

# **BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

A Bible Study For Small Groups



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This Study is designed to survey the Scriptural concept of Baptism In The Holy Spirit and seek everyday application for this experience and the associated gifts.

It is designed for use in a Small Group setting. Each person in the Small Group should read and complete the assignments for the week before coming to the Small Group meeting. The Small Group meeting will provide an opportunity for each person to share what they have learned and to ask questions regarding the week's study materials.

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## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Introduction**

Some of the questions we will seek to answer in this study:  
(it might be interesting to share the answers you have heard others give these question BEFORE doing this study)

What is the Baptism with the Holy Spirit?

Have I received it?

Why haven't I received it already?

Will I have to speak in tongues?

Is it for today?

What purpose would it serve?

What gift will I receive?

What must I do to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

How will I know if it is the Holy Spirit and not some demon?

What's the difference between an Anointing of the Holy Spirit and a Gift of the Holy Spirit?

Is it the same thing to Receive the Holy Spirit and to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit?

Is there a Difference between Receiving the Gift of the Holy Spirit and Receiving Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

What affect will it have on me?

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Introduction**

There is a great deal of misunderstanding being passed around regarding the issue of Baptism with the Holy Spirit. The largest part of this "defective information" is most likely the result of ignorance. However, it seems some of it is intentionally being distributed because there are those who feel somehow "threatened" by the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

The intent of this material is to bring some understanding to those who have questions regarding Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Having a proper understanding will probably make it more likely one would desire this experience and be of help in receiving the same.

It is human nature to be afraid of what we do not understand. Once we understand something then we are less likely to have fear where this is concerned. It is also likely to prevent further fear and separation from those who have genuinely shared the experience.

There are a great many Christians who claim to have been "Baptized with the Holy Spirit" who simply have no fruit or "real evidence" to indicate they have in fact been baptized with the Holy Spirit. This is not so different from the fact that there are a great many people who claim to be "saved" who have no fruit or real evidence to indicate they are.

We should not develop our ideas of what "Baptism with the Holy Spirit" is all about by the traditions or actions of others. We need to look at the Holy Scriptures and listen as God interprets them to us regarding this matter.

Frequently a Christian will become aware that something is lacking in their experience with God. They have a thirsting for something in their relationship with God. This is the Spiritual Man within us desiring to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit.

When a Christian is serious in their relationship with the Heavenly Father, there will come a time when they desire a level of intimacy with Him that is beyond the ritual and traditional church experience. This is a natural stage of our spiritual man's maturing. God designed us to desire this very intimate relationship with Him.

It is suggested that you take the time to look up all the Scripture references given as you read this information. It may be very helpful if you take the time to read them in several translations.

It is also suggested that you begin by bathing yourself in prayer. Then as you read through this information, continue praying and asking for the Holy Spirit to guide you and to instruct you in this matter.

It is strongly suggested that you use this study guide on a daily basis. Not only will it help to develop and discipline your daily routine to include a devotional time; but it will also allow you some time to digest each portion before moving on to the next. You will get the greatest benefit from this material by using it on a daily basis instead of "cramming" it in just before the Small Group Meeting.

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - What Is It**

What is the Baptism In the Holy Spirit? (or 'Baptized With The Holy Spirit") The "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" (or "with the Holy Spirit") is the fulfillment of a promise made by God a long time ago.

Read Joel 2:28-29 and make notes:

The testimony of John the Baptist included what Jesus was going to do to His followers.

Read Matthew 3:11 and Luke 3:16 – make notes:

After His resurrection, but before He ascended into Heaven, Jesus gave His Disciples an instruction.

Read Acts 1:5-8 and make notes:

When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the 120 who were gathered in the upper room that day, they proclaimed that "this is what had happened."

Read Acts 2:16-18 and make notes:

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - What Is It**

Other than Salvation itself, the greatest blessing conferred upon a Christian is the personal immersion into the person of the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament, the Spirit of God was perceived more as an invisible energy of God that occasionally came upon certain persons and enabled them with extraordinary power.

God prophesied through John about the coming "new and different" relationship between the Holy Spirit and man that would be made possible via the ministry of the Messiah. John prophesied there would be an inward personal purification (baptized with fire) as well. This personal spiritual purification of Baptism with Fire will be handled in a separate study.

It is important for us to know that the Holy Spirit is a person and not just some object of energy or power. There are those who would desire to control or manipulate an object of power. If our only concept of the Holy Spirit is that of some divine object, it is only natural for us to desire to have it and to use it.

Once we understand the fact that the Holy Spirit is the divine personage of God, then it is easier for us to realize that we cannot control or manipulate the Holy Spirit. We can only surrender to Him and be used of Him. We can never use Him.

Some people have problems with the concept of being baptized with the Holy Spirit. They understand the Holy Spirit to be a person and not a substance. Their natural mind can conceive of someone being immersed into a substance but cannot "see" us being immersed into "someone."

We must never fail to acknowledge that the Holy Spirit is a person; in fact the person of God. It is perhaps one of the mysteries of the Kingdom; but if we are to begin to understand this, we must move beyond the boundaries of our physical limitations.

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is an experience of our spirit man and as such is not limited by the laws of physics in which our physical man is confined. In the realm of the spiritual kingdom, it is possible for our spirit person to be immersed into the Spirit of God.

Baptism with the Holy Spirit is not a part of Salvation but is subsequent to it. One may be Baptized with the Holy Spirit immediately following Salvation or this may occur some time later. It is this Baptism with the Holy Spirit that empowers the believer to live the life to which they have been saved.

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is the usual time when one is endowed by the Grace of God with one or more of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is that time when Jesus truly becomes the Lord of one's life. And Jesus does not become the Lord of their life because they have received a gift of the Holy Spirit, but because they have completely surrendered to Him.

Jesus is a good example of this experience for us. Jesus was conceived (or born of) by the Holy Spirit. He was later shown to have the Holy Spirit "come upon Him" at the beginning of His ministry (at John's Baptizing of Him in water). We need both the birth and the baptism in order to effectively minister in Jesus' name.

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - What Is It

Take a few minutes to write down some questions you have regarding the Baptism with the Holy Spirit - check back to them as you go through the remainder of this study.

Salvation first before Baptism:

It is not really up for discussion whether a person can be baptized with the Holy Spirit without first being "saved." Being forgiven of sin; being washed in the Blood of the Lamb; accepting Jesus as Savior; becoming a child of God; is necessary before such an experience is available to us.

Read Acts 10:47 and note the interesting question:

Here is a people who have received the Holy Spirit but have not yet been baptized in water. This clearly indicates Water Baptism is not a prerequisite for Holy Spirit Baptism.

The baptism in water comes after Salvation. It is an act of obedience and a portrayal of what has already happened in the life of the believer. Baptism with the Holy Spirit comes after Salvation for it is only available to the believer.

Jesus is the one who Baptizes with the Holy Spirit. Baptism with the Holy Spirit is typically the third phase of our baptismal relationship with the Heavenly Father, although as indicated above it sometimes becomes our second phase:

1. Holy Spirit Baptizes us into Jesus Christ.
2. Disciple Baptizes us into Water.
3. Jesus Baptizes us into the Holy Spirit.

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - What Is It**

Four-fold record connected with John's Baptism:

In addition to Matthew 3:11 and Luke 3:1-6, there is witness in the other two Gospels of the connection of John's Baptism and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

Read Mark 1:7-8 and make notes:

Read John 1:32-33 and make notes:

Then if that is not enough testimony, there are two records in Acts;

Read Acts 1:4-5 and make notes:

Jesus admonished the Disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they have received the "gift my Father promised"....in a few days you will be "baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Read Acts 11:16 and make notes:

Then, when it happened, Peter explained this occurrence as the very thing Jesus had told them would take place. There are those who proclaim in protest that the phrase "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" is not found in the New Testament. Technically speaking, it may be a valid point if one is referring to the noun form. However, if we consider the verb form of the phrase, this objection will not stand. There is one Scripture where we find both the noun form and the verb form used.



## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - What Is It

Read Acts 19:4 and make notes:

This may not be so immediately evident in the English translation but it is unmistakable in the Greek: Acts 19:4 John's "*baptisma*" (Grk) was a "*baptizo*" (Grk) of repentance.

who	what	how	why
John	baptism	in water	for remission of sins
Jesus	baptism	in the Holy Spirit	for power to witness

What do you think the Scripture really means when it speaks of Jesus baptizing the Believers with the Holy Spirit? Don't worry about being technically correct, just write down what you "think it means".

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - What Is It

### Word Study:

Looking at contemporary Greek literature of the era in which the New Testament was written, we find Greek words referring to baptism used frequently in the daily conversation. Neither of these words were specifically a theological term. Understanding the normal daily usage of these words can help to better understand what God was and is conveying to us in the New Testament.

Five (5) common ways in which baptismal words were used in the Greek literature of that day:

1. Fill (a bucket)

*"Bapto"* the bucket and withdraw it full of water.  
(Dip and remove.)

