

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

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The Baptism in (by, of, with) the Holy Spirit, what is it, is it for today? I'm glad you asked.

Let me state my position up front, I believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I believe in the Biblical accounts and I believe it is for today also. My understanding is based on the Biblical accounts and not on a denominational perspective.

Are there differing views, for sure. Can two strong opposing views be both correct? Probably not. However we can arrive at a balanced point of view and still be Biblical in our understanding.

I do not adhere to or accept any non-Biblical point of view in regard to the Theology or practise of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I'll say it openly and publicly there are abuses and in some instances very poor theology regarding the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The fanaticism and some of the claims that are made is pure heresy. I believe in the Bible and not the claims of fanatics. Just to be fair and accurate, I also do not believe the claims of some that oppose the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and give no Scripture for their position. The rule of faith must be sound biblical principles based on sound Hermeneutics. The Bible should define our Theology not our experience or some personality of a mega church. With that in mind let us begin our brief Bible Study of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Below are eight references from the Bible, they are the basis for my Theological Position in regards to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This is a short Bible Study it is concise and not exhaustive. But it is a good start in building a better understanding of the Pentecostal Perspective.

All references are from the KJV.

1. Acts 1:4 The promise of the Father.

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.

2. Acts 2:38-39 The promise is for everyone.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, 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.

3. Acts 10:44-46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as come with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter.

4. Luke 11:9-13 Ask.

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto you children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy spirit to them that ask him?

5. Mark 11:24 Believe you have received.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

6. I Corinthians 14:14 My spirit prays

For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

7. Romans 8:26-27 The Spirit maketh intercession for us.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

8. Jude 20 Pray daily

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on you most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.