**The Baptism in the Holy Spirit Sermon 23/06/2019**

Notice what I said here. The baptism…. IN… The Holy Spirit. What does that actually mean?

We hear a lot about this at times, but do we really know what it means.

Let’s check out the Human Manual … the Bible……what do we say?? when in doubt… read the instructions.

Lets take a peek at a few things.

**What is Baptism in the Holy Spirit?**
Jesus said in

**Luke 24:49** New International Version (NIV)

**49**I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

And also

**Acts 1:4** New International Version (NIV)

**4**On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

*Repeat underlines. What did He say?? Command, Gift, Promised, Speak about.*

**What was this PROMISE Jesus was talking about?**

God promised to pour out the Holy Spirit upon all flesh

Let’s look at

**Joel 2:28** New International Version (NIV)

**28**“And afterward,
    I will pour out **my** **Spirit** on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
    your old men will dream dreams,
    your young men will see visions.

Remember, this was a new thing in those days (Old Testament days) as it was very few who had an outpouring on them, - mostly the prophets.

So when did this outpouring commence? - On the day of Pentecost

**Acts 2:1-4** New International Version (NIV)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

**2**Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

**3**They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

**4**All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the **Spirit** enabled them.

Peter explains this in

**Acts 2:16-18** New International Version (NIV)

*.***16**No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**17**“‘In the last days, God says,
    I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
    your young men will see visions,
    your old men will dream dreams.
**18**Even on my servants, both men and women,
    I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
    and they will prophesy.

*\*Remember, the people thought they were drunk as they watched them coming out of the upper room*

**Why was it necessary for the Disciple’s to wait?**

**What did John say about this?**

**John 7:37-39** New International Version (NIV)

**37**On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.

**38**Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

**39**By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been **glorified.**

And also in

**Acts 2:33**New International Version (NIV)

**33**Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear

Was this promise only for the Apostles? NO’ In Apostolic days, Jews and Gentiles received this gift.

Lets look at

**Acts 10:44-48** New International Version (NIV)

**44**While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

 **45**The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.

**46**For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said,

**47**“Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.”

**48**So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Also in

#  **Acts 11:15-17** New International Version (NIV)

**15**“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.

**16**Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’

**17**So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

So you will notice that, the promise in Joel is for **ALL FLESH**.

There is **no distinction** in Christ Jesus. As it says in Galatians 3:28

**Galatians 3:28** New International Version (NIV)

**28**There is **neither** Jew nor Gentile, **neither** slave nor free, nor is there **male and female**, for you are **all one in Christ Jesus**.

Isn’t that interesting. **Listen to this**!! No male and female.

Why is there so much contention in the Church about *Women preachers, Pastors etc*.

As is says, there is NO Man and woman **in the Spirit>**

**All are ONE in Christ Jesus**

**Is this Promise (the Baptism In the Holy Spirit) for us today?**

Yes, and it includes every Child of God

See

**Acts 2:39** New International Version (NIV)

**39**The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Notice also in

**Acts 2:17** New International Version (NIV)

**17**“‘In the last days, God says,
    I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
    your young men will see visions,
    your old men will dream dream
We are told the promise was for the last days and Peter claims it for his day. So that would also mean that it is for our day, the days preceding the Lords second coming as explained in

**Joel 2:28-31** New International Version (NIV)

**28**“And afterward,
    I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
    your old men will dream dreams,
    your young men will see visions.
**29**Even on my servants, both men and women,
    I will pour out my Spirit in those days.
**30**I will show wonders in the heavens
    and on the earth,
    blood and fire and billows of smoke.
**31**The sun will be turned to darkness
    and the moon to blood
    before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

**Aren’t we baptized in the Holy Spirit when we are saved?**

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is an experience, Separate and Distinct from the New Birth.

At Pentecost, they were already saved before the outpouring. Jesus had previously assured them that they were clean in

**John 13:10** New International Version (NIV)

**10**Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.”

And also in

**Luke 10:20** New International Version (NIV)

**20**However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

At Samaria **Acts 8:12** they believed that they were baptized fulfilling

**Mark 16:16** and yet had not received the Holy Spirit

**Acts 8:12** New International Version (NIV)

**12**But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

**Mark 16:16** New International Version (NIV)

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

**But have not ALL Christians the Holy Spirit?**

To be born of the Spirit **John 3:6**, is different from being Baptized in the Spirit

# **NOTICE**: The Holy Spirit Baptism is the POWER of the Holy Spirit coming upon us.

# **Acts 1:8** New International Version (NIV)

**8**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

*That’s happening here by the way. NZ is the furthest away from where this was said*

**What is the Baptism for?**

It is to impart **power** for Christ’s service

**Luke 24:49** New International Version (NIV)

**49**I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

**Acts 1:8** New International Version (NIV)

**8**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

The Holy Spirit in regeneration imparts LIFE – The Holy Spirit in the Baptism imparts POWER

