

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit Pt.1

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SPIRITUAL POWER - God's Plan and Our Need

Ephesians 3:14–21

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be **STRENGTHENED WITH POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT** in your inner being,
17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,
21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

2 Corinthians 4:7–18

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show THE SURPASSING POWER BELONGS TO GOD and not to us.
8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;
9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;
10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.
11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our MORTAL flesh.

16 SO WE DO NOT LOSE HEART. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.
17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,
18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - Unique from the New Birth

John 1:32–33

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon

him.

33 And I knew him not: but **he that sent me to BAPTIZE WITH WATER, the same said unto me**, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is **he which BAPTIZETH** (*sink, dip, immerse*) **WITH THE HOLY GHOST**.

- *Both John the Baptist and Jesus made a clear distinction between the baptism with water (symbolic of the new birth) and the baptism with the Holy Ghost.*
- *The baptism with water is symbolic of repentance, turning from sin, death, burial and resurrection; old things passing away and all things becoming new by regeneration in Jesus Christ.*

Mark 16:16

"Whoever **believes** and **is baptized** will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Romans 6:3-4

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been **BAPTIZED** into Christ Jesus were **BAPTIZED** into his death?

4 We were **buried therefore with him by BAPTISM into death**, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might **walk in newness of life**.

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - Subsequent to the New Birth

Acts 2:37-39

37 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?

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 SPIRIT.**

39 **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.**

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - God's Power in Us

Luke 24:46-49

46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.

49 **And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are CLOTHED WITH POWER from on high."**

- **power** (*dunamis*) - *miraculous power, might, strength, ability to perform, energy, marvelous works*
- **clothed** (*enduo*) - *to put on, to clothe*

Acts 1:1–9

1 THE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, **being assembled together with them**, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise of the Father**, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

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

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But **ye shall receive power** (*dunamis - miraculous power, might, strength, ability*), **after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and **ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And **when he had spoken these things**, while they beheld, **he was taken up**; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

- *The disciples had already received the Holy Spirit earlier in John 20. What Jesus is commanding them to wait for is a subsequent and unique work of God in being baptized in the Holy Spirit.*
- *The Baptism in the Holy Spirit produces a life filled with God's power as a witness to the world around us.*

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - Victory Over and Purity From Sin

Matthew 3:11–12

11 **I indeed baptize you with WATER UNTO REPENTANCE**: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize** (*dip, sink, immerse*) **you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire**:

12 **Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

- *Being baptized in the Holy Spirit brings a freedom from sin and purity that is possible ONLY by the power of God; humanly it is impossible.*

REGENERATION & THE COMMISSIONING OF THE CHURCH

John 20:19–23

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, **HE BREATHED** (*emphusao - to blow into or upon*) **ON THEM, and saith unto them, RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST:**

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

- *This is obviously not the baptism with the Holy Spirit, for that was still yet to come in Acts 2.*
- *This must be the new birth of the disciples and the commissioning of the church.*
- *Genesis 2:7 "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."*

Matthew 16:15-19

15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."