

The Baptism In The Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit

What is it? The baptism in the Holy Spirit is the empowering for life and service that takes place in the life of the Christian. In it, we are immersed in the Spirit's life and power- Luke 4:18.

Baptize = "*baptizo*"- To be immersed in or cause to be immersed in.

1. John the Baptist as the forerunner of Jesus promised it to them who would believe in Him.

- Matt. 3:11
- Mark 1:8
- Luke 3:16

2. Jesus promised it to the apostles after His resurrection and before His ascension.

Acts 1:4-8:

4: 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.

5: For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6: When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7: And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

3. One fact that we understand from this passage is that the Holy Spirit empowers us for service. Again see Luke 4:18- If Jesus needed the Holy Spirit, how much more do we?

4. By reading Acts 2:1-40, we see that four notable things took place"

1. The believers were filled with the Holy Ghost, as Jesus had promised both in John 14:16-17 and in Acts 1:4-8.
2. Peter, who had at one time denied Christ, now stood boldly and proclaimed the Gospel.

3. As a result of this Spirit-empowered preaching, 3000 people were converted and saved.
4. On that day, The New Testament Church came into being.

5. According to Acts 2:38, Holy Spirit baptism is only available to those who are saved.

“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.”

6. The Holy Spirit produces fruit in the lives of those whom He empowers- Gal. 5:22-24. We are not able to produce this fruit in our own strength (see Gal. 2:20 and Col 1:27).

7. How does one experience the baptism in the Holy Spirit after having repented and believed? By simply asking- Luke 11:13.