

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Foundation Scripture:

Joh 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

Overview:

The Apostles Receive the New Birth – They Are Born Again.

Joh 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace [be] unto you: as [my] Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Joh 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on [them], and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

The Apostles Receive the Promise of the Holy Ghost and of Power.

Luk 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Act 1:8 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.

Act 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Day of Pentecost.

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

A. Why Should You Receive the Holy Spirit?

1. Matt 28:18-20 All power given to Jesus; you go in His name.
2. Acts 1:8 You receive power when you receive the Holy Spirit
3. Acts 10:38 God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and power.
4. Luke 3:16 - 4:1 Jesus baptized in water and with the Holy Ghost.

B. Who Should Receive the Holy Spirit? (See Footnote #1)

1. John 7:37-39 The believer should receive the Holy Spirit.
2. Acts 19:2-6 You can be a believer and not be filled with the Holy Ghost.
3. Acts 8:12-16 You can be water baptized and not filled with the Holy Ghost.

C. How Do You Receive the Holy Spirit?

1. Luke 11:9-13 You receive the Holy Spirit when you ask.
2. Acts 8:17-18 With prayer and the laying of hands.
3. Acts 19:6 They received the Holy Ghost.

D. How Do You Know When You Have Received the Holy Spirit?

1. Acts 2:4 They spoke in tongues when they received the Holy Spirit.
(See Footnote #2).
2. Acts 10:45-46 They knew that they were filled because of hearing them
speak in tongues.
3. Acts 3:6 Boldness to preach the Gospel.
Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I
have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth
rise up and walk.

Footnotes:

1. When you become born again, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in you. And He will never leave you nor forsake you. However, being baptized (i.e., filled) with the Holy Ghost is different from having Him live in you. The Holy Spirit **in** you is to help mature you (in the fruit of the Spirit); the Holy Spirit **on** you is for ministry to others and for power in your prayers. Note that Jesus did not do any miracles until He had the Holy Spirit descend upon Him.
2. Note that they do the speaking but they trust the Holy Spirit to guide the utterance (i.e., the sounds). God does not force anybody to do anything. By faith, you must do the speaking and believe that God will keep His Word to fill you with the Holy Spirit. If you continue in tongues by faith, eventually the anointing will come over you, as you speak in tongues. Some people do get their tongues in a miraculous manner with an immediate manifestation of the anointing.