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BAPTISM OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT

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In dedication to all the soul-winners that need a Bible study on the baptism of the Holy Spirit that will present the message in a clear and concise way.

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“Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him...In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory” (Eph. 1:9-14).

According to the Bible, God will gather all that is in Him that they might be with him in the New Jerusalem (Rev 21). He has assured all of his saints that they will have a place in that Great City. One of the guarantees that we have this assurance is that we are sealed with His Holy Spirit, which he calls the “earnest” (Gk. - Deposit) of the inheritance. Many have a different understanding in what constitutes one being sealed with his Spirit. This study will show you what the Bible means when it says they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

NECESSITY OF RECEIVING THE SPIRIT

John 3:3-5

“Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (v. 3).

“Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” (v. 4).

“Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” (v. 5).

It is obvious that there are two necessary experiences for entrance into the Kingdom of God:

1. Born of the Water
2. Born of the Spirit

Whereas “born of the water” refers to Water Baptism, “Born of the Spirit” refers to _____ baptism. The baptism of the Holy Spirit, which is synonymous with “receiving the Holy Spirit,” has been misinterpreted by more than a few. However, we can find out clearly how the Bible defines this phrase.

Acts 2:38

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

Titus 3:5

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.”

What two experiences are necessary for entrance into the Kingdom of God?

SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS THE EVIDENCE

John 3:8

“The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit” (NKJV).

The “wind” is compared to the Spirit in various ways. The word, “wind” here is “pneuma” in the Greek and means Wind, Spirit, or Breath.

1. Wind is invisible just as the Spirit is invisible.
2. Wind moves as the Spirit.
3. Wind has a sound as the Spirit
 - a. The wind does not actually have a sound; the object that the wind hits produces the sounds i.e. wind blowing against a corner of wall or tree.
 - b. The leaves make the sound rustling against it.
 - c. There is always a sound accompanied with someone receiving the Holy Spirit. “so is EVERY ONE that is born of the Spirit.”

**According to John 3:8, there is always a _____
accompanied with the receiving of the Spirit.**

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Matthew 3:16

“For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”

Jesus was informing the apostles about the baptism of the Spirit. He lets them know that they would receive it in a few days.

A few days later...

Acts 2:1-4

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Notice a few things here:

1. They were ALL filled with the Spirit.
2. They ALL spoke with tongues (this is the sound after they received the Holy Spirit).

That day over 3000 people received this wonderful experience. After they received the Holy Spirit, Peter gave them the same message that Jesus gave Nicodemus about being born of the water and born of the Spirit:

“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:37-38).

This experience was not for evangelizing the other nations, because Peter preached to those Jews and proselytes in Hebrew and they all understood. This salvation message was preached in every place after Pentecost.

Acts 8:14-16

“Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money”

Notice three things:

1. When they laid their hands on them, they received the Holy Spirit.
2. Simon saw a visible expression of them receiving the Holy Spirit.
3. Joy was not the initial evidence, since they already had joy (vs. 8).

Acts 10:44-48

“And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God”

How do we know they received the Holy Spirit? “For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.”

Acts 19:2-6

“He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost...And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”

The Apostle Paul shows that belief in Christ is a separate event from receiving the Holy Spirit. Some teach that at repentance the Holy Spirit

is automatically given. Obviously, Paul would not have asked the question if it was the same event. It wasn't until they were prayed for that they received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Notice that they spoke with tongues (vs. 6).

Did the early Church believe in speaking in tongues?

When the early church believers received the Holy Spirit, did they speak in tongues?

THE PROMISE IS FOR ALL

Joel 2:28

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.”

Acts 2:38-39

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.”

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Do you want to receive the Holy Spirit?

Lift up your hands and let's pray.

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