

THE BAPTISM OF HOLY SPIRIT by Jarrod Davidoff May 31, 2020

Jesus proved to us all that He is the Son of God by fulfilling the Messianic prophecies and by raising from the dead.

He spent 40 glorious days with His disciples and followers.

They touched Him, ate with Him and spoke to them and lived with them.

It was like the good old days. Some maybe thought now He will restore Israel to being a militant nation. Some thought maybe they will hit the road again and go on a healing campaign.

Yet what Jesus was about to share with them hit them to the core.

He said that He was going to leave them yet instead He was going to leave them the Holy Spirit. This was all very strange and new to them.

1 John 5:7 *“For there are three bearing witness in heaven: the Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit, and these Three are One.”*

You see the Old Testament the Holy Spirit came upon the King, Priest and Prophet yet only at certain times.

Yet NOW any person who has received Jesus as their Lord and Savior has the Holy Spirit living in them, when they committed their lives to Him.

John 14:16 *“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper (the Holy Spirit), that He may abide (live) with you forever.”*

John 14:17 *“...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him, but you know Him (the Holy Spirit), **for He dwells (lives) with you and will be with you.**”*

In verse **18**, Jesus states – *“I will not leave your orphans; I will come to you.”*

Please allow me to share with you from Scripture concerning the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said in Acts 1:8 *“But you will 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.”*

Jesus said in Luke 24:49 *“Behold I send the Promise of my Father upon you, but tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until you are endued with the **power** from on high.”*

This empowerment of the Holy Spirit will take you to a new level in your relationship with the Lord, helping you to live a victorious Christian walk and make you bold in your witness of Jesus.

Jesus knew of the challenges and obstacles that would face us in our lives. These include temptations, trials and obstacles attempting to derail and distract you of your faith and destroy your life. This is why Jesus promised us super-natural power through the Holy Spirit.

JESUS THE BAPTIZER:

John the Baptist baptized people in waters of the River Jordan. This was a water baptism for the repentance or turning away of sins. John promised the people that the day was coming that the Messiah would baptize them with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Jesus the Baptizer stands here today, ready to baptize you into a river of liquid fire, the fire of the Holy Spirit.

It is therefore very important for you to realize and recognize that Jesus is the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit. No man, preacher, method or mystic can baptize you with the Holy Spirit, only Jesus.

Here is the proof from the lips of John the Baptist:

Matthew 3:11 *“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

The power of the Holy Spirit is given to believers in Jesus so that we can have boldness to tell people about Jesus and the power to live a victorious life in Jesus.

Jesus promised that a special event would happen in the lives of those who waited in Jerusalem. Let's see what happened!

Jesus said:

Acts 1:5 *“For John (the Baptist) truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized (empowered) with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

Acts 2:1 *“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

2 *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

3 *Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each one of them.*

4 *And they were **ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT** and **BEGAN TO SPEAK** with **OTHER TONGUES**, as the **SPIRIT** gave them utterance.”*

NOTE:

the Holy Spirit came upon each of them.

they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

they began to speak with other tongues or in a heavenly language.

What does baptize mean? The Word Baptize in the Greek is Bap-tis-mah which means immersion or submersion.

It was commonly referred to in the process of dying fabric. In the process of dying fabric for example, you would take a red dye and dip the fabric in the

dye. The fabric was submerged in the dye until it took on the texture of the dye. The two in a sense became one.

The same is true with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. You become emerged in the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit comes into you.

WHAT DOES SPEAKING IN TONGUES MEAN?

It is a divine prayer language that every believer may possess whereby you can communicate directly with God from your born again spirit.

The Day of Pentecost has come (over 2000 years ago), and now all believers can be “baptized with the Holy Spirit” if they desire it.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING FILLED WITH HOLY SPIRIT?

1) YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD BECOMES MORE INTIMATE.

1 Corinthians 14:2 *“For he who speaks in a tongue (heavenly language) does not speak to men, but to God, for no one understands him; however in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”*

Do you realize the reality that you are speaking directly to the Lord. What an amazing honor to speak to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. The Creator of the Universe. The most powerful God imaginable. That access is available to you 24 hours a day, anytime.

