

Baptism of the Holy Spirit



159) What is the second baptism we must experience?

A. Holy Spirit baptism.

160) What is baptism in the Holy Spirit?

A. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is an empowering for service. It is when we give the Holy Spirit, who is already residing in our spirit man, permission to immerse or overwhelm our soul (mind, will, and emotions) with His presence and influence. The baptism in the Holy Spirit has an effect on every area of our personality.

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."

JOEL 2:28 NIV

"I baptize you with water, but he (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

MARK 1:8 NIV

"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

LUKE 24:49 NIV

161) How does the baptism of the Holy Spirit benefit my spiritual walk?

A. This immersion in the Holy Spirit empowers the believer to witness, to live for God, to have a stronger prayer life, to worship and praise, to flow in spiritual gifts, and to grow spiritual fruit. It empowers every area of a Christian's spiritual life.

"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."

ACT 1:8 NIV

"So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will

sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. [16] If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying?"

1COR 14:15-16 NIV

"For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God's power. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet by God's power we will live with him to serve you."

2COR 13:4 NIV

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit."

1COR 12:4 NIV

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

GAL 5:22-23 KJV

162) Where is your spirit man located?

- A. Your spirit is in your belly or your innermost parts. Your spirit is not located in your head. Don't confuse your spirit man with your mind. They are not the same.

"The lamp of the LORD searches the spirit of a man; it searches out his inmost being."

PRO 20:27 NIV

"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him (out of his belly, KJV)."

JOHN 7:38 NIV

163) Is one filling with the Holy Spirit enough?

- A. No. Like sanctification, spirit baptism is a process, not a one time event. We get filled and give out. We get refilled to give out again. This process continues throughout our Christian walk.

"You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. [4] Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. [5] "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

JOHN 15:3-5 NIV

164) What gift accompanies the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- A. Speaking in tongues accompanies the baptism of the Spirit. It is the Biblical pattern that God established and the Apostles witnessed.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. [2] Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. [3] They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated

and came to rest on each of them. [4] All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

ACT 2:1-4 NIV

"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. [45] The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. [46] For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, [47] "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

ACT 10:44-47 NIV

"When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied."

ACT 19:6 NIV

165) Why did God connect the baptism in the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues?

- A. Since tongues bypasses the mind, it is an example to us of how to allow the Holy Spirit to control our life without our mind being in control. We don't need to understand all that God wants to accomplish in our life but we must yield ourselves to it.

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

1COR 14:14 NIV

166) Is speaking in tongues really speaking in a language?

- A. Yes. It is either an earthly or a heavenly language.

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal."

1COR 13:1 NIV

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. [5] Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. [6] When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. [7] Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? [8] Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? [9] Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10] Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome [11] (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs - we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

ACT 2:4-11 NIV

167) Is there more than one form or presentation of the gift of tongues?

- A. Yes, there are two forms.
1. The first is personal. Its purpose is to edify or "build up" the believer. It is also an entrance into prayer when our mind is overwhelmed and doesn't

know what to pray.

"He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church."
1COR 14:4 NIV

"But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit."

JUDE 1:20 NIV

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. [27] And he (God) who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."

ROM 8:26-27 NIV

2. The second is corporate. It is used to address the church body. When addressing the church body, a message in tongues should always be interpreted so that what God is saying to the church will be understood and beneficial to all those present. All messages in tongues (or prophecy) that are directed to the church should be limited to two or three speakers and judged or evaluated by the leadership.

"What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together (in church), everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church. [27] If anyone speaks in a tongue, two - or at the most three -should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. ... [29] Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. [30] And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. [31] For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. [32] The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets."

1COR 14:26-27, 29-32 NIV

- a. If there is no one to interpret, you can still speak in tongues quietly, but you are not allowed to address the church. Being overheard by your neighbor in church is not the same as addressing the church.

"If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak (in tongues) to himself and God."

1COR 14:28 NIV

168) Can I speak in more than one tongue?

- A. Yes. The gift is referred to as speaking in tongues. Any believer can speak in multiple tongues. The only limitation we face when challenged to speaking in many different languages is our own faith.

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal."

1COR 13:1 NIV

"I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you."

1COR 14:18 NIV

169) How do I receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- A. Like everything in our spiritual walk, we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit through faith.
 - 1. The one prerequisite before receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is that we be born again, justified by faith.
- B. Ask God for the infilling of His Spirit.

"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**"

LUKE 11:13 NIV

- C. Prepare the way with praise and worship.

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

PSA 100:4 NIV

- D. A servant of God can impart the gift through the laying on of hands.

"Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

ACT 8:17 NIV

"When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied."

ACT 19:6 NIV

- E. Yield to the Holy Spirit and speak the words He supplies. (P.S. - You can't speak in tongues while speaking in English.)

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

ACTS 2:4 NIV

170) What is the third baptism we must experience?

- A. The baptism of fire.

171) What is the baptism of fire?

- A. It is that aspect of sanctification that uses testing, chastisement and fiery trials to change us. God wants to change us, but sometimes we resist. We don't always want to give up our sinful ways. God will approach us with both the carrot and the stick. Sometimes we respond to the transforming Holy Spirit within us (the carrot). Sometimes we will only listen when the heat is turned up (the stick).

"These (trials) have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--**may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and**

honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."

1PE 1:7 NIV

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice ..."

1PET 4:12-13a NIV

"The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the LORD tests the heart."

PRO 17:3 NIV

"See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction."

ISA 48:10 NIV

"If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, [13] his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. [14] If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. [15] If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames."

1COR 3:12-15 NIV