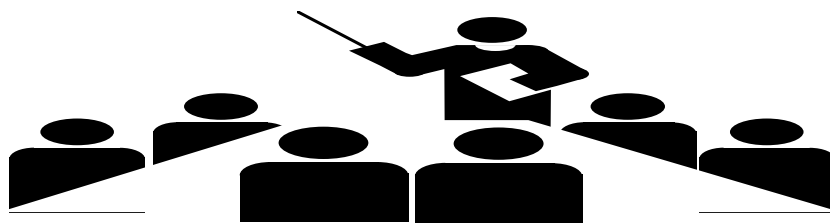


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## The Holy Spirit: Baptism and Gifts

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### The Holy Spirit: Baptism and Gifts Lesson #1: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

**Proposition: The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an infilling of God's presence, an experience of God's purity, and an endowment of God's power in the heart and life of the Christian disciple who surrenders to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.**

#### I. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the Promise of the Father. (Acts 1:4-5)

- A. The Father promised a new covenant in which He would put His laws in our hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
- B. The Father promised to purify our hearts, put His Spirit in us, and enable us to live right. (Ezekiel 36:25-27)
- C. The Father promised to pour His Spirit on us and empower us for His service. (Joel 2:28,29; Acts 2:17-18)
  - 1. He promised to empower not just men, but sons and daughters.
  - 2. He promised to empower not just old men, but young men also.
  - 3. He promised to empower not just kings, priest, and prophets, but maidservants and menservants.
- D. John the Baptist said Christ would baptize with the Holy Spirit. (Mt. 3:11-12; Mk. 1:7-8; Lk. 3:16-17; Jn. 1:26,27,33)
- A. Jesus informed us of the necessity of receiving the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit.
  - 1. He promised that rivers of living water would flow from our hearts, because of the Holy Spirit. (John 7:37-39)
  - 2. He promised to give us another Helper, the Spirit of truth, who would abide with us forever. (John 14:16-18)
  - 3. He promised to give us the Spirit, who would teach us all things and remind us of His teachings. (John 14:26)
  - 4. He promised to give us the Spirit, who would convict us of sin, righteousness, and judgment. (John 16:5-11)
  - 5. He promised to give us the Spirit, who would guide us into all truth and speak things to come. (John 16:12-15)
  - 6. He promised to give us the Spirit, who would empower us for service and witness. (Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:4-8)

#### II. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an infilling of God's presence. (Acts 2:4)

- A. At the moment of conversion the Holy Spirit places us into the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:13)
- B. At the moment of conversion the Holy Spirit indwells us. (1 Cor. 12:13)
- C. Subsequent to conversion the Holy Spirit fills us with the presence of God. (Acts 2:4; 4:8; 4:31; Eph. 5:18)

#### III. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an experience of God's purity. (Acts 15:8-9)

- A. This experience of heart purity enables us to learn rightly. (John 14:26; 16:12-15; 1 Cor. 2:9-14; 1 John 2:26-27)
- B. This experience of heart purity enables us to love rightly. (Romans 5:5; 1 Peter 1:22)
- C. This experience of heart purity enables us to live rightly. (Psalm 51:10-13; Ezekiel 36:25-27; Galatians 5:22-23)

#### IV. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an endowment of God's power. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8)

- A. This endowment empowers us to witness for Christ boldly and effectively. (Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:8; 2:11; 4:31)
- B. This endowment empowers us to serve Christ faithfully and meaningfully. (Acts 2:17-18; 1 Cor. 12:4-7)
- C. This endowment empowers us to suffer for Christ courageously and fearlessly. (Acts 5:40-42; Romans 5:3-5)

#### V. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for Christian disciples of every era. (Acts 2:38-39)

- A. The promise of the Holy Spirit is for us, our children, and all Christian disciples. (Acts 2:38-39)
- B. The baptism or infilling of the Holy Spirit is given subsequent to conversion. (Acts 8:14-17; 19:1-7)
- C. The Lord will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask in faith. (Luke 11:13)

- D. The Lord wants us to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:4; 4:8; 4:31; Eph. 5:18)
- E. The evidence of being filled with the Spirit is not gifts of the Spirit, but the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22-23)

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### **The Holy Spirit: Baptism and Gifts** **Lesson #2: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

**Proposition: The Holy Spirit imparts gifts to each believer as He desires and equips each with the power to function in the Body of Christ for the profit of all.**

#### **I. The Importance of Spiritual Knowledge** (1 Corinthians 12:1-3)

- A. We must know the truth about spiritual gifts. (1)
- B. We must acknowledge the truth about our past idolatry. (2)
- C. We must know the truth about Spirit-empowered ministry. (3)
  - 1. Spirit-empowered ministry never curses Jesus.
  - 2. Spirit-empowered ministry always exalts Jesus as Lord.

