

Discipleship Pathway 1

Session 7: Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a special endowment of _____ this is available to a person once they are born again. Before His ascension into heaven, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit and instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until this promised gift was sent.

Read: Luke 24:49 & Acts 1:4

The purpose of this infilling of the Holy Spirit is to empower us to be His _____. All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹

Read: Acts 1:8

This was a _____ experience within the early Christian Church beginning on the Day of Pentecost.

Leader Note: Be sure and take time to read all of the following passages as they together demonstrate a pattern within the early church.

Read: Acts 2:1-4, Acts 8:14-17, Acts 10:44-46, & Acts 19:1-6

Each group of believers received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit subsequent to their salvation. This experience with the Holy Spirit is _____ from one's being _____ with the Holy Spirit upon their conversion (being born again).

Read: Ephesians 1:13, 2 Corinthians 1:22

At salvation we are each sealed with the Holy Spirit as a _____ of our adoption into God's family: "**For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.**"- **Romans 8:16**

After His resurrection, as Jesus met privately with His disciples, John 20:22 tells us that He breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit." After being sealed with the Spirit, He then instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the empowering of the Holy Spirit that was still yet to be poured out. Along with the empowering to witness, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is accompanied by:

An overflowing _____ of the Spirit. **Read:** John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8

A deepened _____ for God. **Read:** Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28

An intensified _____ to God and dedication to His work. **Read:** Acts 2:42

A more active _____ for Christ, for His Word and for the lost. **Read:** Mark 16:20

The bestowment of the _____ to edify the Body of Christ. **Read:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-31²

¹"Statement of Fundamental Truths", accessed on 01/09/2023, <https://ag.org/Beliefs/Statement-of-Fundamental-Truths#7>

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“The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the _____ physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:4-10, 28) but different in purpose and use.”³

This speaking in tongues carries a two fold purpose:

First, it serves as the initial physical _____ that a person has received the empowering Spirit. Peter points to this as evidence in Acts 10:44-47. The Jewish believers were amazed that the gentiles had received the Holy Spirit, as they could hear them speaking in others tongues just as they had. We see the evidence of speaking in tongues _____ accompany Spirit baptism throughout the book of Acts.

After a person’s initial baptism in the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues continues in the life of a Spirit-filled believer, as Doyle Jones explains in his book, “Be Filled with the Spirit” as a _____ privilege and means of spiritual growth.⁴

Speaking in tongues is a means by which we can _____ ourselves.

Read: 1 Corinthians 14:4

In a _____ setting there is no regulation upon how much or often we can or should pray in the Holy Spirit. However, in a _____ setting Paul gives guidance to why and how a messages in tongues should be given.

This is known as the Gift of Tongues and is given by the Holy Spirit in a _____ gathering to edify the entire body of believers.

Read: 1 Corinthians 14:4-5

In order for a message in tongues to edify the church, it must be _____.

Read: 1 Corinthians 14:6-13

Speaking in tongues is both for our personal and corporate edification.

Leader Note: Now that we have established the necessity of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the validity of speaking in tongues. Take time to go around your table and discuss people’s perspectives, experiences and apprehensions about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

This week’s reading plan: Read: Exodus Ch. 11-20, Proverbs Ch. 7

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⁴ Doyle Jones, *Be Filled with the Spirit*, Mustang, OK., Tate Publishing, LLC, 2006, 15