

## *Study Guide*

**Series:** Pentecost - The Start of the Church

**Study 4:** *Baptism* with the Holy Spirit

**Scripture:** Acts 1.4-8

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**Objective:** We want to look at the Scriptures and explore what it means to be *baptized* with the Holy Spirit.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ - v4. 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*;
  - God's timing
  - Our obedience
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ - v5. 'for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'
  - Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
  - Holy Spirit is a gift not earned
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ - v8. '.... you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me....'
  - To receive power
  - To be a witness
  - To do ministry

Baptism with the Spirit - Empowerment for Ministry:

- a) **Proclamation** – empowers believers to proclaim the gospel and testify about what you know, have experienced, and believe to be true with boldness and conviction.
- b) **Transformation** – empowers believers to produce a Christlike life that gives the message of the gospel credibility of God's work within us.
- c) **Demonstration** – empower believers to demonstrate His power through spiritual gifts that point people to Christ and confirm the truth of the gospel as the Spirit wills. (I Corinthians 2.4)

**Outpouring of the Holy Spirit:**

Born of the Spirit (internal work) (Romans 8.9)

1. Conviction of sin (John 16.8)
2. Confession of Christ (Romans 10.9)
3. Conversion by the Holy Spirit (John 3.5-8)

Baptism with the Holy Spirit (external work) (Acts 1.8)

1. For ministry
2. For power
3. For witnessing

Baptism into one Body (union work) – I Corinthians 12.13

1. Union with Christ
2. Union with His Body
3. Union in one Spirit with spiritual gifts

**Definition:** Baptism – means to be immersed into, identified with, brought under the influence of something or someone.

**Baptism with the Holy Spirit** means being immersed in and identified with the Spirit's power for the work of ministry. **Baptism into one body** means the Holy Spirit places believers into the body of Christ, the result is belonging with and identifying with Christ and His people, the church.

Q&A: Baptism and Born of the Spirit

1. When does a person receive the Holy Spirit? Ephesians 1.13. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. (NKJV)
2. Is speaking in tongues the necessary evidence of Spirit baptism? I Corinthians 12.13. 'For by one Spirit are we *all baptized* into one body...have all been made to *drink into one Spirit*.'
3. What is the difference between being indwelt by the Spirit and being filled with the Spirit? **Indwelt** with the Spirit is received when you're born again...I Corinthians 12.3. ...no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit.' **Filled** with the Spirit is when you are under the influence of the Spirit to do His will ...Ephesians 5.18. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.'
4. Are the experiences in Acts descriptive of what happened or prescriptive for every believer? Descriptive: Gentile believers (Acts 10.44-46) and Prescriptive: Romans (10.9-10)
5. Are the miraculous workings of the Spirit still active today? Yes
  - 'fruit of the Spirit (all believers) Galatians 5.22-23
  - 'gifts of the Spirit (distributed differently) I Corinthians 12.9-12

**Takeaway:** The central truth is that the Holy Spirit is God's gift through Christ, transforming believers and empowering the Church for its mission. While His work may be interpreted differently, it should not be divisive in the body of Christ.