



Title: You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit



Text: Acts 1:4-5

Three years before Jesus spoke these words John the Baptist was in the wilderness preaching and Calling the Jews to THREE things:

1. to repent
2. to receive forgiveness for their sins
3. to be baptized as a sign of their new relationship to God



Luke 3:3 says:

“ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. “

All the while he made it clear that the Messiah was coming soon

And that when the Messiah came HE THE MESSIAH would baptize the people



Luke 3:16 says...

, "I baptize you with water.

But one more powerful than I will come,
the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

What Jesus says in ACTS 1:5 is a direct reference to this proclamation

- John immersed you in water;

I am going to immerse you in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus was saying (in Context, in these first 5 VS.) to the disciples

To be my fellow worker...YOU NEED...

you need **a commission to Go**
 you need **to experience His heart transforming Presence**
 you need **to understand and follow his Kingdom teaching**

But most importantly

YOU NEED TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT."

In the simplest terms

Being a Christian Means living your life in agreement with God's Word

You and I and the church throughout the world need to come into agreement with God's own word and be baptized in the Holy Spirit

How we get there is a part of our spiritual journey

But There is a very simple method for receiving from God that anyone can apply to their lives – ASKING..



Luke 11:9-10

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Luke 11:13

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

I want to investigate this baptism

By first asking...



I. WHAT HAPPENED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST

My purpose for talking about the events of that day is to display that they were an inauguration and not typical of what happens when we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

the description is given for us in



Acts 2:1-4

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

LET'S BREAK IT DOWN...



1. THERE WAS A SOUND OF WIND

Why a sound of WIND?

The **Greek** word for Spirit is the word *Pneuma*. *If you have ever worked in a mechanics shop they often have pneumatic tools.*

Literally WIND powered tools

The Spirit of God has long been associated with the symbol of WIND

Jesus speaks of the work of the Holy Spirit in **John 3:8**

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

So it is not unusual for there to be a sound of a wind associated with the pouring out of the Spirit

IT WAS A SYMBOLIC /REAL EVENT THAT POINTED TO THE FULLNESS OF HIS COMING – FOR THE WIND FILLS EVERYTHING

Secondly,



2. THEY SAW TONGUES OF FIRE THAT RESTED ON THEM

Fire is another symbol

When Isaiah received his call from the Lord (Is. 6) in the year King Uzziah died –
Isaiah recognized His unholy-ness –
And an Angel took a coal from the alter and touched to Isaiah lips and purified him...

The Fire of God's presence burns away the undesirable things in our lives

It sets our hearts on FIRE

IT ignites our lives. AND IT PURIFIES US

In Luke 24 when 2 disciples are walking with Jesus they remarked "Did our hearts not burn within us as HE spoke to us.

Fire burned representing the presence of GOD on Mount Sinai

Exodus 19:18

All of Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the LORD had descended on it in the form of fire. The smoke

billowed into the sky like smoke from a brick kiln, and the whole mountain shook violently.

When Solomon dedicated the temple

2 Chronicles 7:1

When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

At Pentecost, God confirmed and inaugurated the Holy Spirit's ministry by sending fire.

fire came down on many believers,

Meaning that God's presence is now available to all who believe in him.

THEN IT SAYS THIRLDY.....

3. ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

How many were filled.... All of them..

And finally The Bible Says

4. THEY BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED THEM.

They did something they had never done before AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED THEM PROPHECYING

Acts 2:11 tells us **WHAT THEY WERE SAYING:**

They were **"DECLARING THE WONDERS OF GOD!"**

AND IT STOPPED PEOPLE IN THEIR TRACKS

120 began speaking in languages they have never learned

Early on in the days of the Assemblies of God

Some of our Missionaries went to China

believing that they could become an instant missionary now
that they spoke in tongues.

You know what they learned?

NO ONE UNDERSTOOD THEM

You know why it did not work?

It was because those MISSIONARIES had misunderstood the
spirit's intentions for the gift...

tongues are not the point of the gift

they are merely the initial evidence

Tongues are not necessarily going to be the languages of
earthly people groups...

1 Corinthians 14:2

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

- Paul explains that tongues comes from the Spirit
- They manifest in believers as they pray
- And As they praise
- And SOMETimes in a church gathering they manifest as prophecy in conjunction with interpretation

- And through interpretation they have meaning
- He teaches that they are not always the tongues of men, but sometimes they are the tongues of ANGELS..

On the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was initially poured out

And these events occurred..

It stopped people in their **TRACKS**

It needed explanation

Acts 2:16-17

But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

So when Jesus said in Acts 1:4,

"Wait for the promise of the Father,"

What he meant was,

"Wait till the promise of Joel 2 is fulfilled."

Acts 2:32-33

This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

JESUS entered heaven.

He received from the Father what he had promised.

And he poured out what the Jews were seeing and hearing at Pentecost,
namely,

- the rushing wind,
- the tongues of fire,
- the speaking in other languages,
- the prophetic praise

Now I ask

II. WHAT OF THAT EVENT IS THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Is it the sound of wind?
OR the Tongues of FIRE
Is it the unknown tongues,
IS it dreams
Is it visions?

Luke 24:49

**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."**

The focal point According to Jesus is POWER

He could have said...

stay in the city until you have been clothed with TONGUES
from on high.

stay in the city until you have been clothed with FIRE from
on high.

stay in the city until you have been clothed with WIND from
on high.

Instead he focuses on being clothed with power.

WHY

The heart of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is empowerment.



Luke 24:46-47

Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.



III. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE FILLED UP WITH THE HOLY GHOST

1. According to acts 2:42

The initial filling was so powerful and miraculous that 3,000 people were converted

2. In Acts 4:8 Peter is again filled with the Holy Spirit and speaks with such power that the Jewish leaders were amazed at his boldness in spite lack of education

3. Acts 4:31 says

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

4. In Acts 6 we meet Stephen

Acts 6:5 says

He was a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit;

Luke tells us in Acts 6:8

Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.

Acts 6:10 tells us that the enemy's of the church

could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke.

5. In Acts 11:24 Barnabas was full of the Holy Spirit and faith and the effect Luke mentions was that "a large company was added to the Lord" (as at Pentecost).

Acts 1:8

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."

CONCLUSION

Jesus said you need the Baptism in the Holy Spirit
You need POWER

You might say – well I have gotten along this long with out it and I am doing just fine

There is coming a day

When sound doctrine

Good clean living

And persuasive preaching aren't going to work

Without a demonstration of God's POWER

I believe if you will ask to be filled YOU WILL BE

I believe if seek to be re-filled you will be

You won't need to hear wind, or fire

You will receive POWER WHICH IS THE PURPOSE FOR THE GIFT

And you should speak in tongues as evidence of that baptism

It happened to me that way

It happened to Peter that way

It happened to Paul that way

It happened to Cornelius and His household that way (Acts 11: 15-17)

The Corinthian Church believed it too

Jesus is the Baptizer

HE Is ready today to clothe you with Power from On High

When you Are ready?

Will You BE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT