

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. Holy Spirit

(Greek, pneuma) - denotes the wind, to breathe or blow, breath, especially like the wind, it's invisible, immaterial, powerful.

A. The Holy Spirit (breath of God) has been sent to come and live on the inside of us, after we have received our new birth.

B. It is a gift and must be received as such.

C. When we are born again, we receive a new spirit. We are no longer spiritually dead, now we must receive God's Spirit within us.

D. The initial evidence of having received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues .

II. A PROMISE

A. The Promise

1. Isaiah 28:11

2. Joel 2:28

3. Acts 1:4-5

(vs 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.

(vs 5) For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

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B. Promise is for today.

Acts 2:38b-39 ...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.

III. PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Empowers us

1. Power - (Amplified): ability, efficiency, and might

a. Luke 24:49b ...until ye be endued with power from on high.

b. Acts 1:8a But ye shall receive power, after that the

Holy Ghost is come upon you:...

2. To be witnesses

Acts 1:8b ...and ye shall be witnesses unto Me...

B. Comforter / Teacher

(Amplified) - Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby

1. John 14:16-18 (Amplified) ...I will not leave you orphans--

comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless...

2. John 14:26b ...He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

C. Testifies of Jesus/Magnifies God

1. John 15:26 ...He (Comforter, Holy Ghost) shall testify of

Me (Jesus):

2. Acts 2:11 ...we do hear them speak in our tongues the

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wonderful works of God.

3. Acts 10:46a For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

D. Guides/Leads/Convicts

(Amplified) - Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby

1. Guides / Leads Us

John 16:7, 13 ...He will guide you into all truth:...

Luke 4:1-13 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,...

2. Convicts Us

a. of sin

b. of righteousness

c. of judgment (Acts 26:18)

E. Helps Us In Prayer/We Speak To God

1. Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities:

ought:

us

with groanings which cannot be uttered

a. helpeth (Greek) - To take hold of together.

mind

or body. Lack of knowledge.

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which cannot be articulated with natural

speech.

2. I Corinthians 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God:...

F. Edifies (Builds Up)

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(Amplified) - Improves

I Corinthians 14:4a He that speaketh in an unknown tongue
edifieth himself;...

IV. EVIDENCE OF THE PROMISE FULFILLED

A. Tongues

1. Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,
and
gave
began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit
them utterance.

2. Acts 10:45-48

3. Acts 19:2, 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon
them,
the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with
tongues and prophesied.

B. Two Kinds of tongues

I Corinthians 13:1

1. Men - Language that you are unfamiliar with, but is spoken in the world today.
2. Angels - Language known only in heaven.

V. Not For The Unbeliever

A. The new birth makes room to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

1. Luke 5:37... And no man putteth new wine into old bottles;
else the new wine will burst the bottles.

2. John 14:17a ...whom the world cannot receive,
because it
seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him:...

VI. A Gift

A. Acts 10:45b ...because that on the Gentiles also was poured out

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the gift of the Holy Ghost.

B. I Corinthians 12:1-11 (vs 4) Now there are diversities of gifts,
but

the same Spirit.

1. The Nine Gifts of the Spirit:

- a. Word of Wisdom
- b. Word of Knowledge
- c. Gift of Faith
- d. Gifts of Healing
- e. Working of Miracles
- f. Gift of Prophecy
- g. Discerning of Spirits
- h. Divers Kinds of Tongues
- i. Interpretation of Tongues

SUMMARY

A. After having received the baptism of the Holy Spirit we need
to
stay full of the Holy Spirit, like Jesus did in Luke chapter
four.

B. We do this by praying in tongues on a daily basis. This will
keep
us spiritually sharp and sensitive to His voice; therefore,
having His
power alive and working in and through us.