

## **The Baptism with the Holy Spirit** (part 1)

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### **We need God's power today!**

2 Timothy 3:1-5 - NLT

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. (2) For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. (3) They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. (4) They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. (5) They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (AMPC)

BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]. (2) For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane. (3) [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good. (4) [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God. (5) For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

Isaiah 60:1-3 (NKJV)

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. (2) For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. (3) The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Joel 2:28-32 (NLT)

Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. (29) In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike. (30) And I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth—blood and fire and columns of

smoke. (31) The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the Lord arrives. (32) But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,

1st Century Church: there was political upheaval, socially they experienced a deep moral plunge, and they experienced pressure and huge challenges...

We are at the same place today!

**On September 12<sup>th</sup>, I will celebrate my 42<sup>nd</sup> year of Spirit-filled living. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1976, at 7:20 pm, after rededicating my life back to Jesus, I received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.**

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit changed my life forever! And this experience will forever change yours too, if you will yield to it!

**The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is the second work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.**

The Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us in the New Birth, and then comes upon us in the Baptism with the Holy Spirit to give us power to bless others.

**Jesus specifically mentions the Baptism with the Holy Spirit:**

Remember that in John 20:22, Jesus breathed on the disciples and said, *Receive the Holy Spirit.*

I believe that they were born again right then!

Then, after appearing to them for 40 days, and just before He ascended to heaven, he told them of a tremendous experience they would receive.

Luke 24:49 - NKJV

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.

Luke 24:49 - NLT

And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.

Acts 1:4-5 - NKJV

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."

They already had the indwelling; now they needed the Baptism of the Spirit. One produces *character*; the other produces *power!*

Notice Acts 1:8 - NKJV

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.

**The Baptism with the Holy Spirit came to the church on the Day of Pentecost, and has been available to us ever since.**

Acts 2:1-4 - NLT

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. (2) Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. (3) Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. (4) And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

The power of the Holy Spirit came upon the believers on that day, and that power enabled them to BE witnesses for Jesus.

The disciples began to speak in another language that came from the Holy Spirit. In those languages, they were able to talk to people from 17 different nationalities, who were present in Jerusalem during the feast of Pentecost.

Notice Acts 2:

(5) At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem.(6) When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. (7) They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, (8) and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! (9) Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, (10) Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome (11) (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" (12) They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other. (13) But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!" (14) Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of

Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. (15) These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. (16) No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: (17) 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. (18) In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants — men and women alike — and they will prophesy. (19) And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below — blood and fire and clouds of smoke. (20) The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives. (21) But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

Peter kept preaching:

(37) Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" (38) Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away — all who have been called by the Lord our God." (40) Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" (41) Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day — about 3,000 in all.

### **The Baptism with the Holy Spirit brings God's power into daily living.**

Peter denied Jesus during His crucifixion, but after the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, he became a bold follower of Jesus.

Look again at Acts 1:8 - NLT

But you will receive *power* when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere — in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Power:

=Dunamis: Inherent power, capable of reproducing itself, like a dynamo

We get three English words from Dunamis: Dynamic, Dynamite, Dynamo.

Dynamic:

pertaining to or characterized by energy or effective action; vigorously active or forceful;  
energetic: the dynamic president of the firm

Dynamite:

any person or thing having a spectacular effect

Dynamo:

an electric generator, especially for direct current

This power enhances our ability to walk with God, and empowers us to bless others in a more full way.

It was not just for the early church, but was for every generation of the church age, including today!

### **3 supernatural things happen when you're baptized with the Holy Spirit.**

#### 1. Supernatural witness

Acts 1:8 - NKJV

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#### 2. Supernatural understanding of the Word

1 Corinthians 2:14 - NKJV

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

#### 3. Supernatural way to pray

1 Corinthians 14:14 - NKJV

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

### **Action Points:**

1. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit comes with being born again.
2. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is available to Christians who want more!
3. To receive, all you need to do is ask:

Luke 11:13 - NLT

So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

