

How to Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Three Simple Steps

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Every Christian is entitled to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and every Christian should receive this special “Gift” of God. It will enrich your life and give you a power which otherwise, you would never have. Associated with this gift of power is a fulfillment of joy and gladness that no Christian should miss.

This brochure has been prepared to help the serious inquirer receive the glorious experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The following message is expressed in simple language and is intended to be inspirational as well as directional:

1. The first requirement is that you know God. Being saved or born again is absolutely essential. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift from God to the believer and every individual Christian can be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist made clear in his preaching that there are two different baptisms – one of the water and one of the Holy Spirit. In Matthew 3:11, he said, “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.” Being born again pre-cedes the infilling, or Baptism in the Holy Spirit. John’s baptism of water “unto repentance” makes that principle clear. Simon Peter states in Acts 2:38, “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.” The sin question must be dealt with prior to receiving anything from God.

While it is true that the Holy Spirit is ever present in our world and draws us to God and helps us receive salvation, He offers the Christian a much deeper and fuller experience. If you have received Christ as your Saviour and Lord you have met the first requirement for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

2. Prepare your heart to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit. After receiving Christ as Saviour and Lord of your life, you have become a child of God and are now on your way to heaven. That’s marvelous, but there is more awaiting you!

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit comes to the prepared and open heart; therefore, one should follow the principles taught in the Bible. You should follow the Lord in water baptism. Some, however, do receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit before water baptism because they press on into the spiritual stream immediately after receiving salvation. God fills truly hungry people whenever they really want to be filled more than anything else.

You are ready to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit when you open your heart of faith and praise to God. Both faith and praise are important as you approach God on any

level and for anything. Always be careful about opening your heart, but you can open it to God and you can trust Him fully. He knows you and understands you.

As you praise the Lord which is a high form of prayer, then yield yourself to God with all your heart, soul, mind, body, and strength. Remember the words of Samuel in 1 Samuel 15:22, “to obey is better than to sacrifice.” God looks for an obedient heart which is being opened to His blessings. As you praise the Lord and begin to be anointed by the Holy Spirit, obedience seems to come easier.

Remember you are a candidate to receive the great and wonderful Baptism in the Holy Spirit and be encouraged to press your way into the realm of the Holy Spirit. Fully prepare your heart to receive from God and accept nothing less than a total and full Baptism which you are entitled to receive.

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is an actual experience. The disciples and others received it (the experience) on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:4) Mary, the mother of Jesus, received too. Now, you can have your own heart filled and enriched with God’s very best Gift to His children.

3. Prepare to let God speak through you. Every one does speak in tongues when they are fully baptized in the Holy Spirit. Many marvelous blessings are experienced without receiving the fullness of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit; but be they as special as they are, there’s still more for you. Settle in your mind now that you are going all the way with the Lord and that you are going to receive the wonderful blessing of being filled with the Spirit of God.

Tongues are a physical manifestation that God has chosen whereby the Holy Spirit Baptism is verbally expressed. Why? Nobody seems to know that answer. It’s His own choosing. A problem and confusion for some and a blessing for others, it is God’s special way of baptizing in the Holy Spirit. Don’t let tongues hinder you. God is the great Engineer of our lives and knows what we need.

As you get deeper into the Holy Spirit, tongues will come automatically. The joy and ecstasy is so fulfilling that tongues will naturally come. The native tongue, whether English or not, is inadequate to express the glory which one receives. Don’t be afraid to draw near to God, and don’t build a barrier between you and God over tongues. Never seek tongues, seek the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Tongues come without labor or strain when one allows the Holy Spirit to fully take over. Let Him saturate your life and never fight Him consciously or unconsciously. Don’t be misled by seeking and receiving tongues only. The power of the Spirit which causes one to speak in tongues is God’s great gift to you.

Learn to relax in God’s presence and enjoy the mighty infilling of the Holy Ghost. His reason for filling you with His Spirit is to give you comfort, leadership and power.

You should receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit whenever and wherever you feel led to pray. You may receive the Baptism alone, or in the company of others. This is an individual’s choice. For some a crowd can be distracting while praying, and the laying on of hands can be a hindrance. Others can be blessed by such things. People respond differently to each other. Usually in a Pentecostal service people pray together and sometimes they get loud. Sometimes they lay their hands on and pray too. This is good and spiritually healthy and fits into the New Testament pattern (Acts 4:24). Try not to let anything or anybody distract you from being filled with the Spirit. If you are in a Pentecostal service and go to an altar as a candidate for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit,

you can expect a beautiful prayer meeting to take place. Pentecostals want to pray with you. They never intend to hinder. They can help you get into the flow of the Spirit and assist you as you receive your Baptism. It's wise to let them help you.

When you have fully yielded to God, and His Spirit has come upon you, the feeling is one of joy, peace, happiness and blessing. Once this happens, you will never be the same again, but will always cherish that very sacred experience. You can enjoy it forever. Jesus told us that He (the Holy Spirit) has come to abide with us forever (John 14:16).

If your heart is hungry for God and you want to pray, call someone whom you know has received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit or call a Full Gospel pastor. You will always be glad you asked for prayer and spiritual help and you will always be glad you received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Ask for and receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit today. Your life will be enriched with power and you can be a greater blessing than ever.

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