2. Temper (a sword)

*"Bapto"* the hot sword immediately into cold water.  
(Dip and remove)

3. Sink (a ship)

The ship *"Baptizo"*(ed) into the deep.  
(submerge and let stand)

4. Soak (a sponge)

*"Baptizo"* the sponge then use it to clean.  
(submerge and let stand)

5. Dye (fabric)

Take fabric and *"baptizo"* it into the dye solution for a specified time.  
(submerge and let stand)

The *"bapto"* or dipping of the bucket was a quick dipping into the water. It may or may not have gone completely under the surface. It was at least dipped into the water deep enough to allow water to come inside the bucket. Once this occurred, the bucket had water which could be taken to others and refresh them with the "life giving" or "thirst quenching" water.

The *"bapto"* or dipping of the heated sword into the cold water did not simply cool off the sword; it "tempered" the sword. This sword was affected right down to its molecular makeup. It would now be able to hold an edge longer during use. Increased endurance.

The ship which was *"baptizo"* into the deep was no longer just wet on the outside, but it was now wet on the inside as well.

The sponge which had been *"baptizo"* was allowed to remain in the solution until every crevice and cavity of the sponge had been filled with the solution. It became saturated.

The fabric which had been *"baptizo"* into the dye was left submerged in the dye until a permanent change in the appearance had taken place. Not just an outer appearance, but the fabric had been changed through and through.

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - What Is It

All of these usages are needed to fully comprehend what our Heavenly Father desires to accomplish in us by Baptizing us into His Holy Spirit. Perhaps one of the clearest examples is found in the writings of a Greek Poet and Physician who lived approximately 200 B.C. He left a recipe for making pickles.

Step 1. The vegetable must be "*bapto*" into boiling water.

Step 2. The vegetable is then to be "*baptizo*" into a vinegar solution.

The first step accomplished a temporary affect upon the outer skin of the vegetable. It could not be allowed to sit in the boiling water for any length of time or the vegetable would become soft and may even begin to separate.

The second step accomplished a permanent affect throughout the vegetable. It was necessary to allow the vegetable to sit in the solution until it had sufficient time to soak up and become saturated with the vinegar. After this was accomplished, you could slice the vegetable any way you wished and it would still taste like a pickle.

### **Ritualistic or Ceremonial:**

For those who object to the need for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and frequently will not even want to discuss it, we need to establish the Scriptural background. Jesus has instructed us (His Disciples) to perform the ceremonial act of baptism.

Read Matthew 28:19 and make notes:

This was not a "new thing" which Jesus instructed His Disciples to perform. Ceremonial washing or cleansing can be found throughout the Old Testament. And yet, so can the objection to the idea of "ceremonial" washing. Naaman's seven-fold baptism may be one of the best examples of this type of objection.

Read 2 Kings 5:1-14.

A young girl, who had been taken captive from Israel, told Naaman's wife of a prophet in Israel who she was sure could cure his leprosy. His master said by "all means" go.

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - What Is It**

Look at what Elisha told Naaman to do in verses 10-12 and make notes:

The simple instruction from God, by way of His prophet, did not seem logical to Naaman's reason and rationale. Today, the Lord's instruction to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit does not seem logical to some people.

To Naaman, it might have seemed demeaning to wash himself in the dirty Jordan river when he had available to him a river he was sure was much cleaner. The real issue was not Naaman's need for a fleshly cleansing. Think about this for a moment before continuing with the study.

Today, we may feel to be Baptized in the Holy Spirit might appear to embarrass us when we are sure we have more dignified ways in which to serve the Lord. As with Naaman, this is not the real issue. The real issue revolves around simple obedience to the Lord's instruction and submission.

Describe how it makes you feel to think about being Baptized with the Holy Spirit - be honest:

The Metaphorical or Allegorical use of the phrase Baptism is very contemporary and yet it is also Scriptural:

1. "Over my head in debt" is a common phrase indicating being submerged by debt.
2. "Overwhelmed or flooded" with suffering or sorrow.

Read Luke 12:50 and Mark 10:38 and make notes:

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - What Is It

Baptism of fire is frequently used in the business world as well as the military.

### **Ideal Versus the Real:**

Frequently objections are raised by pointing to the variety of actions, commitments, and lifestyles of those claiming to have been Baptized in the Holy Spirit. Beyond the obvious that there are those who are frauds and those who are mistaken; there is one simple explanation for such diversity of responses:

Years ago there was a fad which was very popular among the teenagers. This was referred to as "tie and dye." The process involved taking a white T-shirt and tying it into knots. Then they would place the T-shirt into a dye solution. When it was time, the T-shirt was removed from the dye, rinsed off, and the knots were untied. The result was a shirt with uneven color. There were even blotches.

The knots (tied tightly) made some parts of the fabric of this shirt more and less receptive to the dye. The more receptive areas received the dye more thoroughly than did the less receptive areas. This is probably a clear example of the way most of us approach the concept of submitting ourselves to being Baptized in the Holy Spirit.

The uneven color of the T-shirt did not mean the shirt had not experienced the baptism of dye. It did point out rather graphically that some parts of the fabric of the shirt were more receptive to the dye than others.

When we observe someone who is not evenly demonstrating the character of the Holy Spirit in all areas of their life, this does not mean they have not experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It simply stands as evidence that they have some areas of their life which were more receptive to the Holy Spirit than others.

Some great news in this area is that Jesus is a Master at untying knots. We may need or desire to re-submit ourselves to a fresh Baptizing in the Holy Spirit after Jesus has untied some knots in our life.

Of course, if one were to simply remain in the Holy Spirit, then when Jesus untied a knot in our life, that newly released area would automatically be exposed to the presence and saturating impact of the Holy Spirit.

How has your concept of being Baptized with the Holy Spirit changed as a result of this week's study?

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - What Is It**

What questions did it answer for you?  
(refer to those you wrote down at the first of the study)

Write you questions and insights you wish to share with the group when you meet next:

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 1**

It is important for us to distinguish the "Gift of the Holy Spirit" from the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit."

Read Acts 2:38 and make notes:

Read Acts 10:45 and make notes:

Read Hebrews 2:4 and make notes:

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4 and make notes:

The "Gift of the Holy Spirit" is the giving of the Holy Spirit himself and in person to the Believer.

Read Luke 12:12 and make notes:

Read John 14:26 and makes notes:

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 1**

The Holy Spirit is given to be our Teacher and our Guide. The "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" are the "ministry gifts" that enable us to do the work of the ministry.

Every true Believer in Jesus Christ as Savior receives the "Gift of the Holy Spirit." Those who are Baptized with the Holy Spirit are those who then begin to receive the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit." It is one thing to receive a gift of strawberry preserves. It would be quite another thing to be baptized with strawberry preserves.

Read Acts 1:8 and makes notes:

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are more abundantly bestowed upon those who have been Baptized with the Holy Spirit. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is so the believer can live in the power and glory of God. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit brings the power to "live the life" to which we have been saved to live.

The Spiritual Gifts are given with the express purpose of enabling the believer to perform their service of ministry among or within the Church.

It is not just a few who are "in the ministry" who are to have and work in the power of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Every believer is to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit and minister in the power of the same.

A body of believers in which all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are present and operating is a healthy and powerful force in the ministry of Jesus Christ to the world.

Should every "Born Again" Believer have a Spiritual Gift?

If a Believer has a gift from the Holy Spirit, for what reason was it given to them?



## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 1**

Some of the gifts of the Spirit are identified in the Scriptures.

Read Romans 12:6-8 and make notes:

Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 and make notes:

Read 1 Corinthians 12:28 and make notes:

There is no reason to say that this is an all inclusive list of the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit." There may well be other "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" that were not listed in the New Testament. If so, they will be for the same purpose and be complimentary to these that are mentioned.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and make notes:

Even in all the diversity of gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is expressly stated in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; the different gifts, service, workings, and manifestations are all from the one and same Holy Spirit. All the diversity of gifts and manifestations are given for the common good of the Church.

The Holy Spirit gives to each person the gifts as He determines. What can we do to get the Holy Spirit to give us a particular gift?

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 1

Read 1 Corinthians 12:29-30 and make notes:

It is pointed out in this text that everyone does not have the same gifts. Neither does anyone have all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This text alone is enough to defuse the doctrine that "everyone" will get the gift of "tongues" when they are Baptized with the Holy Spirit. There is an explanation for this misunderstanding in the section discussing "anointing."

Read Romans 12:6 and make notes:

Read 1 Corinthians 13:12-13 and make notes:

Read 1 Corinthians 14:18-19 and make notes:

While we may be eager to have Spiritual Gifts, we are instructed to desire spiritual gifts that build up the Church. If you speak in a tongue, then pray that you also interpret what is said. Paul was glad that he spoke in tongues frequently, but declared that "in church" he would rather speak "five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue."

Can we have more than one gift? Why or Why not?

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 1

Read 2 Timothy 1:11 and make notes:

Paul acknowledged that he had three gifts. It is apparent from close observation of ministers that most people do have more than one gift. It also seems that most do not receive all of their gifts at the same time.

Can you think of any practical reasons why God doesn't give any one person all of the Holy Spirit gifts?

### **Anointing versus Gift:**

It is helpful to understand the difference between the "anointing" of the Holy Spirit and a "gift" of the Holy Spirit. An "anointing" is upon a person while there is a need and as soon as the ministry is completed and need no longer exist, the "anointing" is lifted. A "gift" of the Holy Spirit is permanent and is available around the clock any day of the week to be used.

