

## Life in the Spirit Series Part 5 The Baptism of the Holy Spirit - Acts 1:4-8

The scene here in Acts chapter 1 is after the Resurrection and before the ascension -

A) Jesus is meeting one last time with his disciples.

B) He is going to instruct them to do something that is going to be essential for them to carry out their mission.

<sup>4</sup> 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; <sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup> 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.” - **PRAY**

A) A Lumber Jack who could cut down & cut up 5 trees a day w/ one of those two handled – hand saws – saw an ad in the paper

1) The Hardware store was advertising a new saw that – Guaranteed that you could cut down 15 trees a day

B) So He went down & bought it – and set out to use it – but after – 2 days he brought it back to the Store & was very Frustrated / only 2 trees a day  
1) Bought this – Guaranteed – 15 trees only 2 – something is wrong –

C) Manager of the Hardware store said – *Let’s take a look* – walked over to that saw – Chain saw – Pulled the Cord – engine roared /  
1) Old guy jumped back – *What is that* .....

D) See that man was trying to use that Chain saw w/ out the Power supply

We as believers often make the same mistake

A) We want to walk w/ the Lord & be used by the Lord but we do so w/ out the Power provided to us by the Lord

B) The Key is in V.8 <sup>8</sup> 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.”

C) If the disciples didn’t do as Jesus instructed they would have failed miserably in their mission.

1) Trying to serve Jesus and win the world in their own strength

There is a 3 fold relationship that a person can have with the Holy Spirit

A) Jesus mentioned two of the aspects in John 14

<sup>15</sup> “If you love Me, keep My commandments- **daunting command - there is help** <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells **with** you and will be **in** you.

B) Here we see the first two relationships a person can have with the Holy Spirit - Jesus said he is with you.

C) **With = para** = beside you (Holy Spirit is with you prior to conversion - seeking to draw you to Jesus

1) Convict the world or sin, of righteousness and of Judgment

D) Shall be In you - **In = en** - Indwelling you -

1) This is what happens after you open your heart to the gospel and embrace Jesus

E) The Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you. -

Notice John 14:17 again - He will be in you!

A) When did this happen to the disciples? - Turn to John 20

<sup>19</sup> 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.”  
<sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”  
<sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

B) This is the moment when the disciples were born again

C) they see Jesus risen - they believe - and he breathes on them - receive the Holy Spirit

**NOTE: Jesus says receive it happens - they were indwelt with the Holy Spirit at that moment**

A) But then in Acts 1 Jesus introduces this 3<sup>rd</sup> aspect of the Holy Spirit's relationship with a follower of Jesus -

B) Go and wait for the Holy Spirit to come upon you - Completely different word - **epi in the Greek**

C) Notice the reason for this V.8 - He will come upon you to empower you to be my witnesses

**So With is para - pre-conversion - In is en - after conversion - indwelling**

A) Upon is epi - To empower for service. -

B) Notice Jesus called this in v.5 the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

C) Often times I will ask people - have you ever been baptized with the Holy Spirit -

1) yes PR don't you remember - you baptized me at the Harbor in 1998 or at church in 2014

**That is water baptism:**

A) Listen Water baptism is something that you do to identify yourself as a follower of Jesus -

B) It is the outward declaration that you are a follower of Jesus and that he has done a work in your heart.

C) Symbolizes a death and a resurrection - That is water baptism - Something you do

**But the baptism of the Holy Spirit is something that Jesus does to you!**

A) Causes the Holy Spirit to come upon you in order to empower you to serve him

B) Think about this: These Disciples were trained and taught by Jesus himself for 3 years

**C) But the best training in the world - wasn't enough for them to fulfill their calling.**

D) They needed SOMETHING ELSE - they needed this empowering of the Holy Spirit.

**Note: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not you getting more of the Holy Spirit. He already indwells you.**

A) The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not you getting more of the HS - but it is the HS getting more of you.

B) Feet in the ocean - Wind in the sails

C) Let see when this happened to the Disciples. Acts 2

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**Notice a few things about this scene:**

A) #1 **The Disciples were in the right place** - living in obedience to Jesus - He told them to go to Jerusalem and wait - that is what they were doing.

B) #2 **They had the right motive:** Go wait to be empowered so you can better serve me. Power to be my witnesses

C) #3 **They had the right heart** - they were all with one accord

**I point this out because sometimes people want to be empowered by the Holy Spirit for the wrong reasons - Gifts to stand out.**

A) Sometimes they are not walking in obedience - they have unconfessed sin and compromise in their lives

B) They have bitterness toward someone they are harboring -

1) all of which can hinder the HS in their lives  
Quenched or grieved

C) Now Notice also that in V.4 Luke uses this term they were all filled with the Holy Spirit

D) I point that out because we will see that several other times in the book of Acts in reference to this baptism of the HS

1)They were filled, speaking of the same thing - the empowering of the Holy Spirit

**E)Example: Acts 4:31 in persecution -**

<sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

**Key insight the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not a one time occurrence**

A)Paul taught this in Ephesians 5 - our spiritual walk

B)walking in wisdom in Marriage, family, employee, employers

C)As well as standing strong in the Power of the Lord in Spiritual battle

D)In the midst of talking about all of that Paul declared this: <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled** with the Spirit. - Ephesians 5:18

D)Be filled is be continually being filled. -

Link to - Matthew 5:3 **Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Two more things that I want to point out before we move on.**

A)When this happened to the Disciples notice it says there was the Sound of a mighty rushing wind – not a wind but the sound of

**B)And there were cloven tongues of fire above their heads - they are hearing the sound of a wind**

1)Seeing these tongues of fire on their heads

C)This is the only time this happened in the book of Acts - so why did this happen to them?

