

# THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The work of the Holy Spirit in our conversion and Holy Spirit Baptism are different and separate.

The Holy Spirit produces conviction of sin in our hearts and through repentance the Holy Spirit makes us spiritually alive and anew in the nature of God.

*John 3:1-6 (gnb) <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "...no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again." <sup>5</sup> "... no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> A person is born spiritually of the Spirit.*

There is an additional **infilling** of the Holy Spirit, which every believer should experience following on from the Holy Spirits work in our conversion.

*Matthew 3:11 (niv) I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."*

Believers are firstly 'born again **OF** the Spirit' and then are to be 'baptised **IN** the Spirit'.

## THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION

*Acts 2:38 Peter answered, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the Holy Spirit as a gift.*

- Confession of Christ as Saviour: (*repentance*)
- Baptism in water: (*sanctification*)
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit: (*empowerment*)

These experiences are **separate** from each other.

## THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS.

- Jesus was **born** of the Holy Spirit.

*Luke 1:35 (gnb) The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit **will come on you**, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God.*

- Jesus was baptised in **water**.

*Matthew 3:13-16a (gw) <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus appeared. He came from Galilee to the Jordan River **to be baptized by John...**  
<sup>16</sup>**When Jesus had been baptized**, He immediately came up out of the water...*

- Jesus was baptised in the **Holy Spirit**.

*Matthew 3:16b (isp) ...suddenly the heavens opened up for Him, and He saw the **Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him.***

**Baptizio** was a common Greek word.

English: (baptism) '**immersed**', or '**dipped**' into.

We are immersed **into something** and we are **filled with something!**

Luke doesn't give this experience a consistent name as the experience is too grand to be limited to only one expression.

- *Receive* the Holy Spirit: *Acts 2:38; 8:15; 8:19*
- *Filled* with the Holy Spirit: *Acts 2:4; Acts 9:17*
- Holy Spirit *coming* upon people: *Acts 8:16*
- Holy Spirit being *poured* out on people: *Acts 10:45*
- Baptised *with* the Holy Spirit - *Acts 1:5*
- Being *clothed* with power – *Luke 24:49*

## WHY DO WE NEED TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- Holy Spirit Baptism provides believers the **ability power** to be effective witnesses for Jesus.

*Acts 1:8 You will receive power (dunamis ability) 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.*

- Holy Spirit Baptism provides believers **access** to the nine supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit. (*1 Corinthians 12-14*)
- Holy Spirit Baptism **influences** our personality and character through His character traits

known as the '*Fruits of the Spirit.*' (*Galatians 5:22-23*)

- Holy Spirit baptism **empowers** believers to use their **authority** given by Jesus over the powers of darkness.

*“Behold, I give unto you **power** (exousia authority) to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the **power** (ability) **of the enemy**: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19*

- By **praying in the spirit** (praying in tongues), the Holy Spirit **encourages** the believer.

*Jude 1:20 ...building yourselves up in your most holy faith and **praying in the Holy Spirit**.*

- The Holy Spirit **helps** believers in their daily life and prayer life.

*Romans 8:26 (tlb) ...by our faith - the Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don't even know what we should pray for nor how to pray as we should, but the **Holy Spirit prays for us** with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words.*

## HOW TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Ask Jesus to baptise you with the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 3:11** *"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."*

## **How do you know when you have been baptised in the Holy Spirit?**

In the Book of Acts, speaking in tongues is the evidence of being baptised in the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 2:4** *(niv) They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

The Holy Spirit enabled them to speak in tongues *as the Spirit gave them utterance. (nkjv)*

- We should ***desire everything*** the Holy Spirit has for us.
- We need a ***passion*** and a ***hunger*** in our hearts for all God's fullness.
- We need the Holy Spirit's ***power*** operating in our lives to be all God has called us to be and to do.