There are many examples of the "anointing" of the Holy Spirit in the Bible. Since the "Baptism with the Holy Spirit" was not available until after the Messiah (Jesus) came, it is understandable that many of these examples can be found in the Old Testament.

Read Numbers 11:25 and make notes:

The "anointing" of prophesy came upon the seventy elders that were with Moses; however it says when the "Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again." In the account of Saul sending men to capture David we find more evidence.

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 1

Read 1 Samuel 19:20-24 and make notes:

When they came into the presence of a group of prophets being led by Samuel, they all prophesied. Saul sent some more men a second time and a third time, and each time the men began to prophesy when they came into the presence of the prophets and the "anointing" that was there fell upon them.

Finally Saul himself went, and when the Spirit of God came upon him, he also prophesied all that day and all that night. The people began to ask, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

None of these unrighteous men had received the "gift" of prophecy. They had received the "anointing" and was able to prophesy as long as the "anointing" was upon them.

What are some other examples from the Old Testament where a person was anointed by the Holy Spirit to do super-natural things, or to know super-natural things.

How might this work today? (list some examples)

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 1

In the New Testament there are several accounts which are probably that of an "anointing" as opposed to a "gift" of the Holy Spirit. One such account is found in Acts 9:17 where Ananias placed his hands on Saul who was blind. Saul received his sight and he was filled with the Holy Spirit. There isn't any further accounts mentioned of Ananias healing anyone in the New Testament. This may well have been the only time God used him in this way. If so, this was an instance of the "anointing" of healing.

It happens fairly frequently that a person will be in the presence of several people upon whom a certain gift has been graciously bestowed. While in the presence of this strong anointing it is easy for the person to "move" or "speak" in the "anointing" of that gift. When they are no longer in the presence of this "anointing" nothing seems to happen.

Many Christians have been mistakenly led to believe they have received a particular Gift of the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit moved through them on a certain occasion. They have then experienced intense frustration and sometimes even condemnation when the next day or next week were unable to minister in that way.

A large number of Christians when Baptized with the Holy Spirit will experience the "speaking in tongues" at the moment of or shortly following the Baptism. Then a great many of them try to "speak in tongues" or "pray in tongues" a few days later and nothing happens. Someone who heard them at that time may have told them they now have the "gift" of tongues and can speak in tongues whenever they want to. Now they "want to" and seem powerless to do so. The "anointing" of speaking in tongues is usually great at the time of Baptism with the Holy Spirit and it is easy for almost anyone to do so.

There have been a number of Christians who have received an "anointing" of healing and have prayed for someone and have been blessed to see a healing take place. Then a few days later, believing they now possess the "gift" of healing, they go out and attempt to repeat what happened earlier. They find themselves powerless to bring about a healing.

This same experience has happened with almost every "gift" of the Holy Spirit. There are two things that typically happen among the people who have had this experience. One thing that happens is they begin to look down upon those who "don't respond" to their ministry. They see the "non-responding" person as the problem because "obviously I have the gift." The other thing that can happen is they put themselves into a state of condemnation. They will believe they have sinned in some way because God is now blocking the gift that He gave to them.

We need to understand that anyone can receive an "anointing" to minister in a particular way under the Power of the Holy Spirit. When the "anointing" is lifted then we can no longer do so. The giving of the "anointing" and the lifting of the same has nothing to do with our worthiness or worthlessness. It is at the determination of the Holy Spirit as to whom, when, and where.

Those who receive a "gift" of the Holy Spirit have the use of such at all times. It does not come and go. The receiving of a "grace gift" of the Holy Spirit is not a matter of our deserving or accomplishment. It is a "gift of grace" for the purpose of allowing us to be used. It does appear from experience that everyone who is Baptized with the Holy Spirit does receive one or more of the "gifts" of the Holy Spirit. Just which ones are entirely up to the Holy Spirit.

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 1**

The ministry that one performs with an "anointing" is just as powerful and just as valid as the ministry another person may perform with the "gift." Ministering with an "anointing" is only possible when the anointing is present. The ability to minister in this area ceases when the "anointing" lifts.

Ministry in the framework of the "gift" is possible at any time of the day or night. The person with the "gift" may use this "gift" at any place and time. They do not have to wait as does the person who would minister under the "anointing". It is wonderful to know what your "gift" is and know that you are ready to minister in this area at any time or place where opportunity is given.

Persons who have received one the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" may also from time to time minister in another area under the "anointing". When the "anointing" is lifted they can no longer minister in that area, but are still able to minister in the area of their gift.

What are some things from this week's study that you would like to discuss or share with the Group at the next meeting?

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 2

There seems to be a great deal of confusion as to what the various "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" are. It is a frequent occurrence that people will attribute the actions of one "Holy Spirit Gift" to another gift. This can be seen often in the "Word of Knowledge" and "Discernment" being attributed to the "Gift of Prophecy." The following definitions of the various Gifts of the Holy Spirit should be of some help.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit can be grouped into five major categories:

<p><b><u>Leadership Gifts</u></b> (Power to Oversee)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Administration</li> <li>2. Government</li> <li>3. Apostle</li> <li>4. Prophet</li> <li>5. Pastor</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Word Gifts</u></b> (Power to Speak)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exhortation</li> <li>2. Evangelism</li> <li>3. Interpretation</li> <li>4. Prophecy</li> <li>5. Teaching</li> <li>6. Tongues</li> <li>7. Word Of Knowledge</li> <li>8. Word Of Wisdom</li> </ol>
<p><b><u>Revelation Gifts</u></b> (Power To Know)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discernment</li> <li>2. Knowledge</li> <li>3. Wisdom</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Ministry Gifts</u></b> (Power to Do)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Faith</li> <li>2. Healings</li> <li>3. Miracles</li> </ol>
<p><b><u>Service Gifts</u></b> (Power to Serve)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Helps</li> <li>2. Giving</li> <li>3. Mercy</li> <li>4. Service</li> </ol>	

It is worth repeating here that this is not an all inclusive list of the "gifts of the Holy Spirit." This is only a list and definition of the Gifts which are more commonly spoken of today.

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 2

### Gifts for Leading:

#### **Administrations**

"Administrations" is used primarily among Believers. "The gifts of governments or administrations" is the gift of knowing how to rule or lead a body of believers. This means not just being in charge or at the head, but it is the ability to delegate and organize so things run efficiently and smoothly. Administrations as found in 1 Corinthians 12:5 is the Greek word "*diakonia*" which means "attendance or aid."

#### **Governments**

The gift of governments is used with the body of Believers. It is more in the directing and leading of the body than in organizing it. Governments as used in 1 Corinthians 12:28 is the Greek word "*kubernesis*" which means "pilotage or directorship."

#### **Apostle**

"Apostle" is a gift that is used primarily among the non-believers. This gift is not passed on from one person to another but is only bestowed by the Holy Spirit. The Apostles tried in Acts chapter one to select and designate one to fill the vacancy perceived to have been left by Judas. Jesus made it clear that He would select and anoint the Apostles when He selected Saul in chapter 9. Apostle as used in 1 Corinthians 12:28 is the Greek word "*apostolos*" which means "a delegate with miraculous powers."

#### **Prophet**

"Prophet" is a gift that is used primarily among believers. This gift is manifested in the foretelling of coming events in a manner that edifies and encourages the body as well as instructs them. Prophet as found in 1 Corinthians 12:48 is the Greek word "*prophetes*" which means "a fore-teller."

#### **Pastor**

"Pastor" is the gift of being able to shepherd and nurture those under your care. This gift is used primarily within the body of believers. For a more complete insight into this gift, see the study series "Priest - Elder - Deacon - Pastor." There may be a number of people within a local congregation with the gift of "shepherding" while they may not hold an office of Pastor.



Gifts of Speaking:

**Exhortation**

"Exhortation" is used primarily within the Body of Believers. "Exhortation" is the gift of personal encouragement to grow closer in one's walk with the Lord. This gift is much like a cheerleader but on a divine level. The Exhorter is able to spur another on when circumstances may be discouraging. Exhortation as found in Romans 8:26 is the Greek word "*parakaleo*" which means "to instruct and encourage."

**Evangelist**

"Evangelist" is more for the use among Non-Believers. This is the gift of preaching the Salvation message with divine power and results. This gift may travel from local body to local body but is continuously bringing people to Jesus in the New Convert experience and placing them into a local body for nourishment, growth, and discipline. Evangelist as found in Ephesians 4:11 is the Greek word "*euaggelistes*" which means "a preacher of the gospel."

**Interpretation**

"Interpretation" is primarily used among Believers. "Interpretation of Tongues" is the gift of understanding what is being said by one who is speaking with the "gift of tongues." This is the divine ability to interpret another language that one has not learned. This gift can bring meaning to otherwise meaningless babblings of the "tongues". Interpretation as used in 1 Corinthians 12:10 is the Greek word "*hermeneia*" which means "translation or interpretation."

