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STUDY GUIDE

THE HOLY SPIRIT - POWER



THE HOLY SPIRIT - PART 2

Q: "WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO?"

"**God's kingdom** is right living, joy and peace **in the Holy Spirit**. It's about our inner life of thoughts and emotions and what is influencing them".

- Born 4 BC (page 31)

"Here, the disciples became the first people to be born again Christians when Jesus said to them, "receive the Holy Spirit." They now had the Holy Spirit living inside them. Jesus predicted this when He said that rivers of living water, representing the Holy Spirit, would flow out of their inner beings (John 7:38). Jesus gave His last instructions on earth to His followers when He said, "Wait in Jerusalem until I send you the promise of the Father," which is the Holy Spirit and His power (Luke 24: 50-53). Now all Jews knew that God demonstrated His power through selected prophets of the Old Testament, and recently they had seen God's mighty power work through Jesus. But never, ever, had God's power been evident through the common masses... God was preparing to give His power to born again believers for the first time, in an experience called the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11). It was on the day of celebration of the Jewish feast called 'Pentecost' when there were thousands of Jews in Jerusalem, fifty days after Passover - the day of Jesus' death - that this power was finally poured into about 120 disciples who were waiting for that promise. The Bible says flames of fire appeared to sit on the heads of the disciples and they experienced God talking through them in a phenomenon still experienced today, called 'speaking in tongues or unknown languages' (Acts 2:1-4). Through this, God empowered His people to go into the entire world to share the Gospel and gave them the supernatural sign of tongues to confirm He would never leave them or forsake them."

- Born 4BC (page 100)

The empowerment of the Holy Spirit is central to a Christian's life, as the Holy Spirit is not only the one who leads us to Christ, but the one who dwells within us, empowering us to live a Christian life through the grace of God, both by producing the "fruit of the Spirit" in us and empowering us with supernatural gifts to demonstrate His love to others. This is not so that we become "spooky" but rather "supernaturally natural" - normal people who God uses to demonstrate His power (miracles) and love for the world.



STUFF TO DO

— HEAD —

YOUNG	What does the Holy Spirit do in a Christian? Acts 1:8
GROWING	What is baptism in the Holy Spirit? How do you know you have it?
MATURE	What are the signs someone is baptised in the Holy Spirit? 1 Corinthians 12:7-10, Galatians 5:22-23

— HEART —

YOUNG	What should you feel when you are baptised in the Holy Spirit?
GROWING	What should you feel when you operate in the power of the Holy Spirit?
MATURE	What would you tell someone who says, "I can't feel God"?

— HANDS —

YOUNG	How do you get the power of the Holy Spirit operating in your life? 1 Corinthians 14:4
GROWING	When should you pray in tongues? Jude 20, 1 Corinthians 14:18
MATURE	How would you pray for someone to be baptised in the Holy Spirit?



STUFF TO DO

If anyone in your Life Group has not been baptised in the Holy Spirit or does not speak in tongues, pray for them to do so. Pray together for divine appointments this week where you can pray and believe for the power of God to operate through you.

Pray for God to speak to you about where He wants to develop more fruits of the Spirit in your life.

PRAYER POINTS & COMING UP

SAFE CITY PROJECT
SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER // 8 AM

STUFF TO THINK ABOUT

On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.”

- Acts 1:4-5

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Acts 1:8

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.”

- Acts 2:1-5



The term “baptise with the Holy Spirit” occurs several times in scripture:

- **Matthew 3:11** “As for me, I baptise you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”
- **Mark 1:8** “I baptised you with water; but He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.”
- **Luke 3:16** “John answered and said to them all, ‘As for me, I baptise you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’”
- **John 1:33** “And I did not recognise Him, but He who sent me to baptise in water said to me, “He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the one who baptises in the Holy Spirit.”
- **Acts 1:5** “for John baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
- **Acts 11:16** “And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’”

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTRE - STATEMENT OF FAITH

Christian Outreach Centre believes in and presents the following basic truths:

- (vii) The Baptism in the Holy Spirit - With speaking in other tongues.
- (viii) The Gifts of the Holy Spirit - For the equipment of ministry and the edification of the Church; the fruit of the Holy Spirit as the expression of Christian character in believers.