You see there are issues happening in your life that your spirit is aware of and your spirit longs to connect with God in this communion. The more you speak to your Heavenly Father, the more intimate you will become with Him.

2) YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE IS EDIFIED.

1 Corinthians 14:4 *“For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.”*

When you speak in this heavenly language, your spirit is praying, yet your natural mind or thoughts may not understand what you are saying. Don't worry about this. It may seem unusual for you to be doing this, and you may want to stop, but just press in and commune with the Lord.

God wants to take us from strength to strength and glory to glory.

He wants to take you to another level of spiritual edification and power.

God is deep and deep calls to deep.

3) PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT HELPS YOU TO PRAY ACCORDING TO THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD.

Romans 8:20 *“Likewise, the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses, for we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”*

Many times in life we are faced with challenges and challenging decisions to make and we don't know what to do. When we pray in our heavenly language we pray in accordance to the perfect will of the Lord. You see there are situations and evil forces that want to distract you from fulfilling your purpose here on earth, derail you from even following and serving the Lord and are even trying to destroy your life. You may even be unaware of them, yet when you pray in your heavenly language your spirit is speaking to the Lord and making sure that you stay on the right path.

4) PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT BUILDS UP YOUR FAITH.

Jude 1:20 *“...building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.”*

The two main ways of growing spiritually and in faith is to read your bible (faith comes by hearing, and hearing the Word of God) and to pray in your heavenly language. When you pray constantly, your spirit grows and you become more alert and alive to the Lord and the spiritual world. Your rate of your spiritual growth is very much dependent on you and your commitment to studying the Word and praying in the Spirit.

5) YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EXTRA POWER OF BOLDNESS TO WITNESS FOR THE LORD.

Acts 1:8 *“...you will receive power...”*

All of us need boldness to share the gospel with those around us. When you are baptized with the Holy Spirit a new level of boldness and authority comes upon you to do the will of the Lord and to witness about Jesus.

HOW DO I RECEIVE THIS EMPOWERMENT?

1. Come to the Father in faith

Hebrews 11:6 *“...he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

The same way you came to the Father God to save you is the same way you come to Jesus to Baptize you with the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to open your heart to Him right now and let Him empower you and Baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

2. You have to ask and receive

You have to ask Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit the same way you asked Him to save you.

Luke 11:13 *“...how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”*

It is no use asking for a gift and then when the gift is given you do not take it. Jesus is giving the gift of the Holy Spirit with the gift of this heavenly language known as ‘speaking in tongues’, to all those who ask. You just need to believe, ask, receive and then speak by faith.

You need to move your lips and speak and the Holy Spirit will give you the words.

When you speak your mind will not understand what you are saying as your interaction with the Lord is spiritual, not natural, so don’t try to make sense of what you are saying. Just speak and know it is your spirit speaking to the Lord with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The devil may put thoughts in your mind that it is not real or that you look like a fool. Just ignore these thoughts and by faith keep on speaking.

Your entire spiritual walk with the Lord will go to a dynamic level as you speak in your heavenly language. It’s a direct hotline to the Lord. Just imagine that. Some people would give the world to have a meeting with a president, the richest person in the world or to just meet their favorite celebrity.

Just consider that you can speak to the Lord, your Heavenly Father who created the heavens and the earth anytime and anywhere. Imagine that Holy God wants to talk to you. He cares for you and values you. He cares about what is happening in your life and wants to be actively involved in it. I encourage you my friend, to speak to your heavenly Father in your own native language but more especially your heavenly language.

You may pray this prayer to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

“Thank you Father God and Jesus for baptizing Me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, come now and fill me with your presence and power. Please lead me and guide me, comfort me and empower me to be a bold witness for Jesus. Lord fill me now with your Holy Spirit. I will move my lips and speak to God in my heavenly language, right now in the name of Jesus. Amen.” **Now! Begin to move your lips and speak in your new heavenly language, by faith.**