**Prophecy**

Corinthians 14:3-5 explains the differences in purpose for the gift of tongues and the gift of prophecy. Prophecy speaks "to men for their strengthening, encouragement, and comfort." Tongues edifies the one who is speaking in tongues while prophecy "edifies the church."

The difference between tongues and prophecy is continued in 1 Corinthians 14:5-25. If one speaks a word of prophecy then that gift is greater than tongues unless the tongues is interpreted so that the whole Church can be edified by it. In this case they are equal.

Things which make sounds that are not understood by the people around simply are not useful to them. Unless you speak that which is understood to the people around you, then it is as though you were speaking into the wind.

Peter 1:20-21 explains that prophecy does not come about by the prophet's own will or strength. Prophecy has its origin in the will of God. Prophecy as found in 1 Corinthians 12:10 is the Greek word "*prophetecia*" which means "a prediction."

### **Teaching**

"Teaching" is used both within the body of Believers as well as among non-believers but is usually more accepted by Believers. This is the gift of being able to explain the things of God in a manner that anyone can understand them. The teacher is able to take the Word of God and show how it can be used or applied to one's everyday life. The teacher will usually offer a systematic instruction to the local body. Teacher as used in 2 Timothy 1:11 is the Greek word "*didaskalos*" which means "an instructor."

### **Tongues**

"Tongues" is for use primarily among Believers. "Tongues" is the gift of speaking in a language that one has not learned. It can be either a tongue of men or that of angels. It is edifying primarily to the speaker as others most often do not understand what is being said. 1 Corinthians 14:10 declares that there are all sorts of languages in the world, and none of them is without meaning. Tongues as used in 1 Corinthians 12:10 as well as most other passages in the New Testament is the Greek word "*glossa*" which means "the tongue or a language."

### **Word of Knowledge**

"Word of Knowledge" is for use among Believers to encourage their faith and among non-believers to help them become a believer. "Word of Knowledge" is a gift of coming to "know" things about another person or a situation when there is no humanly possible way for them to know these things. This gift seems to be used most often to help another person remember things that are important to them for the ministry's sake. It is also frequently used as a means of confirming to them that God is speaking to their personal life.

### **Word of Wisdom**

"Word of Wisdom" is for use primarily among Believers. "Word of Wisdom" is the gift of being able to bring some light to a person's situation. The person with this gift does not speak so much of future events. They speak of current events in a person's life and bring a word of instruction (wisdom) as to how to understand or act upon the situation. Wisdom as found in 1 Corinthians 12:8 is the Greek word "*sophia*" which means "wisdom."

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 2**

What are some specific ways these Gifts can be used to strengthen the individual or the local church: Exhortation, Evangelist, Interpretation, Prophecy, Teaching, Tongues, Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom.

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 2

### Gifts for Knowing:

#### **Discernment**

"Discernment" is used primarily among the body of Believers. "Discerning of spirits" is the gift of being able to identify what spirit is motivating a person. This gift can name a spirit that is working through another person. This gift also is able to discriminate the false prophets from the true. Discernment as found in 1 Corinthians 12:10 is the Greek word "*diakrisis*" which means "judicial estimation."

#### **Knowledge**

The gift of "knowledge" is used among Believers as well as non-believers. This is the gift of knowing things by divine revelation which would not otherwise be known. This can be of great help in ministering to the an individual. This will be the catalyst to break through an obstructing bearer or just confirm to the person that God is the one ministering through this minister. Knowledge as used in 1 Corinthians 12:8 is the Greek word "*gnosis*" which means "knowing or knowledge."

#### **Wisdom**

"Wisdom" is for use primarily among Believers. "Wisdom" is the gift of being able to make the best use of the knowledge and assets available. The person with this gift may not necessarily have more than average knowledge in a particular area; but they almost always do the wisest thing with the situation or circumstance. This gift is different from the "Word of Wisdom" in that it involves doing rather than speaking.

What are some specific ways in which these gifts can be used to strengthen the individual or the local church: Discernment, Knowledge, Wisdom.

Gifts for Doing:

**Faith**

"Faith" as a gift is used primarily among Believers. "The gift of faith" is the ability to have faith for whatever is needed. It is not easy for us to "have faith" when everything is crashing in around us. It is not easy to have faith when everything we see and everything we hear is opposite or opposed to our direction. The person with the gift of faith is able to "just believe" in the face of overwhelming odds or discouragements. Faith as used in 1 Corinthians 12:9 as well as most places in the New Testament is the Greek word "*pistis*" which means "persuasion."

**Healings**

"Healing" is used both among Believers and non-believers. "The gifts of healings" is the ability to have a variety of sicknesses destroyed. The plural word here could indicate a variety of specific healing gifts or variety of methods for bring about such. Healing as used in 1 Corinthians 12:9 is the Greek Word "*iama*" which means "a cure or a healing."

**Miracles**

"Miracles" is a gift used both among Believers to encourage their faith and among non- believers to get their attention. "The working of miracles" is the working of divine power or "*dynameis*". It is not the same as the "gifts of healings". It could be the casting out of evil spirits or the raising of the dead back to life. It is the bringing about of things that are humanly impossible. Miracles as found in 1 Corinthians 12:10 is the Greek word "*dunamis*" which means "force or miraculous power."

What are some specific ways these Gifts can be used to strengthen the individual or the local church: Faith, Healings, Miracles.

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 2

### Gifts for Service:

#### **Helps**

"Helps" is a gift used primarily among Believers. "The gifts of helpers" is the divine ability to know how and when to best help a person in need. This is much more than just giving a person something that they are in need of. This is a divine gift of being able to do the right thing at the right time in the right amount to be of genuine and lasting help to a someone. Helps as found in 1 Corinthians 12:28 is the Greek word "*antilepsis*" which means "relief of help."

#### **Giving**

"Giving" as a gift is used both within the Body of Believers and to non-believers. "Contributing" is the gift of being able to give to the needs of the local body, ministry, and individuals. This gift is a divine knowing of "just what" to give and when. "Contributing" as found in Romans 12:8 is the Greek word "*metadidomi*" which means simply "to impart."

#### **Mercy**

"Mercy" as a gift is used both among Believers and among non-believers. "Acts of Mercy" is the gift of being able to show mercy even in the times when the flesh simply would not be able to do so. "Mercy" as found in Romans 12:8 is the Greek word "*eleeo*" which means "have mercy on the afflicted or to bring help to the wretched."

#### **Service**

"Service" is the gift of knowing just how to serve. This gift is primarily used within the framework of a local body of believers. "Service" as found in 1 Corinthians 12:5 is the Greek word "*diakonia*" which means "service" - the word from which we get deacon.

What are some specific ways in which these Gifts can be used to strengthen the individual or the local church: Helps, Giving, Mercy, Service.

## Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 2

Be on your guard:

Everything that looks like a Gift of the Holy Spirit - ISN'T !

Everyone who claims to be exhibiting a Gift of the Holy Spirit - ISN'T !

Holy Spirit Gifts	Genuine	True & Beneficial Results
Psychological	Artificial	same motions - different results
Psychic	Counterfeit	different motions - outer results similar different internally
Demonic	Counterfeit	similar motions - results very different

Review this chart.

How does this help evaluate those claiming to have a gift of the Holy Spirit?

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Gifts Part 2**

Write your questions and insights to share with the Group the next time you meet:



## Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 1

Read 1 Corinthians 12:31 and make notes:

There are those who use this text to declare some gifts to be greater than other gifts. Some believe this says we should desire a "greater" number of gifts.

Do you think some gifts of the Holy Spirit are greater than other gifts? If so, why some are better – or what makes this gift greater than the others ?

There is no hierarchy among the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Some are not greater than the others and none are less than others. At any given point in time or ministry situation, the greatest gift is the one that edifies the church the most in that situation or circumstance.

Apart from the Giver of the Gifts and the purpose for which they are given, the Gifts have NO VALUE!

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1 and make notes:

Give some examples (without using names of individuals) where someone claimed to be ministering with (or in) a gift (or gifts) of the Holy Spirit; but did not exhibit the Fruit of Love: (what were the immediate results - what were the long term results?)

## Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 1

To simply "have the Gifts of the Holy Spirit" cannot be the goal of the believer. "Love" is a Fruit of the Spirit; It Is Not A Gift! To have the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in our life must be the goal. When the fruits of the Spirit are evident in our life, then we are most usable to God.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit make it easier to attain the Fruits of the Spirit. Having the Fruits of the Spirit in our life makes it easier to minister to those around us. This is the mission of each and everyone of us as long as God allows us to live here on this earth.

**Fruits without the Gifts = an anemic Christian.**

**Gifts without the Fruits = a no-credit (no value) Christian.**

If you would like to see a personal and practical application of this, substitute the phrase "a good and faithful servant" for the word "love" in 1 Corinthians 13.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (paraphrased)

If I \_\_\_\_\_ in the tongues of men and angels, but "I am not a good and faithful servant", I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the \_\_\_\_\_ of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and I have a \_\_\_\_\_ that can move mountains, but "I am not a good and faithful servant", I am nothing. If I \_\_\_\_\_ all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but "I am not a good and faithful servant", I gain nothing. "A good and faithful servant" is \_\_\_\_\_, "a good and faithful servant" is \_\_\_\_\_. "A good and faithful servant" does not \_\_\_\_\_, "a good and faithful servant" does not \_\_\_\_\_, "a good and faithful servant" is not \_\_\_\_\_. "A good and faithful servant" is not \_\_\_\_\_, "a good and faithful servant" is not \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, "a good and faithful servant" is not easily \_\_\_\_\_, "a good and faithful servant" keeps no record of \_\_\_\_\_. "A good and faithful servant" does not delight in \_\_\_\_\_ but rejoices with the \_\_\_\_\_. "A good and faithful servant" always \_\_\_\_\_, always \_\_\_\_\_, always \_\_\_\_\_.

## Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 1

There are two basic types of people:

Those who emphasize PURPOSE, and those who emphasize POWER.

People who emphasize purpose place greater emphasis on:	People who emphasize power place greater emphasis on:
Fruit	Gifts
Being	Doing
Love	Faith
Truth	Action
Principle	Practice
Discernment	Deliverance
Cross	Crown
Submission	Authority
Waiting (God)	Wrestling (Devil)
Church (Body)	Champion individual)

It is our natural tendency to move completely to one side or the other, depending upon our personal makeup. It is God's desire for us to bring our natural self into discipline and find a place of balance somewhere between these two natural extremes.

Finding a place of balance does not mean the complete loss of power or purpose. Finding a place of balance is seldom, if ever, half-way between the two. Imagine a limb that is ten feet long that the wind has broken off of a tree. The place of balance is not five feet from each end. The place of balance will be closer to one end than the other.

A picture example is the breeding of Red cattle with White cattle. The resultant offspring is not pink cattle. The offspring of this breeding - is cattle which are both red and white. Some may be more red and others may be more white.

When we find a place of balance between the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, there will still be evidences of both. Some persons may have more Gift than Fruit while others may have more Fruit than Gift.

## Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 1

In certain situations it may be more appropriate to make use of the Gift than the Fruit; but in other situations it may be entirely more appropriate to make use of the Fruit rather than the Gift.

<u>Greek term</u>	<u>Literal English</u>
<i>Pneumatica</i>	spirituals ( 1 Corin 12:1, 14:1)
<i>Pneumata</i>	spirits ( 1 Corin 14:12)
<i>Charismata</i>	gifts of grace ( 1 Corin 12:4,9,28,30)

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

are	are not	because
Spiritual	psychological	they are from the mind and heart of God rather than man
Supra-Natural	natural	not something we inherit - not from within us
Gifts	rewards	we cannot earn them

A Gift of the Holy Spirit is a supra-natural capacity or power specifically expressed through a Believer that God's will might be realized for a particular purpose. (Help someone else to become a Believer.)

A Fruit of the Holy Spirit is the product of the Holy Spirit working in our lives with the Gift we have been given or perhaps with the Gift given to someone else.

God desires to bring each of us to the place where the Fruits of the Holy Spirit are evident in our life. However, both, the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are needed to fulfill our divine destiny in Christ Jesus.

We need divine	If we are going to be like
Character	His Being
Conception	His Thinking
Conversation	His Speaking
Conduct	His Doing

## Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 1

Read Galatians 5:22-23 and list the Fruits of the Spirit identified:

Any child of God is able and eligible to develop and produce the Fruit of the Spirit.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 and make notes:

Paul explains that neither tongues or prophesy have any value to the church or to the ministry, if they are presented without love. He contends not even faith has any value if one does not have love. He continues to explain not even giving all that you possess to the poor has any value without love.

In 1 Corinthians 13:8 Paul explains prophecies, tongues, and even knowledge will one day cease. Note what he says about "love":

"Love never \_\_\_\_\_."

In other words, Love will never pass away. "Love" is the way of any and all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Without love, the Gifts amount to nothing. With love they are beyond all earthly value in ministering grace, mercy, and salvation in Jesus Christ.

What are some specific ways "Love" could be demonstrated while using certain gifts within the Small Group or the local Church service.

## Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 1

In regard to natural fruit:

It is a product of MATURITY.

It takes time and cultivation in order for the fruit to come forth.

It is a product of PLEASURE.

It delights our senses when we are able to partake of the fruit.

It is a product of WORTH.

It provides varying degrees of nourishment to our body.

It is a product of REPRODUCTIVE PURPOSE. Fruit contains the seeds of life.

While Gifts of the Spirit do not equate in any way to the Maturity of the Believer; Fruits of the Spirit are very much a product of the maturity of the Believer in their walk with the Holy Spirit.

One of the basic laws of life is "Life begets life." Corn always reproduces corn, if it produces anything. Natural life begets natural life. Spiritual life begets spiritual life.

A life surrendered to Jesus Christ will in time be a fruitful life. A life surrendered to Jesus will in time bring forth fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit brings forth only the fruit of the Holy Spirit. He never brings forth any bad fruit. He doesn't even bring forth fleshly fruit or physical fruit.

Having the Fruit of the Holy Spirit coming forth in our lives can and often does make it possible for us to produce a great quantity of physical fruit. A life with the Fruit of the Holy Spirit is often more successful in the work place; but it is a result of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit and not one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Knowing natural life begets natural life, it is easy to envision what the fruit of a natural life will look like.

What is the Spirit life like ? What will a Spiritual life in Christ look like?

## **Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 1**

Read Hebrews 1:1-4 and make notes:

What are some characteristics you would expect to see in someone as they minister using a Gift from the Holy Spirit?

Jesus is what Spirit Life looks like. He is the express image of what the "Life of God" is like in a language we can understand.

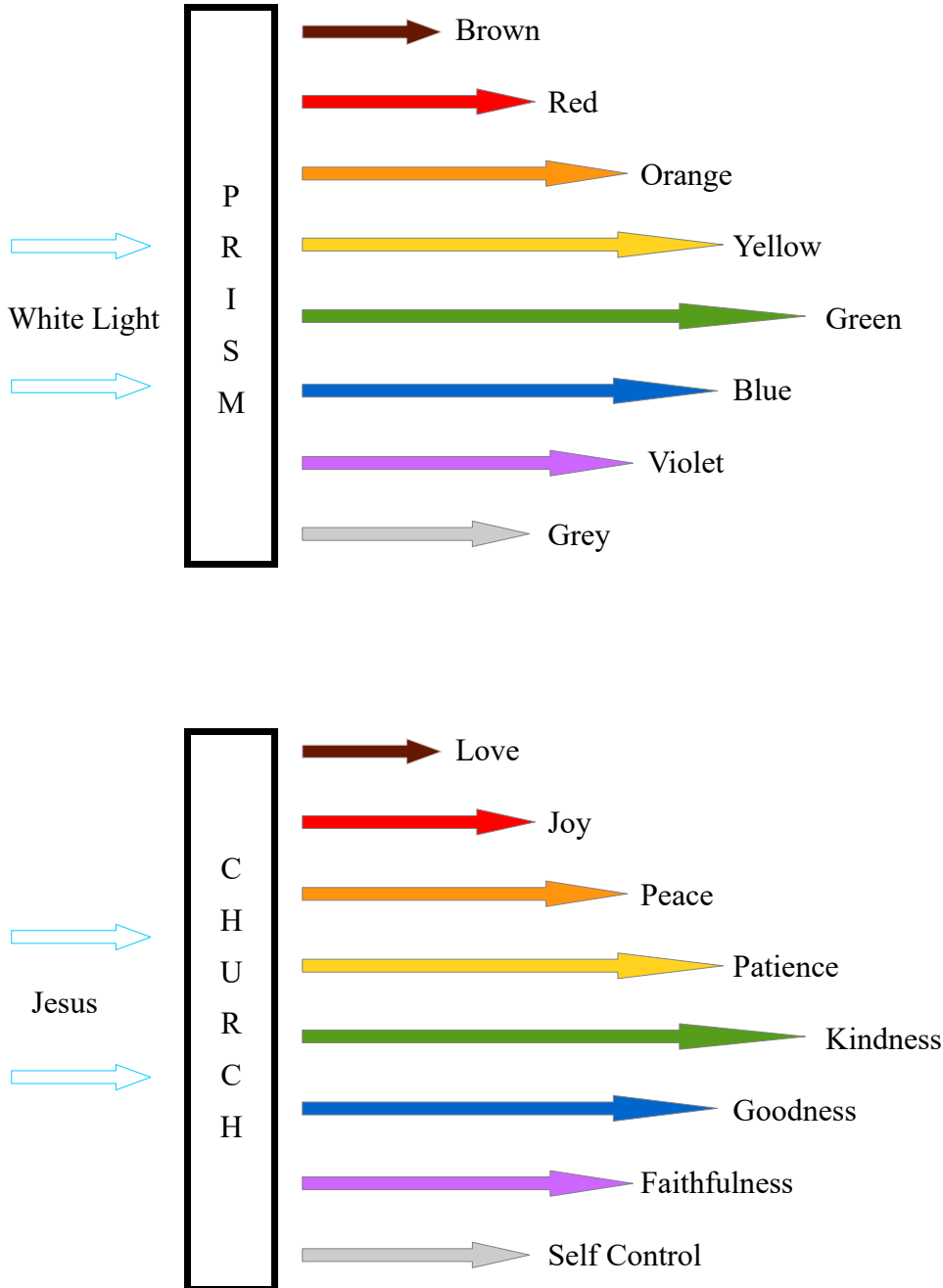
Read John 1:14 and make notes:

Read John 1:4-9 and make notes:

## Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 1

Jesus was and is the Light of Life ! The Fruits of the Spirit are simply qualities of the Christ-like life. Each Fruit of the Holy Spirit is a word picture expressing what Jesus' life is like.

Spectrum of Light is a picture of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.



Each color of the rainbow looks different from the others (some very different); and yet all come from the same White Light source. Each one expresses a component part of the total character of the White Light. This is also true with the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.



## **Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 1**

All the Fruits of the Spirit may look different; but they come from the same Holy Spirit source. Each one expresses a characteristic component part of the total character of Jesus Christ (the Heavenly Father, and the Holy Spirit).

All colors of the light spectrum may be viewed as equal in value and quality. However, certain colors are more beneficial than others in particular situations. Some colors are easier to see in specific environments. Some colors help reveal flaws in the makeup of items which do not show up under other colors. It also must be noted that no one color is the most beneficial in all circumstances. We need to make use of all the colors, each in its beneficial setting.

We need all the Fruits of the Spirit, using each one where it is the most beneficial.

Describe some situations or circumstances where a specific Fruit of the Holy Spirit would be more beneficial than another.

How can this understanding of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit be of help to the Home Group or to the Local Church? To you in your personal Life?

## **Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 1**

What questions or insights to you have from this study that you want to share with the Group the next time you meet?

## Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 2

Read John 7:37 and make notes:

Jesus is the essential source and the reality of the Fruits of the Spirit. If we are to be filled with the Spirit, then we must "drink" from Jesus as the source. The Fruit of the Spirit is in reality "what Jesus is." The Fruit of the Spirit is NOT how we feel !

While He was in the fleshly body, Jesus continually revealed His character and image.

Read Matthew 11:29 and make notes:

Read John 15:11 and make notes:

Read 1 John 4:8 and make notes:

The emotions of love, joy, goodness, or any other Fruit of the Spirit, is not the reality of Jesus; it is simply the emotional response to the reality of Jesus. Our emotions and attitudes are our responses to the reality of Jesus.

We must not allow ourselves to fall into the trap of thinking we can produce the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives only when our circumstances are wonderful.

## Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 2

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and make notes:

Read Romans 5:3-5 and make notes:

From Weakness can come \_\_\_\_\_.

From Suffering can come \_\_\_\_\_.

From Perseverance can come \_\_\_\_\_.

From Character can come \_\_\_\_\_.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit will work through the uncomfortable circumstances for the express purpose of bringing the Fruit of the Holy Spirit into existence in our lives.

Note here an example of how this has happened in your life.

**Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 2**

Satan has so filled the earth with "counterfeit" fruits of the Spirit and with "weeds" to take the place of the fruits of the Spirit; perhaps it will help to make a comparison of some of the more common examples:

**LOVE:**

Reality (Genuine Fruit of the Holy Spirit)
Selfless giving and forgiving
Persistent - does not give up
Sturdy - does not wear out
Realistic but redemptive
Precise & decisive - draws the line
Compassion - love in action – grace

Substitutes (counterfeits)	Opposites (weeds)
Shallow - sugary sentiment	Selfish - cold, cruel, calculating
Short-lived infatuation	Suspicious – fickle
Idealistic romanticism	Jealousy - resentment – bitterness
Blind acceptance - compromise	Hatred - retaliation, merciless
Permissiveness - anything goes	Self-pity – unsympathetic
Passive sympathy or pity	

**Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 2**

**JOY:**

Reality (Genuine Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Interior attitude of gladness
Strong - steadfast – powerful
Healing - uplifting – contagious
Glow - sparkle, peace – exhilarating

Substitutes (counterfeits)	Opposites (weeds)
Giddy foolishness	Sadness - sorrow, melancholy
Frivolous jesting	Mournful - gloom, grief, self-pity
Circumstantial happiness	Depression - rejection, paralysis
Artificial gaiety - metallic mask	

**PEACE:**

Reality (Genuine Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Harmony of heart - at rest with God, self, and man
Inner serenity, tranquility
Sweet silence of soul, hears God

Substitutes (counterfeits)	Opposites (weeds)
Complacency - "at ease in Zion"	Anxiety - worry, fear
Comfort of non-involvement	Strife - discord, conflict
Relief from tension of decision	Turmoil - tension, torment
Contentment of worldly possessions	Harassment – hassle

**Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 2**

**LONG-SUFFERING (patience)**

Reality (Genuine Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Patience with purpose
Strength to stay with it
Faith, hope, and love in action towards God, ourselves, and others
Compassion - love in action – grace

Substitutes (counterfeits)

Opposites (weeds)

Fatalism - what will be will be	Impatience – intolerance
Hopeless resignation	Hasty - impulsive reactions
Helpless outlook - grin and bear it	Irritation and frustration

**GENTLENESS (kindness)**

Reality (Genuine Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Kindness - courtesy – concern
Handle with care – precious
Power of love under control

Substitutes (counterfeits)

Opposites (weeds)

Peace at any price	Rudeness – dishonesty
Pushover in principles	Cruel – harsh
Sentimental softness	Push - contemptuous, heavy handed

**Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 2**

**GOODNESS (benevolence)**

Reality (Genuine Fruit of the Holy Spirit)
Integrity of character that produces Godly works
Heavenly-minded with earthly purpose
Qualities: strength, solidity, straightness, sincerity, honesty, purity, definition

Substitutes (counterfeits)	Opposites (weeds)
Proud do-gooder	Evil-hearted, selfish
Goodness for "gettingness"	Qualities: weakness, softness, devious, ulterior, vagueness
Nasty nice	

**FAITH (faithfulness)**

Reality (Genuine Fruit of the Holy Spirit)
Consistently trustworthy, punctual
Reliable, responsible, dependable
Careful but confident

Substitutes (counterfeits)	Opposites (weeds)
Stubborn, opinionated, brittle	Erratic and irregular
Proud rigidity - unmovable, inflexible	Procrastination – tardy
	Unreliable - irresponsible, undependable
	Careless and doubtful



**Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 2**

**MEEKNESS (humility)**

Reality (Genuine Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Inward attitude (God first)
Awareness of God's goodness
Submissive and teachable attitude
Sense of divine destiny and fulfillment
Inner Strength - outer composure

Substitutes (counterfeits)

Opposites (weeds)

Weakness - spineless, doormat	Striving for self-realization
False modesty - self depreciation	Strong-souled - non-submissive, unteachable
	Proud - arrogant, argumentative
	Bitter - resentful, retaliation
	Murmur - complain, self-pity

**TEMPERANCE (self-control)**

Reality (Genuine Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Self-control through spiritual discipline
Spiritual control of our God given abilities

Substitutes (counterfeits)

Opposites (weeds)

Negative, legal, heavy attitude	Undisciplined - unruly, rebellious
	Law-unto-oneself
	Self-gratification

## Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 2

If the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given at the discretion of the Holy Spirit, then how much order can there be when the Gifts are in operation ?

Can we know when we are about to use our Gift ?

Or does it catch us by surprise and we just have to use it when it happens ? ? ?

### **Order and Decency:**

All of the Spiritual Gifts are given for the edification of the Church and service of the same. When one receives a spiritual gift they also receive a great responsibility.

Read 1 Corinthians 14:40 and make notes:

The Lord instructs us to do everything decently and in order. Some of the gifts, by their nature, can easily be misused and can become a disturbance; such as tongues, healings, and miracles. The words "fitting" and "orderly" should be kept in mind when we bring forth the Fruit of the Spirit. Does my "Fruit" fit at this place or will it disrupt the "order."

In the book of 1 Corinthians, Paul clearly points out some of the gifts that appear to be spectacular can be inferior to those gifts that instruct and build up the believer's faith and lifestyle.

## Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 2

Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-33 and make notes:

Here we find some basic instructions in how to conduct ourselves when we come together to worship and pray in a corporate effort. The hymns, words of instruction, revelations, tongues, and interpretations should be done for the strengthening of the church. There should be no more than three speakers and they should speak one at a time. If there is no interpreter for tongues, then there should be no word in tongues except silently.

When there is prophesy spoken, then the others should weigh and test the prophesy carefully. We are reminded, the spirits of the Prophets are subject to the control of the Prophets. This reinforces the position that the service should be conducted decently and in order. The tongues and the prophecies are to "in order" and not "out of control."

One error concerning the Gifts of the Holy Spirit is the over emphasizing of the gifts. The church that goes this way will often spend so much time pushing the gifts that the ministry suffers and the fruit is allowed to diminish and even disappear.

The other error concerning the Gifts of the Holy Spirit is the effort to institutionalize the gifts. The church that goes this way often quenches the Holy Spirit and the local body loses all sensitivity to His leading.

It is true that some Gifts of the Holy Spirit seem highly prone to misuse. This does not call for the dismissal or prohibiting of the Gifts. It does however call for the careful attention to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

What are some things we can do to help encourage the Gifts to be used in our Small Group or in our church, but at the same time maintain order according to the Scriptures ?

