

Lessons For New Believers

New Life Chapel

Lesson 8- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

“The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not something to have, but something to use. It is not the height of spiritual experience, but one of the tremendously essential foundations for further development and service.”

- Salvation has to do with our position and identity in Christ. *Ephesians 2:4-10*
- Water baptism has to do with the outward expression of our salvation. *Romans 6:3-7*
- Baptism with the Holy Spirit has to do with receiving the empowerment to do what God has called you to do. *Acts 1:8*

What the Baptism of the Holy Spirit IS NOT:

- The new birth
- Sanctification
- A “reward” or spiritual “gold star”

What the Baptism of the Holy Spirit Is:

- Definite and individual experience available to each Believer in which the third person of the Godhead- the Holy Spirit- comes upon the Believer to anoint, energize, and empower them for special service in and for the Kingdom of God.
- The promise of the Father. *Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4*
- A gift from the Father and the Son *Acts 2:38, Acts 5:32*
- A command of the Lord *Acts 1:4, Ephesians 5:18*

We don't need to beg for it or convince Him to give it to us- the Father has already offered it to us.

Why be Baptized in the Holy Spirit:

- Power for service *Acts 1:8*
- Power for spiritual warfare *Ephesians 6:12, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, 1 John 4:4*
- Power for overflow *John 7:37-39, Matthew 10:8*
- Power for ability

Any outflow of our lives must actually be the overflow of what we've already received.

Who the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for:

- All believers!

Power from on high is ability from heaven, God-given ability to do God-given tasks and to carry out God-given commissions

Conditions to obtain the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

- Repentance from sin *Acts 2:37-39*
- Definite experience of salvation *Luke 11:13, Galatians 4:6*
- Deep conviction of need *Matthew 5:6, John 7:37, 39, Psalm 42:1-2*
- Measure of consecration
- Water baptism *Acts 2:37-39*

2 cases in Scriptures where water baptism did not precede the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

- Saul of Tarsus *Acts 9:18*
- Ministry at Cornelius house *Acts 10:47-48*

How to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

- By faith *Galatians 3:14, John 7:39, Hebrews 11:6*
- Complete yielding *Luke 3:16*

What can block receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

- Weak faith
- Unholy living
- Egocentric motives

Manner in which the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is received:

- Suddenly while sitting and expecting Him to come *Acts 2:1-4*
- Instantly and unexpectedly while listening to a sermon *Acts 10:44-46*
- Through prayer and laying on of hands *Acts 8:14-17; 9:17; 19:6*
- Seekers personal prayer and faith *Luke 11:9-13, John 7:37-39*

Evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

Immediate evidence:

- (for many) Speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance *Acts 2:4, 10:44-46, 19:6, 1 Corinthians 12:11*
- Other gifts of the Spirit include:
 - Healing
 - Prophecy
 - Discernment
 - Interpretation

Permanent evidence

- Jesus is glorified
- Deeper passion for souls
- Greater power to witness
- New power in and out of prayer
- Deeper love for and richer insight into the Word of God
- Manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit
- Consistency and continual growth in the fruit of the Spirit