In [Acts 2](#), Peter and 119 others are dramatically filled with [the Holy Spirit](#) and fulfils [Luke 5:10](#). In [Acts 10:44-48](#), Peter watches as the Holy Spirit “falls” upon Cornelius and baptises all those present. In [Acts 19:1-6](#), Paul finds some disciples in the church in Ephesus who are believers, but know nothing of the Holy Spirit. He prays for them and they receive. Here are three scriptures describing three separate accounts of this baptism. It is important for to become familiar with each one. Notice that they spoke in tongues on each occasion.

WHY BE BAPTISED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- (1) To be endowed with power from on high. (Luke 24:49)
- (2) To be equipped to intercede for the lost in a priestly role. (John 20:22-23)
- (3) To be able to perform supernatural signs and minister with supernatural power. (Mark 16:17-18)
- (4) To be able to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:7-10)
- (5) To fully surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. (Luke 3:16)



COUNSELLING A PERSON PRIOR TO THEIR BAPTISM

The following points can be made:

- (1) Jesus is the baptiser. (Luke 3:16)
- (2) They will receive power. (Luke 24:49)
- (3) They must receive the baptism BY FAITH, exactly the same way they received Jesus as Lord and Saviour.
- (4) They can and should speak in tongues as soon as they receive the baptism. Speaking in tongues is also an ACT OF FAITH. Receiving the baptism BY FAITH is the INFLOW. Speaking in tongues is the OVERFLOW.

There is a recipe in Acts 2:1-4 for speaking in tongues.

Answer two questions:

- (1) Who did the speaking? (Answer - the people)
- (2) Who provided the language? (Answer - the Holy Spirit)

Their voice, His language.

Pray and have them follow along.

“Lord Jesus, I ask you to baptise me now in the Holy Spirit. I receive, by faith, and I now yield my tongue to speak in a new language of praise.”

At this point, there may be a pause. ENCOURAGE THEM. Their mind could be arguing with their spirit. Tell them, “don’t listen to your mind. Believe God. He has given you the baptism. Speak it out! Step out.” Keep speaking in tongues and encouraging them until they come through. Then keep going so the emphasis goes off the tongues and onto the person being praised. (Jesus)

Jesus never went out looking for someone to talk to. He emerged from prayer and the presence of God, anointed and ready to release the power of God and see lives changed. He didn’t wander about hoping to strike up conversations with people and convince them that they were sinners and He was their Saviour. Those things seemed to become evident as He moved in supernatural power and knowledge and ministered into the areas of need and importance in their heart. He never went out because He had to. He went out because He loved the people and because His Father led him. Then He taught His disciples to be like Him - to go out in a dimension of problem and demon conquering power.

MATTHEW 10:15-25:

When the power dimension is missing, the Christian normally lives inside a thin shell of religion and can feel weak, intimidated, and fearful. But you are anointed! We are meant to do more than argue the relevance of Christianity. When words fail, power can convince. The greatest argument to a sceptic is the answer God gives to a faith - filled prayer.

Matthew 10:

- Verse 1:** Ensure you embrace the greater purpose of your Baptism in the Holy Spirit - “to receive power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.”



Verse 7: Bring heaven into someone else's empty world.

Verse 8: Meet the obvious needs in people's lives. FREELY release the power of God into those who will receive.

Verse 9-10: Expect God's blessing on His "worker."

Now turn to Luke chapter 10:

Verse 1: God sends out 35 pairs of personal evangelists.

Verse 2: He explains that the harvest is enormous and will require many labourers.

Verse 9: He instructs them to operate in a power dimension in the lives of people who will receive them.

Verse 17: When the 70 returned, they had amazing testimonies, especially regarding victories in spiritual warfare.

HOW TO RELEASE THE ANOINTING WHEN PRAYING

Hebrews 6:2:

This is to do with the doctrine of the laying on of hands.

- (1) Be established with the truth of God's word in your heart. Let God's Word be the rock under your feet. (e.g. Luke 10:19).
- (2) Allow the power of the Word to become confidence and expectation in your heart. SEE THE RESULT before you pray.
- (3) OPEN THE PERSON UP to receive. You have faith to "freely give." You need to help them have faith to "freely receive." (Matt 10:8). You might encourage them to "look to God" or "open up your heart." You might ask, "We can trust God to help, can't we?"
- (4) BY FAITH, PLACE ONE HAND ON THE THRONE OF HEAVEN, THE OTHER ON THE PERSON AND RELEASE THE POWER OF GOD into the person's life, and into the need.

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