

MODULE 2 – NON-NEGOTIABLES OF THE CHRISTIAN WALK

Week 1 (11th April 2024): Salvation & Water Baptism

Week 2 (18th April 2024): Baptism of The Holy Spirit

Week 3 (25th April 2024): Sanctification

Week 4 (2nd May 2024): Church

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

What is the significance of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

How can we be Baptized in the Holy Spirit?

What are the signs or manifestations that follow after we are Baptized in the Holy Spirit?

Last week we saw how Salvation gives us the position in Christ – a right standing with God. We also saw that we need to remain in this position to continue to benefit from the blessings of Salvation. Today let's thank Him that He has not just brought us to this position, but He has also made available to us the power to live in that position (Acts 1:8; John 1:33).

When we receive Salvation, the Holy Spirit is given to us – He comes and begins to dwell in us and with us right from day 1. Baptism means to be immersed!

Baptism of the Holy Spirit immerses us into the Holy Spirit. Now The Holy Spirit is not just inside us, He is all around us and His power at work in us multiplies beyond our imagination. He comes upon us like Acts 1:8 describes.

Acts 1:8 (Amp)

But you will **receive power *and* ability** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”

1. When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, we receive power.

John 1:33 (NKJV)

I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

Jesus is the One who baptizes us with the Holy Spirit (John 1:33).

2. Jesus is the Baptizer of the Holy Spirit.

Why is Baptism of the Holy Spirit a non-negotiable?

1. It is a command.

Ephesians 5:18 (Amp)

Do not get drunk with wine, for that is wickedness (corruption, stupidity), but **be filled** with the [Holy] Spirit *and constantly guided* by Him.

We can only be filled to our capacity to receive. This may be very small at the start, but as we go on to maturity our capacity will increase. We therefore need to be continually filled to whatever capacity we have at that moment. The words 'be filled with the Spirit' in Ephesians 5:18 would be better translated from the original Greek as 'be continually filled with the Spirit'.

Be continually filled with the Holy Spirit

2. **It gives new power and boldness to witness** (Acts 1:8, 2:14, 4:31-33).
3. **It is necessary for the release of the gifts of the Holy Spirit** (1 Cor 12:7-11).
4. **It is necessary for maximum evidence of the fruit of the Holy Spirit** (Gal 5:22-23).
5. **It makes Jesus more real to us** (John 15:26, 16:13-15; Acts 9:17).
6. **It produces greater effectiveness in prayer** (Rom 8:26-27; 1 Cor 14:4,15).

7. **It enables true worship of God** (Acts 2:11, 10:46; John 4:23-24; Eph 5:18-20).
8. **It brings a fresh understanding of the Word of God** (John 16:13, 1 Cor 2:9-16).

How to be Baptized in the Holy Spirit?

We need to thirst (want to be filled), come to Jesus and drink (receive the Holy Spirit).

John 7:37-39 (Amp)

³⁷ Now on the last and most important day of the feast, Jesus stood and called out [in a loud voice], “**If anyone is thirsty**, let him come to Me and drink! ³⁸ He **who believes** in Me [**who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Me**], as the Scripture has said, ‘**From his innermost being will flow continually rivers of living water.**’” ³⁹ But **He was speaking of the [Holy] Spirit**, whom those who believed in Him [as Savior] were to receive *afterward*. The Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor).

Rivers of Living Water – The Holy Spirit will flow out of us like rivers all around us, and wherever we go, people will be able to see and experience and feel the tangible presence and work of the Holy Spirit.

We need to have a right standing with God. We need clean hearts. We need to confess our sins and to forgive others no matter how right we are (1 John 1:7-9; Luke 6:37-38).

We need to ask, believe and receive the Holy Spirit by faith.

Mark 11:24 (Amp)

For this reason I am telling you, whatever things you **ask** for in prayer [in accordance with God’s will], **believe** [with confident trust] **that you have received** them, and they will be *given* to you.

Matthew 7:7 (Amp)

“Ask *and keep on asking* and it will be given to you; seek *and keep on seeking* and you will find; knock *and keep on knocking* and the door will be opened to you.”

We need to wait with an eager expectation so that the promise of Jesus will be fulfilled in our life.

Acts 1:4,14 (Amp)

⁴ While being together *and* eating with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but **to wait** for what the Father had promised, "Of which," *He said*, "you have heard Me speak.

¹⁴ All these with one mind *and* one purpose were **continually devoting themselves to prayer**, [**waiting** together] along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

What happens after being Baptized in the Holy Spirit?

Baptism of the Holy Spirit will always follow by signs: Jesus will be seen more evident in our lives; His work and His empowering will be effective in every area of our lives.

Every believer who is baptized in the Holy Spirit receives the gift of speaking in tongues and has the capacity to do so (Acts 2:4).

Acts 2:4 (Amp)

And **they were all filled** [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out [clearly and appropriately].

120 spoke with other tongues and **spoke the Word of God boldly** (Acts 4:31).

Acts 4:31 (Amp)

And when they had prayed, the place where they were meeting together was shaken [a sign of God's presence]; and **they were all filled** with the Holy Spirit and **began to speak the word of God with boldness and courage.**

Cornelius and those with him spoke with other tongues and **praised God** (Acts 10:46).

Paul received his sight (Acts 9:17-18). **Supernatural miracles will begin to take place.**

The Ephesians (disciples in Ephesus) spoke with other tongues and **prophesied** (Acts 19:6).

Jesus began the ministry for which He had come to earth (Luke 4:18-19; Acts 10:38).

Acts 10:38 (NLT)

And you know that **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all** who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Summary

**Jesus is the Baptizer of the Holy Spirit.
Be continually filled with the Holy Spirit.**

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4. **We will speak the Word of God boldly.**
5. **Supernatural miracles will begin to take place.**
6. **We will prophecy.**
7. **Following the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, our ministry begins.**

Conclusion

The Baptism in the Spirit is given to those who seek it by faith (Gal 3:2-5). It gives us the power to live as disciples of Jesus. It is not to be struggled for, agonized about, begged for, tarried for or bargained for. It is a free gift of the Lord Jesus Christ to His disciples to enable them to walk as He did (Luke 11:11-13).

Luke 11:11-13 (Amp)

¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, being evil [that is, sinful by nature], know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask *and* continue to ask Him!**"

Question to ponder: Do you think it is possible to continue the works of Jesus without the Baptism or filling with the Holy Spirit?