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Be On Your Guard:

Read Matthew 24:24 and mark 13:22 and make notes:

These texts record the warning that false Christ and false prophets will come and they will even perform great signs and miracles. With these signs and miracles, they will deceive many. They will even attempt to deceive the elect of God.

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:9 and 2 Peter 2:1 and make notes:

There were already false prophets and teachers among the Believers in the first century church. These false teachers and false prophets secretly introduce destructive heresies.

Read 1 John 4:1-3 and make notes:

We are instructed from God's Word, not to believe every spirit. We are instructed to "test" the spirits to "see whether they are from God." We can tell which ones are from God because they will openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:3 and make notes:

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God has a good reason why we should test the spirits.

Read Jude 1:18-20 and make notes:

Those who follow natural instincts and not the Holy Spirit will divide the believers if we listen to them. We are to build each other up in the "most Holy Faith and pray in the Holy Spirit."

The "speaking in tongues" has caused some to fear they may be speaking at the leading of some demon. While you may not be able to understand the specific words, you certainly can understand the affect this experience is having upon your heart and spirit man. If this is from God, there will be no fear, anxiety, or unrest. The Spirit of God brings peace, joy, and excitement. When in doubt as to whether you are being "influenced" by an evil spirit or the Holy Spirit, look for the fruit of the Holy Spirit. This test should be applied to every time we think we are ministering with the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

What are some practical examples of when and how we can apply this "testing of the spirits" in our Small Group or Church services.

## **Baptism With The Holy Spirit - Fruits Part 2**

What questions or insights do you have from this study to share with the Group?

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Delay In Receiving**

A person who has accepted Jesus as Savior can know they are saved; yet they are still find themselves being delayed or held back from being baptized with the Holy Spirit. It is not uncommon for the person to discover they have never "acknowledged, confessed, or asked forgiveness" for a sin or sins in their life.

### **Sometimes, it is un-confessed sin.**

They may not only need to repent but actually renounce certain things in their life such as practices of the occult; fortune telling, horoscopes, witchcraft, astrology. Don't leave any un-confessed sin in your life. (refer to Baptism of Fire for more detail in this) The fear of one or more of these "Gifts" is the thing which holds many back from receiving any of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and from being Baptized with the Holy Spirit.

### **Sometimes, it is fear of one of the Gifts.**

We can not stand before God and say "Please baptize me with Your Holy Spirit, but I don't want this particular gift or that particular gift. We can't say, "I will take Your baptism with the Holy Spirit only if I get a certain gift" and expect to receive from God. This shows a lack of trust in God. It says, in a sense, that we think God just might give us something that would hurt us.

### **Sometimes, it is self-centered reasons.**

Another attitude which holds some people back is asking to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit for selfish reasons. In Acts 8:9-25 we find the account of Simon the sorcerer.

Read Acts 8:9-25 and make notes:

He desired to "buy" the ability to bestow the Holy Spirit upon others. His reasons were apparently selfish in nature and not to "Glorify God." He was firmly rebuked for this attitude. Consider carefully your reason for wanting to Baptized with the Holy Spirit. What is it that you truly hope to acquire or become because of it?

Don't write general answers such as "I hope to be more of what God wants me to be." Be specific about what you hope or desire to receive from this experience.

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Now look at your reason or reasons, who will receive notice and glory, and honor?

Perhaps the fear of speaking in "tongues" is the most common road block among Christians who seem to be delayed in being Baptized with the Holy Spirit. It is not uncommon to find a believer who would like to have a closer relationship with God. They would like to have the Power of the Holy Spirit working in their life; but they really don't think they would like to "babble" in tongues.

Everyone who is Baptized with the Holy Spirit does not receive the gift of speaking in "tongues" or other languages. It does seem to be the most common experience, but it should not be considered alone as "the evidence."

Read Acts 2:3-4 and make notes:

If you are to speak with the "tongues" of the Holy Spirit, then it is the Holy Spirit that will give the utterance. In this text when the Holy Spirit was poured forth upon the 120 in that upper room, "they saw what seemed to be tongues of fire" that came and rested on each of them and they began to speak "in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Read Acts 2:11 and make notes :

Jews from several parts of the world were there and heard preaching in their own language. Some have interpreted this to mean that "other tongues" are simply other earthly languages. Others have tried to explain this by saying the miracle was in the "hearing" rather than the "speaking." They believe the Disciples were babbling and that the Holy Spirit interpreted the "babbling" into the language of the hearer. Either way it was an act and ministry of the Holy Spirit.



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Read 1 Corinthians 13:1 and make notes:

If you do begin to speak with "other tongues" it may sound like some foreign language that you have heard, it may sound like a baby babbling, or it may sound like nothing you have ever heard before. After all, Paul indicates there are tongues of men and of angels. Consider how strange some human languages sound to us; what would an angel language sound like?

Speaking in unknown or unlearned tongues is for one's own edification unto God. If your spirit man is being edified and you can identify any of the "fruit of the Holy Spirit" then use this for judgment criteria and not how it may sound to your physical ear.

Read 1 Corinthians 14:2 and 14:16 and make notes:

Paul explains, one who speaks in a tongue is not speaking to man but is speaking to God. Another man will not understand what you are saying while you are speaking in a tongue. Other men will not understand you when you are "praising God with your spirit."

**When one is truly speaking in tongues, it is not irrational babbling. It is not the forsaking of what is rational and meaningful.**

Speaking in tongues is a supra-rational communication with God. It goes beyond our physical rationale and operates in the spiritual realm; but it is always very meaningful. Tongues allows for a communication with God that goes beyond the mental abilities of the individual. It is a time for the spirit man to communicate in a pure and concise manner with God. Tongues allows for an elevated state of praise and worship to God that is above our physical and earthly abilities.

Tongues allows for precise and accurate praying to God. Always using the correct words and language for whatever the situation may be. Our spirit man can be very specific in our praying to God.

There are situations and circumstances that arise wherein we seem to fail to find the appropriate words to describe or discuss. This makes it very hard to pray about such things.

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There are those times when we are so burdened about a situation or person that we desperately desire to see God do something for them, but we are completely unsure as to what to ask God to do. There are also times when we may find ourselves so overjoyed and are unable to find words to describe our feelings. We are woefully inadequate in our words to express to God our thanks or our appreciation.

In the natural man's environment we have adapted to these situations by looking for and adopting a word from another language when our own language fails to provide an appropriate word. Take for example the Chinese cooking pan called a Wok. What if you could not use the Chinese name for this pan and had to discuss the using of it.

Another example is found in Mayonnaise. Suppose you could not use this French word and had to speak about this salad dressing several times throughout your conversation.

And yet another example is the Pretzel. Try to speak of this German biscuit without using it's German name. These are only a few of the foreign words that we have adopted into our English language because there simply wasn't an adequate English word to describe the item or substance.

Our conversation would be very cumbersome if we could not use the foreign names of such things. We would no doubt use many words trying to describe each item and may still fail to clearly communicate to the other person exactly what we are talking about.

How wonderful to know that the Holy Spirit will provide the exact word to express any situation or circumstance. Even if the word is from a language that we have never heard or studied.

The Holy Spirit, who knows the heart of God and the Word of God, is very capable of knowing exactly how to pray about any situation that might arise. How comforting to know that the Holy Spirit will guide you in precisely praying the correct way about every circumstance.

Read 1 Corinthians 14:15 and make notes:

Paul explains when we pray in a tongue, it is our spirit that is praying and our mind is unfruitful. We should pray with our spirit, but we should also pray with our mind. We can receive great benefit from praying in tongues but we need to continue to also pray with our understanding.

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Read 1 Corinthians 13:9-10 and make notes:

There are those who use 1 Corinthians 13:9-10 to say that the Baptism with the Holy Spirit has passed away. We cannot apply this only to tongues or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. "When that which is perfect is come" everything that is done in part will disappear. This would also mean even preaching will cease at that time. We can only preach in part for surely "in part" is all we have. Knowledge will cease, and etc. "When that which is perfect is come" is most likely referring to the Second Coming of Christ Jesus.

Read 1 Corinthians 14:1 and make notes:

For today and until Jesus does come back, we are to "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts".

Read John 4:24 and make notes:

Today, God is a spirit and if we are going to worship Him, then we "must worship Him in spirit and in truth." We need the Holy Spirit to lead us in "worshipping" God in spirit.

Read John 16:13-14 and make notes:

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Jesus explained, when the Holy Spirit comes, "He will guide you into all truth." The Holy Spirit came on that day of Pentecost. Jesus continued to explain in 16:14 the Holy Spirit will take what belongs to Jesus and "make it known to you." This is one of the reasons we need the Holy Spirit today.

Read Romans 8:26-27 and make notes:

This text explains the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, helps us know how to pray, and even intercedes for us, all in accordance with God's will. Yes, the Holy Spirit is for today.

Read Romans 14:17-18 and make notes:

We are to be working and living in the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is not the physical things that most of us are concerned with. The Kingdom of God is "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." "Anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God."

The prayer Paul prayed for the Christians in Rome is the heart's desire of God for all Christians today. This is expressed in Romans 15:13,

"so that you may overflow with hope by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit."