**Is this experience necessary for Christians?**

Luke 3:22 New International Version (NIV)

**22**and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Jesus did not start His ministry until this happened.

The 120 were commanded to Tarry (that’s wait) until the Holy Spirit had come upon them, in

**Acts 1:4** New International Version (NIV)

**4**On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

New Testament converts were immediately shown their need of being filled with the Holy Spirit

**Acts 8:14-16** New International Version (NIV)

**14**When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria.

**15**When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

**16**because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

* It is Gods command to believers

**Ephesians 5:18** New International Version (NIV)

**18**Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

**Should we expect supernatural signs to follow our being baptized with the Holy Spirit?**

**Mark 16:17** New International Version (NIV)

***17****And these signs* *will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons;* *they will speak in new tongues;*

The New Testament experience was always accompanied by a physical manifestation

**Acts 2:33** New International Version (NIV)

**33**Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

**Acts 8:18** New International Version (NIV)

**18**When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money

**Acts 10:44-46** New International Version (NIV)

**44**While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

**45**The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.

**46**For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Notice here, that they relate the Holy Spirit outpouring, to speaking in tongues

**How did the believers know when they had received the Holy Spirit in this way?**

**Acts 2:4** The whole 120 began to speak in other tongues, **Acts 8:17** Notice Simon saw (a visible sign), **Acts 9:17** Paul spoke with tongues – see

**1 Corinthians** **14:8** **Acts 10:45,46** Tongues convinced Peters companions that the Gentiles had received the Baptism. **Acts 19:6** Tongues and Prophesy were received by all these baptized believers.

*A reasonable conclusion is that in all cases the initial evidence was the speaking with new tongues.*

**What is the use of tongues today?**

1. **Tongues today is for speaking to God**

# **1 Corinthians 14:2**New International Version (NIV)

**2**For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

*ie, for worship – Tongues are primarily given for the purpose of magnifying God*

**Acts 2:11** New International Version (NIV)

**11**(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

**Acts 10:46** New International Version (NIV)

**46**For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

1. **Tongues today is for the edification of the Church**

# **1 Corinthians 14:5**New International Version (NIV)

**5**I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.

in this case, the message in tongues would be translated by the supernatural “GIFT” of Interpretation as in

# **1 Corinthians 12:10**New International Version (NIV)

**10**to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+12%3A10&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-28645a" \o "See footnote a)] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

1. **Tongues today is for the edification of the individual believer**

#  **Corinthians 14:4** New International Version (NIV)

**4**Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.

– edified though – NOT intellectually, see **v14** **14**For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful (doesn’t understand)

Notice: Paul thanks God for the gift **v18** **18**I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. and wishes they all had it **v5** **5**I would like every one of you to speak in tongues,but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues,unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.

1. **Tongues today is a supernatural sign to unbelievers**

**1 Corinthians 14:22,** It is one of the signs with which God confirms His Word **22**Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is not for unbelievers but for believers.

And in

**Mark 16:17-20** ***17****And these signs* *will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons;* *they will speak in new tongues;*

***18****they will pick up snakes* *with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on* *sick people, and they will get well.”*

***19****After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God*

***20****Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs* *that accompanied it.*

* *Are tongues languages known and spoken on the Earth?*

There are tongues of men (Known languages) and tongues of Angels (unknown tongues)

**1 Corinthians 13:1**If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

* *May we expect any other supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit?*

Yes - there are NINE gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in

**7**Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

 **8**To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

**9**to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

**10**to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues

And we are told in to desire the gifts of the Spirit

**1 Corinthians 14:1**,Follow the way of love and eagerly **desire** gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy..

Also in **12:31**, **31**Now eagerly **desire**the greater gifts

and **14:39**. **39**Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be **eager** to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

* The primary purpose of the gifts is to confirm the preached Word of God

**Mark 16:20** ***20****Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs* *that accompanied it.*

# and **Acts 4:30** New International Version (NIV)

**30**Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

**FINISH**

PRAYER

Father. We have just looked at Your Word on the Baptism of Your Holy Spirit.

A mentor/Pastor of mine used to say, we are a Holy people - we leak, we need continually filling with the Holy Spirit- daily.

Father open the eyes and hearts of those who feel that they haven’t as yet received your gifts. Touch them right now Lord that they will have a hunger to receive the Baptism of Your Holy Spirit. Father build an excitement in their Soul to receive this. Let them not be shy to open up to Your Spirit. Touch them now Lord.

**Alter call**

If you would like the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Come up and I will pray for you. Don’t be shy. Ignore the voice that stops you from doing what the spirit commands. Father move over these people by your spirit. Holy Spirit move on them now in the mighty name of Jesus. Touch them now in Jesus name.