

Mastering the Basics
Lesson 12

The Doctrine of Christ: Baptized with the Holy Spirit

There are many different ways to describe the experience of being "saved" in terms that the Bible uses. For example in John 3:3 it is referred to as being "born again"; in Matt.18:3 as "conversion"; in Mark 16:16 as "believing and being baptized"; in Col. 2:13 as having been "forgiven" of all trespasses; in Rom. 6:23 as having received "eternal life"; and in Rom. 8:9 as having received "the Spirit of Christ." Although many terms are used, they all basically mean the same thing.

In like manner, the experience which is subsequent to and distinct from salvation is described as: "the baptism with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5); being "filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4); "the Holy Spirit falling on" someone (Acts 11:15); and having "received the Holy Spirit" (Acts 19:2). These are synonymous terms referring to one and the same thing.

There are many examples in the New Testament of the difference between salvation by the quickening of the Spirit, and the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. For example: In John 20:22, Jesus' disciples received the Holy Spirit but a few days later were actually baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4). The Samaritans, in Acts 8:12, believed upon Christ and were baptized and saved, yet were baptized with the Holy Spirit several days later (See Acts 8:16-17). In Acts 19:1-7, the apostle Paul found several disciples who had believed upon Christ, but had not received the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Verse 6 states that "...when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

Dr. R. A.Torrey, the first president of Moody Bible Institute, wrote: *"It is evident that the baptism with the Holy Spirit is an operation of the Holy Spirit distinct from and additional to His regenerating work...A man may be regenerated by the Holy Spirit and still not be baptized with the Holy Spirit. In regeneration, there is the impartation of life by the Spirit's power, and the one who receives it is saved: in the baptism with the Holy Spirit, there is the impartation of power, and the one who receives it is fitted for service..."* (The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit, by R. A.Torrey, pgs. 174, 176).

Now that you've received Jesus as Lord, King, Master and Ruler of your life, are you willing to receive what He has for you? Do you believe this promise is valid for you today? (If not, read Acts 2:38-39 and 1 Cor. 1:7, which states that the Holy Spirit and His gifts are all valid and in operation for us today until the second coming of Jesus Christ.) Do you need power to witness? (Acts 1:8 states that you "shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you.) Are you afraid of manifestations of the Holy Spirit such as tongues? Mark 16:17 says, "These signs shall follow them that believe; they shall speak with new tongues..." Do you believe this is for you? Jesus said, "If ye

then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"

Will you pray and ask Jesus to do His part by baptizing you with the Holy Spirit? Will you do your part, that is, receive the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues? Acts 2:4 says "they spoke...as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Are you going to RECEIVE? Are you going to SPEAK and worship God in another language?

Are you ready to receive? Then pray a prayer similar to this one: "Father, thank you that Jesus died for all my sins and arose from the dead. I renounce Satan and all his works. I confess that Jesus Christ is my Lord, King, Master, and the Boss of my life. My life belongs to Him. Lord, you promised to baptize me with the Holy Spirit. I will receive power to witness and speak in new tongues. Lord baptize me now and I will speak with new tongues as you form the words for me now. Lord, empower me for Your service, I worship you now ... In Jesus Name." (Luke 11:13).

Questions

1. Read Luke 24:49-51; Acts 1:4-5. The baptism with the Holy Spirit was one of the first major experiences that the disciples of Jesus received after He ascended into heaven. True or False.
2. Read Acts 1:8; 8:1,4. After receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit the church went forth in explosive power giving witness to the resurrection of Jesus and the preaching of the kingdom of God. True or False.
3. Read Acts 2:39. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is for believers today to experience. True or False.
4. Read John 14:16-17. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is not for unbelievers. True or False.
5. Read Matthew 3:11. Jesus is the one who baptizes people with the Holy Spirit. True or False.
6. Read Acts 2:38; 3:19. To receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit our hearts must be properly prepared through repentance. True or False.
7. Read Acts 19:19; 26:18-20; 1Thessalonians 1:9. Repentance is a turn from darkness to light. If you have ever been involved in the occult [Satanism, Witchcraft, non-Christian religions, etc.] then renounce these things before you seek the baptism with the Holy Spirit. If you are now going to seek supernatural guidance from God by His Holy Spirit, renounce all occult influences in Jesus' Name. True or False.

8. Read Acts 5:29-32. Do not seek the baptism with the Holy Spirit if you do not want to be holy (set apart to God) and obey Him. True or False.

9. Read Galatians 3:2,14; Hebrews 11:6. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is a gift provided by God's grace and received by faith. True or False.

10. Read 1 John 5:14-15; Luke 11:9-13. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is received by asking. True or False.

11. Read Mark 16:17; 1 Corinthians 14:22. *"In the experience of the baptism in or infilling of the Holy Spirit, "tongues" functions as a sign of the Holy Spirit's presence. Jesus prophesied it as a sign (Mark 16:17), Paul referred to it as a sign (I Cor. 14:22), and Peter noted its uniformity as a sign-gift in confirming the validity of the Gentiles' experience in the Holy Spirit. (Compare Acts 10:44-46 with 11:16,17 and 15:7-9). Thus, speaking with tongues is a properly expected sign, affirming the Holy Spirit's abiding presence and assuring the believer of an invigorated living witness. It is not viewed as a qualification for fullness of the Holy Spirit, but as one indication of that fullness" (Spirit Filled Life Bible, p. 1852).* True or False.

12. Read 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14, 16-17. When a person speaks in tongues he is: a. speaking to God. b. praying with his spirit. c. blessing [that is, praising] God. d. giving thanks to God. e. all of the above.

13. Read Acts 2:4; 4:31; Ephesians 5:18-19. There will always be only one "baptism with the Holy Spirit" but there can be many fillings with the Holy Spirit. True or False.

Scriptures to use with Questions

1. **Read Luke 24:49-51; Acts 1:4-5. LK 24:** [49] 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. [50] And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. [51] And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. **Acts 1:** [4] 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. [5] For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

2. **Read Acts 1:8; 8:1,4. Acts 1:** [8] 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. **Acts 8:** [1] And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. [4] Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

3. **Read Acts 2:39.** [39] For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

4. **Read John 14:16-17.** [16] And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [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.

5. **Read Matthew 3:11.** [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:

6. **Read Acts 2:38; 3:19. 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. **Acts 3:** [19] Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

7. **Read Acts 19:19; 26:18-20; 1Thessalonians 1:9. Acts 19:** [19] Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. **Acts 26:** [18] To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. [19] Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: [20] But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. **1 Thessalonians 1:** [9] For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

8. **Read Acts 5:29-32.** [29] Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. [30] The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. [31] Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. [32] And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

9. **Read Galatians 3:2,14; Hebrews 11:6. 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? [14] That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. **Hebrews 11:** [6] But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

10. **Read 1 John 5:14-15; Luke 11:9-13. 1 John 5:** [14] And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: [15]

And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. **Luke 11:** [9] And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. [10] For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. [11] 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? [12] Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? [13] If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

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12. **Read 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14, 16-17.** [2] For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. [14] For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. [16] Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? [17] For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

13. **Read Acts 2:4; 4:31; Ephesians 5:18-19. Acts 2:** [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. **Acts 4:** [31] And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. **Ephesians 5:** [18] And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; [19] Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

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