did not say that you need a pastor, preacher, prophet or evangelist laying

his hands on you to receive the Holy Spirit. These methods might be incorporated with this experience but it must be known that the Lord has not boxed himself up to working in one way and in one way only.

- i) “This reminds us that God is not bound by a particular method or by a particular way of doing things. God can act as He wants and we are wrong in trying to pattern our experience after those of someone else – no matter how great that experience seems”<sup>10</sup>
- j) If we compare these different events as just noted through the book of Acts we can see that no two experiences are identical.

|               | Acts 2                                  | Acts 8                        | Acts 9                                  | Acts 10                             | Acts 19                          |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>When</b>   | Subsequent                              | Subsequent                    | Subsequent                              | At Conversion                       | Subsequent                       |
| <b>How</b>    | Waiting in the upper room as instructed | Laying on of hands and prayer | Laying on of hands (Ananias) and prayer | While Peter was preaching the Word  | Laying on of hands and prayer    |
| <b>Result</b> | speaking in tongues, boldness to preach | No manifestations mentioned   | Saul received sight, boldness to preach | Speaking in tongues, magnifying God | Speaking in tongues and prophecy |

#### IV. BE OPEN AND RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

##### A. Who *qualifies* for this blessed gift?

1. Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
  - a) The gift is for all of God’s children throughout the church age. This is a gift and gifts can’t be earned. So no matter what your spiritual state is you can receive the gift right now

##### B. *How do we receive* the gift of the Spirit?

1. Galatians 3:2 “This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?”
  - a) This rhetorical question asked by Paul tells us that the gift of the Holy Spirit can be received simply by faith. Receiving the Spirit is just like receiving Jesus for salvation. It is a gift of God to be received by faith. it is not something that you can earn, and is not a reward for good works.
  - b) Don’t be a doubting thomas. Jesus said to him “because you have seen you believe, but blessed is he who believes even though he has not seen” John 20:24–29
  - c) Receive the Gift by Faith, there will be evidence but that is not the proof. Faith receives without evidence.

##### C. You must *ask* for the Holy Spirit

1. **Luke 11:11–13** “If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if [he ask] a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your

<sup>10</sup> Chuck Smith, Living Water, Pg. 266

children: how much more shall [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

- a) Ask and then receive by faith what the Lord promised to give you! You can't do anything but that to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit.
- b) God Does not force a gift upon any one. But he freely gives to all who desire and express that desire by asking.
- c) Satan will challenge your step of faith. He will tell you that it isn't real but you need to remind yourself of God's word and choose to believe the truth of God rather than the lies of the enemy.

D. Be *ready, willing* and *open* to however the Lord desires to work in your life.

- 1. You may receive the gift one way or another. As we saw it in the book of acts. So be flexible and remain yielded to the Holy Spirit to come upon you and fill you to overflowing that you may be his vessel bring great glory unto the name of Jesus! receive by faith the Gift of the Holy Spirit!

Amen!