When you have been Baptized with the Holy Spirit, you will no doubt experience one of the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" begin to work in your life. This has been occurring since the early Church days in the Book of Acts.

Read Mark 16:17-18 and make notes:

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Mark 16:17-18 probably scares a number of Christians away from asking to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. They read these verses of Scripture and magnify the words "drive out demons, speak in new tongues, pick up snakes with their hands, and drink deadly poisons." They may be a little spooked by the idea of driving out demons, they are certainly uncomfortable with speaking in tongues; but by the time they get to the picking up snakes and drinking deadly poison there is often out right fear present.

Those who have interpreted these things as kinds of test that a believer must perform to "prove" their faith have sorely missed the intent of these Scriptures. The person who boastfully presents the "speaking in tongues" as some kind of proof of Baptism with the Holy Spirit is as far off the mark as the person who proposes drinking deadly poison will prove their faith.

Anyone of the things mentioned here can be done by evil spirits or demons. This even includes the placing of their hands upon sick people and having them to get well mentioned in verse 18.

This text is an assurance to the Believer that these signs will accompany them. There is no charge or commission to go around "proving" such things. If you are ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit, then you need not have fear of any demons that should come against you. You will be able to cast them out in the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you are ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit then you need not fear having the appropriate words to say. You will be speaking with a new tongue that is guided by the Holy Spirit and you will always have the right thing to say, even if it is in another language.

If you are ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit, you need not fear any snakes (or serpents) that should come against you. This is referring to spiritual snakes as much as physical snakes. The book of Revelations reveals Satan to be "the Serpent" and it is not a bad analogy to understand all the demonic spirits to be serpents. Those working within the Church to corrupt it are like the crafty and sly snake.

If you are ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit then you need not fear any poisonous thing. The Word of God has been likened unto Water all throughout the Bible. A poison drink is heresy or doctrines of demons. The power of the Holy Spirit working through you will protect you from such perversions.

Read Mark 16:20 and make notes:

This text confirms the Disciples went out and preached and these signs did follow them.

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Read Acts 19:6 and make notes:

This text records when the Holy Spirit came on the believers they spoke in tongues and prophesied. This experience is repeated in several places throughout the Book of Acts.

The basic purpose for one to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit is to receive power with which to do the work of the ministry. In every recorded incident in the New Testament where a person or group of people received the Holy Spirit, there was an immediate effect upon them. Today, when you are Baptized with the Holy Spirit, you can expect an immediate effect upon you and your life. However, it may not necessarily be the receiving a gift which many of the others appear to have.

One effect is a strong and personal sense of the reality of God. Another is a noticeably enhanced perception of the Holy Scriptures. Another effect is an overflowing love and joy. Another is a stronger desire to fellowship with other believers. All of the above mentioned effects bring about a boldness in the witness for Jesus Christ.

Make a list of any concerns you have at this time about the effect of being Baptized with the Holy Spirit might have on you.

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Receiving**

What must I do?

Read Luke 11:13 and make notes:

Our Father in Heaven gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.

Read Galatians 3:1-5 and make notes:

This text makes it clear we do not receive the Holy Spirit by observing the law or by attaining any human goal. We receive the Holy Spirit because we believe His Word. It is not only acceptable to ask God to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit, He is expecting us to do so.

There are many today who teach every Believer is Baptized with the Holy Spirit as soon as they are Saved. In Acts chapter 8, we find the Samaritans did not receive the Holy Spirit when they believed. It was not until the Apostles told them of the Holy Spirit and then prayed for them.

This is even better illustrated in Acts chapter 19. When Paul arrived in Ephesus, he found a group of Believers who had not received the Holy Spirit. They said, "we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." It is hard to ask for something that you have not heard of. Remember, these people were "Believers."

We must focus on Jesus. We must give our life to Him. We must give our heart, soul, mind, strength, finances, and yes even our tongues to Jesus. This includes our present as well as our future.

Most Christians today, while they have accepted Jesus as Savior, have never allowed Jesus to be the "Lord of their life." They have never allowed Jesus to control what they do or where they go.

There simply is no formula to follow in order to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit. Since there is no formula, there can be no "How to Instructions." For most persons however; it seems to come after sincere prayer, commitment, and expectation. These characteristics can be seen in Jesus' life and ministry as well as others in the book of Acts.

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Receiving**

### **Those that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength:**

The Lord's instruction to the Disciples was to "wait until the Holy Spirit comes upon you." In our fast paced world it is not easy to just "wait" for someone or something. That is just what we must do. Do not try to hurry God. Do not make demands of Him. Ask of Him, believe that it is His desire, expect Him to do so, and wait until He does Baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

### **After you are Baptized with the Holy Spirit:**

It is important to worship together with other Spirit Baptized believers on a regular basis. This does not mean you must leave your local church if they do not believe or accept the Gifts of the Spirit or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Only that you need to come together regularly with others who believe and have experienced this Baptism so that you might "build each other up in the Most Holy Faith."

It is normal for Satan come to you a short time later and begin to place doubts into your mind. He will try to get you to believe you were not "Baptized with the Holy Spirit." He will try to get you to doubt whatever experience you may have had at the moment when you were Baptized or in the days since. He may even try to heap condemnation upon you for having "faked it." You can not reason or debate with Satan.

It is okay for you to judge what has happened to you. It is even acceptable to talk with the person or persons who were there when you experienced "Baptism with the Holy Spirit" and get their opinion as to what you have or have not received. You must judge your experience upon inner conditions and results more than outer ones. This is something that has happened with the Spiritual person that you are. While there will be outward results, these will come after (or follow) the inner results.

The judging of such an experience will be discussed later. It is important to know the doubts are normal. Satan tries this with all of us.

Make a list of any concerns you still have about being Baptized with the Holy Spirit.



## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Receiving**

Make a list of your reasons for wanting to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit.

### **The Laying on of Hands:**

There are many examples in the New Testament of people who received the "Baptism with the Holy Spirit" at the "laying on of Hands" by others. There is also the account of the 120 in the upper room upon whom no one, other than the Lord, touched them and they were Baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Then there are accounts such as Ananias who ministered to Saul. Unless he was one of those 120 in the upper room, then he was apparently Baptized with the Holy Spirit without someone "laying hands on him."

There are many testimonies today of people who were Baptized with the Holy Spirit when other Baptized Believers laid their hands upon them and prayed for them. But there are also testimonies of those who were Baptized without anyone laying hands on them. There are also testimonies of being Baptized with the Holy Spirit in a variety of locations and circumstances.

It does not appear that you have to be with the "right person" or in the "right location". It appears you only have to be in the "right heart" to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit.

It does appear to be easier for most people to receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit when they are in the presence of other Believers. Perhaps it is the "anointing" that is present or perhaps it is their faith. Perhaps it is the "agreement" of two or more Believers. Perhaps it is just the encouragement that you receive from them. Perhaps it is the combination of all these things.

## **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Receiving**

Please don't lock God into a box and tell Him that you "must" be with a certain person or in a certain place. Begin to be open and honest with God, even sharing with Him your concerns, doubts, and fears. Ask for His understanding, teaching, and guidance. Then be obedient to what He asks of you. Be patient, wait as long as necessary knowing that it is God's desire that you be empowered to live this life He has Saved you to live.

Surrender to Him. Surrender yourself to everything that God desires for you to have or to receive. Surrender to anything God should give to you to use for His service. Surrender in complete and unconditional submission to Him.

What are the things you are willing to surrender to God, surrender the control of, give up completely, etc.

### **Suggestions to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit:**

- 1 - Remember this has nothing to do with achievement or performance on your part.
- 2 - Be sure your heart's desire is to receive and to have all that God wants you to have.
- 3 - Check you motive for asking to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit.  
(Is it to bring glory to God and be better equipped to serve Him?)
- 4 - Surrender control of your life and your goals to God.  
(Trust God to bless you and not to harm you. Be willing to receive any gift God desires for you to have.)
- 5 - Ask God to reveal any sins or associations for which you need to repent and ask forgiveness.
- 6 - Ask two or more Believers who have been Baptized with the Holy Spirit to lay hands upon you and to pray with you to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit.
- 7 - Know that it is God's desire that every Believer be Baptized with His Holy Spirit.

### **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Receiving**

Make an appointment with another brother or sister in Christ Jesus for the specific purpose of praying together about the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Pray for yourself, the person you are meeting with, your Small Group, and your Local Church.

Use this time praying to receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. It is not only okay, it is right to ask God to help you with the things or areas where you have concerns, fears, or confusion. How good our Heavenly Father is to give the Holy Spirit to those "who ask Him."

If you are already Baptized with the Holy Spirit, pray that you will use your gifts more openly and boldly in the future.

Make a list of the specific things prayed for in this meeting. Check them off as the Lord answers your prayers for each one.

### **Baptism In The Holy Spirit - Receiving**

Can you make the following Confession and say it truthfully:

I believe there is a Blessing of the Holy Spirit to be received - which is an endowment of Power.

I believe it is for me.

I desire to have it and to retain it - and I am prepared to surrender whatever may hinder me from receiving it.

I humbly and thankfully open my heart to receive all that my Savior, Jesus, - is wanting to give to me.