

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

PART II



In the first discussion on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we laid some foundational beliefs about what it is. This week we're going to have a look at what Jesus taught about the Holy Spirit and the reasons the Bible gives for Christians to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

WHAT DID JESUS TEACH ABOUT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

For the chart below, read each verse, discuss it among your group, and then write the principal that Jesus taught us about the Holy Spirit in the space next to it.

Bible Reference	Principal that Jesus Taught about the Holy Spirit
<i>Luke 11:13</i>	
<i>John 4:13-14</i>	
<i>John 7:38-39</i>	
<i>Luke 24:49</i>	
<i>Acts 1:8</i>	



Take a moment to review these principals and discuss what they mean and how they help our understanding of Who the Holy Spirit is, what He does, and how He works in and through us.

WHY WAS/IS THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN?

Hopefully the first discussion in this series gave enough information to show that the Holy Spirit was indeed the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy and the one promised by Jesus after His death and resurrection.

But many Christians believe this and yet do not accept that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is “for them.”

The New Testament Church grew because of the passion and conviction of the first followers of Jesus. It also grew because of the amazing signs and wonders and miracles that these early Christians did through the power of the Holy Spirit.

If we hope to reach our community with the love of God and to see them saved and enter into a living and vibrant relationship with God, we're going to need this same Holy Spirit as much, if not more, than the Early Church!

Let's have a look at ten reasons that the Bible gives for why the Holy Spirit is given to us. For the chart on the next page, read each verse, discuss it among your group, and then write the reason that the Bible gives us for why the Holy Spirit was given in the space next to it.

Bible Reference	Reason the Bible gives for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
<i>John 14:16</i>	
<i>John 14:26</i>	
<i>John 16:12-13</i>	
<i>John 16:8-11</i>	
<i>Acts 1:8</i>	
<i>Romans 8:1-2, 13</i>	
<i>Romans 8:11</i>	
<i>Romans 8:26-27</i>	
<i>Jude 1:20-21</i>	
<i>1 Corinthians 12:7-13</i>	

COMMON Q'S & A'S ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Q How can I know it's real and that God will give the Holy Spirit to me?
A God is faithful and has promised the Holy Spirit to us (Luke 11:10-13; 1 John 5:14-15)
- Q Will I get taken over or possessed by God?
A No! The Holy Spirit works *with* us but we choose to surrender to Him (1 Corinthians 14:32)
- Q I'm scared I won't be able to live 'right enough' and don't want to be a hypocrite
A One of the reasons the Holy Spirit is given is to help us live holy lives :- (Romans 8:1-2, Romans 8:13)
- Q I'm not good enough for God to give me the Holy Spirit/I haven't been a Christian long enough
A The only prerequisite is that we are Christians (Luke 11:10, Acts 10:34-38)
- Q I like the idea of the Holy Spirit, but don't want to speak in Tongues
A The Holy Spirit is given on God's terms; we can't dictate to Him what parts of His gift we will/won't accept.

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