

# RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

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### CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION

- **Mat 28:18** - "**All AUTHORITY has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and MAKE DISCIPLES of all the nations, BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**"

### HE DID NOT JUST SEND US –

He gave us Tools or Weapons we need to Overcome –

- Holy Spirit
- The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Five-fold ministry

### THE COMING OF THE END TIMES WILL BE DIFFICULT

- **Mat 24:3** And as he sat on the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man lead you astray. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and shall lead many astray. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled: for *these things* must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet. 7 For **nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines and earthquakes in divers places.** 8 **But all these things are the beginning of travail.**

### IMPORTANCE OF BEING READY FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD

- **Joel 2:28-32 – Spiritual Gifts in operation – and Acts 2:17-21.**
- People will not be ready – **Mat 24:36-39**
- Parable of the 10 virgins – **Mat 25:1-13**
- **Act 2:37-38** - Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, **what shall we do?** And Peter *said* unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- The H. S. has the purpose to EMPOWER AND GUIDE
- **Luk 24:49** And, behold, I send **the promise of my Father** upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **endued with power from on high.**

- **Joh 16:13** Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, he will **guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: **and he will show you things to come**.

## BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND POWER

- **Act 1:4-8** - And being assembled together with *them*, **HE COMMANDED them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to WAIT for the Promise of the Father**, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; **for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT** not many days from now... **But you shall RECEIVE POWER** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; **and you SHALL BE WITNESSES to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**"
- **(1Co 2:5)** that your faith should **NOT BE IN THE WISDOM OF MEN BUT IN THE POWER OF GOD**

## HOW I WAS BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **Born again** 2 weeks before Christmas in 1972
- **In spring 1974** - Reading – *Late Great Planet Earth*, Hal Lindsey – 1970 - Best seller
  - **Baptist minister writing about Bible prophecy**
  - **Mentioned something criticizing people speaking in tongues**
  - **I got curious and read another book: *They speak with other tongues* – John Serrill and Brother Andrew –1964 Best seller – 2004 – 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary edition**
    - **Described a firsthand experience of seeing, being filled and healed of Cancer**
    - **Reading that book – seating on the sofa – I said – I can have this too**
      - **Simple and peaceful, a heavenly language I did not understand came out of my mouth.**
    - **Independently, at the same time my wife was taking a bath – heard heavenly sounds come out of the door**
      - **She had a good voice, but I never heard her reach such high notes since then**
      - **She was singing in Latin. I could understand some things because I had studied 8 years of Latin**
    - **The book was also describing similar experience by other people**
    - **In our church, twice we had unbeliever visiting us who could understand what was said in tongues in their language by people not knowing the language**
  - **This is scriptural - Acts 2:1-13 -**
- **That was the beginning of many new supernatural experiences**
  - **That is how a scientist and atheist became a believer and a minister of the Gospel**
  - **People teaching and writing about the Holy Spirit, if they have not been baptized they are not qualified – It's only second hand experience**
  - **1Co 14:4 - He who speaks in a tongue EDIFIES HIMSELF –You need that**

## UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **When you are born again the Holy Spirit comes in you but not in power**

- **Rom 8:15-16** - For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." **16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**
- **There is a next experience that you must have**

## HEARING, BELIEVING, APPROPRIATING, YIELDING, OBEYING

- **Acts 2:38-39** –
  - the PROMISE is unto you and your children – FOR TODAY ALSO
  - RECEIVE (Grk. lambano = seize, take) the gift of the Holy Spirit by Faith
    - **GOD HAS DONE EVERYTHING THAT HE WILL EVER DO**
- **YOU DON'T NEED TO WAIT you should take it by faith (this is what we did)**
  - **Acts 2:1-2** – 120 Disciples did not prepare to receive, THEY WAITED FOR THE TIME TO COME
    - **Waiting does not get you ready. It give you an excuse not to receive**
  - **Acts 2:32-33** – JESUS RECEIVED THE PROMISE of the Father and made it available to us
    - The disciples had to wait for this to happen
    - **Now it is done – The HOLY SPIRIT is here for you to take**

## OUR CHRISTIAN WALK IS A PROCESS

- **We often take from the Word only what we feel comfortable with**
- **Offended by the Truth**
  - The Pharisees and even the Disciples were offended at Jesus' teachings
  - **John 6:61** –
- **THE RESURRECTED JESUS – John 20:**
  - **Joh 20:19-22** 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, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "**Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**" 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**"
- **When Jesus was leaving disciples, He was not repeating Himself – THIS IS A SECOND EXPERIENCE**
  - **Act 1:4-8** - And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**"

## ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT THERE IS GREAT LACK OF UNDERSTANDING

- **For 2000 years not many were Spirit Filled – Now the church that is growing is Spirit Filled**

- **When Christianity became a theology, it lost its power**
  - Fitting Christianity to our understanding – instead of the other way around
  - God wrote the Bible, not a theological book
  - The problem is with Systematic Theology
  - Biblical Theology makes more sense to me (The Bible reports the ongoing revelation to man)
- **People writing about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit who did had not receive it** – arrogance (like me wanting to write on Chinese Literature, after reading somebody else’s book on it)
- **Beginning of 1900 people started to come into the experience**
  - Were they completely right? – Nobody is!
  - Pentecostal churches started to spread –The power was coming back
  - Holiness Pentecostals, Later days Movements, Full Gospel – It goes on
- **Different waves of anointing at different times**
  - People were opening up and seeking God
  - Charismatic Renewal – 70’s
  - Faith teaching (much criticized, but faith is fundamental to Christianity)
  - Deliverance Ministries
- **Some can only criticize the mistakes and do not learn anything**
  - Often people get a revelation and distort it because of their flesh
  - Others throw away the baby with the bath water
  - **We can learn both from new revelations and mistakes**
- **Knowing the History of the Church enables us to see the great picture without getting lost in the details**
  - **History is a difficult thing to understand because those who write about it have their biases**

## RECEIVING IS ALWAYS BY FAITH

- **PAUL RECEIVED BY FAITH – Acts 9:17**
  - It did not mention tongues, but in **1 Cor 14:18** he said: I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;
- **THE SAMARITANS received by believing**
  - **THEY WERE CONSIDERED UNCLEAN BY THE JEWS**
  - **The Jewish definition of unclean was based on ceremonies and dead works, but did not match with God’s definition – which is based on FAITH**
- **Samaritan: Saved, Baptized, Healed but Not Yet filled**
  - **Act 8:3-13** As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing *them* to prison. **4** Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. **5** Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. **6** And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. **7** For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. **8** And there was great joy in that city. **9** But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, **10**

to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God." **11** And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. **12** But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. **13** Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

- **Great miracles too but not Baptism of the Holy Spirit – Why?**
  - **It was not Philip’s ministry?**
  - **HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS NOT COMPLETE**
- **Acts 8:14-17 – A New Experience – Peter and John felt that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was needed!**
  - **Act 8:14-25** Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, **15** who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. **16** For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (how did they know?)** **18** And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, **19** saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." **20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! 21** You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. **22** Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. **23** For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity." **24** Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me." **25** So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.
- **You cannot buy the Baptism of the Holy Spirit by money or works, you receive it by FAITH**
  - **Peter is the one who created this kind of situations (Ananias)**
  - **Simon had seen miracles before, the only difference now was the speaking in tongues**
  - **There is no evidence that the curse he spoke came to pass**
  - **Simon made a mistake and was repentant (no different to wanting to deserve it by works)**
- **CORNELIUS’ HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED BY FAITH not because they were all Godly - Acts 10:30-48, 11:14-15**
  - **When Peter arrives**
  - **Act 10:30** So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, **31** and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God. **32** Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you.' **33** So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God."
  - **Peter Speaks**
  - **Act 10:34-48** Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "**In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.** **35** But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness

is accepted by Him. 36 The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all— 37 that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 **how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.** 39 And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. 40 Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, 41 not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. 42 And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead. 43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins." 44 **While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.** 45 **And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.** 46 **For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.** Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have*?" 48 **And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then they asked him to stay a few days.

- **SAVED AND FILLED AT THE SAME TIME -**
- **They did not wait – as soon as they heard and believe, they received**
- **They did not deserve it more than you. Cornelius was seeking God, but not the others.**
- **Were they all perfect? – you never are**
- **The anointing was contagious**
- **Evidence speaking in tongues - Acts 10:44-46 – This is how they knew they were filled**
- **PAUL'S VISIT TO EPHESUS**
  - **Act 19:1-7** And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, "**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." 5 **When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.** 6 **And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.** 7 Now the men were about **twelve in all.**
  - **They were open, believed and wanted it**
  - **Laying hands on them – impartation of the anointing and a point of contact**
  - **All of them received it**

## SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS EVIDENCE - NOT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **You don't get the Holy Spirit when you speak in tongues – You speak in tongues when you receive the Holy Spirit**

- **Act 2:4** - And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and (then) they began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

## HINDRANCES TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **IT IS UNBELIEF & FEELING OF UNWORTHINESS** – thinking that you have to do something to deserve it, thinking that you have to cleanse yourself
  - It is the same for receiving healing
  - God's gifts are **GIFTS**, you cannot buy them with money or works
  - **Anyone who is saved is ready to receive the Baptism – Acts 2:38**
    - **Col 1:12-13** giving thanks to the Father **who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.** **13** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
    - **Say: "I AM QUALIFIED"**
  - It is not the sins you did – **WE ALL DID, AND WE DO SOMETIMES**
- **IF YOU HAVE SIN IN YOUR LIFE – FIX THE PROBLEM NOW!**
  - We are forgiven as we repent – **1 John 1:8-10**
  - Say: **"I REPENT AND I AM FORGIVEN"**
  - But not repenting of sin –
    - because we want to continue in it (Loving sin more than God)
    - you don't believe you can overcome – it is time to put your trust in Jesus, not yourself
    - Give it to the Lord – **I TRUST YOU LORD WITH....**
  - **I WILL WALK IN THE LIGHT - We must be walking in the light**
  - **Jn 1:5-10** This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.
- **IT IS PRIDE: I got it already, I don't need to speak in tongues –**
  - **What? Baptism? What evidence do you have**
  - **Pride is difficult to break – REPENT of it today**
- **IT IS FEAR - to open up to something wrong or to be embarrassed**
- **WE RECEIVE-APPROPRIATE ALL GOD'S GIFTS BY FAITH**
  - **CHOOSE TO BELIEVE**
  - **Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a great way to have experience about developing your faith**

## GETTING IN THE RECEIVING MOOD

I believe some may receive without being prayed for (as I did)

- Especially if you were not exposed before, or did not receive teaching against it
  - If you had bad experiences, overcome them
    - You may have spoken in tongues, but you don't do it anymore,
    - Or, if you never did
  - **God is bigger as you follow these steps.**
- 1. Ask the Father**
    - **Luk 11:9-13** - "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"
    - **Pray – Father I WANT ALL YOU HAVE FOR ME – INCLUDING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, I AM BORN AGAIN. I QUALIFY**
  - 2. Don't be Afraid, reject all fear**
    - **Do not fear to open up to some evil spirit**
    - **Do not fear of looking foolish**
      - i. **God is not going to embarrass you**
      - ii. **Love God more**
    - **The Holy Spirit is a dove, gentle**
    - **2Ti 1:7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
  - 3. Be open and receptive – this is a great experience –**
    - **if you are saved you are ready**
    - **Act 2:38** Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
    - **Say the "Sinner's Prayer" for your sins, now**
    - **You don't have to clean up your life. This is what the Holy Spirit will help you to do**

## EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT AS HANDS ARE LAID ON YOU – ACTS 8:18-20

- 4. Decide that you want what God wants to give you –**
  - **Do you believe that you can receive?**
  - **God is not going to force on you anything you don't want**
  - **Align your will with God's will**
- 5. Yield = Obey to the Spirit leading prompting you – Act on His prompting**
  - **Act on your faith – You must speak in obedience**
    - Let it come out
    - **Can you imagine what it will feel like**



- **Act 2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and **they began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**
- Do not speak in your native language
- **Two ways that it comes**
  - Hear supernatural words forming inside
  - Fluttering lips – jaw and tongue feeling different

## 6. I will lay hands on you and pray for you and you start speaking in tongues

- **Acts 19:6** - And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.
- God gave the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost John 14:16-17, Acts 2:32-33

## 7. How many wants prayer to receive the Baptism of the Holy spirit

### YOUR TURN

- **We do the speaking, not the Holy Spirit**
  - Put sound into action – You speak, not the Holy Spirit Acts 2:4, 10::44-46, 19:6 – They did it
  - 1 Cor 14:18 – I speak in tongues, v2 he speaks, v27 any man speaks
- **Confess that you have received and to start speaking – cooperating with God**
- **Do not let other instruct on what to do**

### REASONS FOR THE BAPTISM IF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **Gifts of the Spirit – 1 Cor 12:1-11 –**
  - Important to know
  - Can say = proclaim, state his belief
  - The Gifts are the manifestations of the working of the Holy Spirit in the church, at the beginning and now. Nothing is changed.
  - This is how supernatural ministry takes place – **Acts 1:4,8**
  - **This is how the church started and is continued**
- **The impact of HIS CHURCH is based on GIFTS and MINISTRY GIFTS**
  - **Eph 4:11-14** - And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,
  - **2Ti 1:6-7** - **STIRRING UP YOUR GIFTS** - Therefore I remind you to **stir up the gift of God, which** is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has **not given us a spirit of fear**, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.