**I believe that this happened to them because the Lord wanted it to be Super Obvious to them.**

A)You are being baptized with the Holy Spirit - **the Holy Spirit is coming upon you to empower you in this moment.**

**B)It doesn't happen again but the results happen over and over which is boldness to share -**

C)Peter on the day of Pentecost. -

1)Peter denied in front of a fire - a few people - preaches before 3,000

D)We see this over and over - Boldness

**But there is something else that happened that day - that is mentioned a few times in the book of Acts**

A)They spoke in other tongues - this happens in Acts 2, Pentecost,

B)Acts 11 in the house of Cornelius, Acts 19 in Ephesus

1)Each time the baptism of the Holy Spirit was accompanied by the recipients speaking in tongues

**C)Interesting that Tongues is not seen accompanying the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Acts 8 in Samaria or Acts 9 with Saul of Tarsus**

2)Meaning it is not THE SIGN – it is a sign.

D)However Paul would write in 1Corinthians 14 that he did have the gift of tongues -

1)he got it at some point

**That was my experience too.**

A)I didn't speak in tongues when I was first baptized with the Spirit

B)but I suddenly had a hunger to read the word - and a boldness to share

1)Spoke in tongues latter

C)Greg Laurie - didn't speak in tongues - but he did receive the gift of evangelism -

1)Share his faith with results

**Here is my point**

A)If you have been baptized with the Holy Spirit you will know it

B)There will be an evidence For the apostles: their lives were marked by a boldness

1)But they also spoke in tongues

**C)On the day of Pentecost this was another sign the Lord was giving the disciples -**

1)and God used it on this occasion to reach the crowd.

5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" 13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

**Notice this: Some Bible teachers especially ones who teach that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are not for today - Cessationist**

A)Gifts ended when the whole Bible was written

B)They like to say that the disciples were preaching the gospel in all these different languages.

**I disagree with that because: If they were all preaching the gospel in tongues -**

A)There would not have been a need for Peter to preach his sermon.

B)They would have asked -at that moment - what do we need to be saved?

C)They were not preaching - they were praising - V.11 we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

**The idea that they were declaring the wonderful works of God - or giving praise to God -**

A)That correlates well with what Paul taught in 1 Corinthians 14 about tongues

B)**When a person speaks in tongues they are not speaking to men but to God.** 1 Corinthians 14:2

C)Tongues is directed vertical, not horizontal - directed to God not to men

D)Praise to God or prayer to God.

1)Paul referred to this as praying the spirit or singing in the spirit

**The gift of tongues is a personal prayer language or praise language that assists the believer in their walk with God.**

A)It is primarily meant to be done in private –

**B) Paul makes it clear in 1 Corinthians 14 - only to be done in the congregational setting -**

1)if there is also one with the gift of interpretation  
**How know? - Ask**

C)The interpretation will be about God or to God - not a thus says the Lord

1)No interpretation - no more tongues

D)And Paul says about tongues 2-3 at the most - More of a private thing

**When I don't know how to pray - no words - pray in tongues**

A)When I am overwhelmed by God in worship - I might sing in tongues

B)Tongues can be an evidence, but it is not THE evidence

C)I Would argue that THE Evidence is BOLDNESS

**That is the major change that we see in the followers of Jesus in the book of Acts is a boldness to share Jesus and to live for Jesus**

A)Tongues isn't even a secondary emphasis in the book of Acts

**B)Preaching and sharing Jesus is the focus - it is the advancement of the gospel through the people of God.**

C)The Baptism of the Holy Spirit and living lives daily dependent upon the Holy Spirit **is what propelled the early church to change the world.**

**So How does one receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?**

**A)Right motive-** You know what it is for -  
empower you to live for Jesus and share Jesus

**B)Right place** - Not living in compromise or  
rebellion - Sin grieves and quenches the Holy  
Spirit in our lives

**C)3<sup>rd</sup> Just Ask** -

49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon  
you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are  
endued with power from on high." *Luke 24:49*

**D)The Promise of the father. God keeps his  
promises**

<sup>9</sup>“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. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and he  
who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be  
opened.

<sup>11</sup> 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? <sup>12</sup> Or if he  
asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> 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!  
Luke 11:9-13

**The Disciples went into Jerusalem to wait for the  
Holy Spirit to come upon them.**

**A)Today we wait ON the Holy Spirit**

**B)Pour in spirit attitude - daily dependence -**

**C)Ask to be filled or filled afresh**

**See next week - start talking about the gifts of the  
Holy Spirit - to Earnestly desire spiritual gifts**

**A)Lord baptize me**

**B)Baptize me afresh - TONIGHT**

**C)Tongues - Pray to receive it**

**1)Takes faith to exercise it**

**D)Praying - words - sounds - speak them!**