#### **II. The Diversity of Spiritual Empowerment** (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

- A. There is a diversity of spiritual gifts. (4)
  - 1. The Holy Spirit has given every believer a different spiritual gift.
  - 2. A spiritual gift is a supernatural ability to function in the Body of Christ.
  - 3. Spiritual gifts are not:
    - a. Natural talents: talents are present from natural birth, but gifts are present from spiritual birth.
    - b. Offices: offices are positions of leadership, but gifts are the abilities to serve in those offices.
    - c. Fruit of the Spirit: fruit have to do with character, but gifts have to do with service.
    - d. Roles: roles are duties all Christians are commanded to do, but gifts are special abilities to do it.
  - 4. Our spiritual gift is WHAT we are supernaturally empowered to do.
    - a. Teaching: the ability to teach the Word of God
    - b. Evangelizing: the ability to sharing the gospel
    - c. Shepherding: the ability to care for souls and foster spiritual growth
    - d. Exhorting: the ability to encourage & counsel through God's Word
- B. There is a diversity of ministries. (5)
  - 1. The Holy Spirit has given every believer a different ministry.
  - 2. A ministry is a supernatural effectiveness to function in the Body of Christ.
  - 3. Our ministry is with WHOM we are most effective using our spiritual gift.
    - a. According to age: children, youth, young adults, adults, seniors
    - b. According to special needs: abuse, illness, injury, physical challenge
    - c. According to special circumstances: prison, nursing homes, homelessness, gangs, poverty, etc.
    - d. According to special relationships: singles, marrieds, divorcees, etc.
- C. There is a diversity of operations. (6)
  - 1. The Holy Spirit has given every believer a different operation.
  - 2. An operation is a supernatural way to function in the Body of Christ.
  - 3. Our operation is HOW God uses us best when we exercise our gifts.
    - a. A one on one operation

- b. A small group operation
- c. A large group operation
- d. A mass operation

### III. The Manifestation of Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)

- A. Spiritual gifts are given to each believer to be used for the profit of all. (7)
- B. Spiritual gifts are given to each believer individually. (8-10)
  - 1. Word of wisdom
  - 2. Word of knowledge
  - 3. Faith
  - 4. Gifts of healing
  - 5. Working of miracles
  - 6. Prophecy
  - 7. Discerning of spirits
  - 8. Different kinds of tongues
  - 9. Interpretation of tongues
- C. Spiritual gifts are given to each believer individually as the Holy Spirit desires. (11)

### IV. Unity in the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12, 13)

- A. Although there are many members, we are one Body in Christ. (12)
- B. Although we are different, we all have been placed into the Body of Christ. (13)
  - 1. We have all been baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ.
  - 2. We have all been made to drink of one Spirit.

### V. Diversity in the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:14-26)

- A. Although we are one Body in Christ, we have many members. (14-21)
  - 1. We can't depreciate ourselves because we're different from others. (15-20)
  - 2. We can't depreciate others because they are different from us. (21)
- B. Although we are different, we are all valued parts of the Body. (22-24)
- C. Although we are different, there should never be division in the Body. (25)
- D. Although we are different, we should have the same care for one another. (25-26)

### VI. The Diversity of Gifts in the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27-31)

- A. Every Christian is a member of the Body of Christ and has a gift or gifts. (27)
- B. God has appointed the gifts that will operate in the church. (28-30)

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| 1. Apostles | 6. Helps                     | <b>Ephesians 4:11</b> |
| 2. Prophets | 7. Administrations           | 10. Apostleship       |
| 3. Teachers | 8. Tongues                   | 11. Prophecy          |
| 4. Miracles | 9. Interpretation of tongues | 12. Evangelism        |
| 5. Healings |                              | 13. Pastoring         |
|             |                              | 14. Teaching          |

- C. All do not possess the same spiritual gifts. (29, 30)
- D. Christians should earnestly desire the best gifts. (31)
- E. Christians should exercise all spiritual gifts in the spirit of love. (12:31-13:13)

### VII. Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts (Unwrapping your gifts from God)

- A. Believe that you are gifted. *Spiritual gifts are not special rewards for the spiritual elite, but are for every believer.*
- B. Pray and ask God to show you what spiritual gifts He has given you.
- C. Become aware of the gifts available to you. *Be sensitive as you see these gifts becoming operative in you life.*
- D. Accept responsibility. *As you are obedient in your Christian roles, the Holy Spirit will unveil certain gifts.*

- E. Consider your desires. *Desire for a gift be may well God's way of showing you that you possess that gift.*
- F. Accept the confirmation of others. *Others may see a gift in us long before we are aware of it.*