



Prayer Ministry Training - Baptism of the Holy Spirit

1. The outpouring/infilling/indwelling of the Holy Spirit was prophesied in the old testament

- **Joel 2:28-29** “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

2. Relationship with, being endued with power by and the baptism/infilling/indwelling of the Holy Spirit was promised by Jesus in the gospels.

**In Scripture, specifically the New Testament, there is a complementary relationship between each of the above referenced descriptions (baptism/infilling/indwelling) of how the Holy Spirit encounters us. We are baptized in and filled by the Holy Spirit which leads to supernatural power and boldness to live for Jesus!*

**The word baptize (baptizo in the Greek) specifically refers to a full submersion (being put under/into something) and immersion (being absorbed/saturation by something) . It means to overwhelm. Related to water baptism it means to cleanse or purify.*

- **Matthew 3:11** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit [a]and fire.
- **John 7:37-39** On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those [a]believing in Him would receive; for the [b]Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
- **John 14:16-18** “If you love Me, [d]keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another [e]Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
- **Luke 11:11-13** “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for[a] a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”
- **Luke 24:49-50** Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city [a]of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

3. **We see this promise fulfilled in the book of Acts. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is primarily for us to walk in power to be witnesses for Jesus. It is only by the Holy Spirit we can confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of our lives.**

- **Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- **1 Cor. 12:3** Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

4. **The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an independent event from the outward manifestation of speaking in tongues. With that said speaking in tongues is one of the manifestations that we see take place when disciples are baptized in the Holy Spirit.**

- **Acts 2:1-4** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all [a]with one accord in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then there appeared to them [b]divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to **speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

1 Cor. 14 teaching on speaking in tongues in the church

*No where in scripture does it say that speaking in tongues is the **initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit**. With that said, speaking in tongues is a spiritual gift that everyone can experience. It doesn't mean that everyone will, but biblically speaking it is something that everyone can do. The Scripture teaches us to eagerly desire spiritual gifts, including speaking in tongues and especially prophecy (1 Cor. 14:1) The Scripture is clear that we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3)! Scripture makes it clear to not forbid speaking with tongues (1 Cor. 14:39). When we speak in tongues we are speaking mysteries in a language not understood by man (1 Cor. 14:2). When we speak in tongues it only edifies ourselves in a corporate setting (1 Cor. 14:4), unless we give an interpretation of what is being said in tongues so that others may be edified (1 Cor. 14:5). Because of this it is better in public settings to prophesy in your known language so people can understand and be edified by what you are saying (1 Cor. 14:3,5).*

Faith in Jesus alone saves us, not speaking in tongues. The Holy Spirit is who seals our salvation when we put our faith in Jesus.

***Ephesians 1:11-14** In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, **12** that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. **13** In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**, **14** who[a] is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

The baptism of the Holy Spirit, including speaking in tongues, are available to all who have put their faith in Jesus and have been saved. Sometimes salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit happen in the life of a believer at once. Other times salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit happen as separate events.

5. We are not limited to being baptized/filled with the Holy Spirit one time. The book of Acts clearly identifies that the early disciples experienced multiple encounters and infillings of the Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues is not the only outward manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Another one is speaking the word of God with boldness.

- **Acts 4:31** And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they **spoke the word of God with boldness.**

6. Another outward manifestation of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is magnifying God.

- **Acts 10:44-46** While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. **45** And [o]those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. **46** For they heard them speak with tongues and **magnify God.**

7. Another outward manifestation of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is prophesying.

- **Acts 19:1-6** And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples **2** he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." **3** And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." **4** Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." **5** When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and **prophesied.**

The four different manifestations of the baptism of the Holy Spirit mentioned in Acts 2, 4, 10 & 19 are speaking in tongues, speaking the word of God boldly, magnifying God, and prophesying. What these four manifestations share in common is that they are all vocal, outloud expressions. There is a measure of agreement and faith that is activated as we open our mouths and in surrender to the Holy Spirit by faith we release/express the manifestation that the Holy Spirit is initiating in us outwardly. Oftentimes, peace, joy, warmth, fire, tingling, crying, laughing, and other physical manifestations will be experienced as other accompanying signs that confirm the baptism/infilling of the Holy Spirit.

8. **After being baptized in the Holy Spirit, it is likely you will begin to notice a passion/desire and grace to exercise several spiritual gifts.**
 - **Mark 16:15-18 / 1 Cor. 12:1-11**

9. **After being baptized in the Holy Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit should be noticeable in your life.**
 - **Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

10. **After being baptized in the Holy Spirit, obedience to the word of God should increase and remain as a consistent expression of your walk with the Lord as a disciple.**
 - **Ezekiel 36:26-27** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

11. **After being baptized in the Holy Spirit, you will notice a greater passion for the glory and beauty of Jesus Christ to be made known to you and through you. The Holy Spirit loves to glorify Jesus!**
 - **John 16:14** He (the Holy Spirit) will glorify me (Jesus) because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

Practical activation (you can do this alone but I recommend having someone with you to pray with you)

1. Enter into a time of worship, praise and thanksgiving focused on Jesus and all that He has done for you. Thank Him for saving you, forgiving your sins, making you clean, and sending the Holy Spirit. Take your time, don't rush.
 - One thing that can be a hindrance in the pursuit of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is unconfessed sin in our lives. Taking time to confess sin to the Lord, repent, and/or release any unforgiveness is a helpful step to take. Praying **Psalm 139:23-24** invites the Holy Spirit to search your heart for these and other things, so that you can more confidently align with all that the Holy Spirit has for you.
2. Acknowledge and speak specifically to the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to fill you. You can also ask Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Spirit (**Matthew 3:11**).
 - Some scriptures to help you relate to the person of the Holy Spirit include: **Isaiah 11:1-2, John 14:15-18, John 16:5-15**.
3. As the Holy Spirit begins to fill you, it may start as a feeling/encounter/manifestation that you feel upon you (**Acts 10:44-48**). The baptism/infilling of the Holy Spirit may also manifest inside of you first and then flow out (**John 7:37-39**).
4. As you begin to identify with the way the Holy Spirit is manifesting himself upon, or from within you, surrender by faith to the manifestation that He initiates through you. Open your mouth and begin to speak in tongues, speak the word of God boldly, magnify God or prophesy. Sit and wait on Him as long as you desire until you experience your baptism. Again, pay attention to sensations of overwhelming peace, love, joy, warmth, fire, or tingling. These are all accompanying signs of the baptism/infilling of the Holy Spirit (and there could be others). Whatever ways you begin to manifest, let it happen, don't try to restrict or control how you respond. Willingly let the Holy Spirit lead you. Remember all of the outward manifestations we see in the book of Acts were vocal and outloud. Your participation matters.
5. The Holy Spirit is not going to make you say or do anything. He works with you and your faith. He will not force you or possess you in a way that you are no longer willingly engaging.
6. Continue to release whatever outward manifestation you first begin to experience. You may even feel led to release another one. Continue to engage as long as you desire or until you feel like the Holy Spirit has led you into everything He has for you at that time. You can practice these outward manifestations (**speaking in tongues, speaking the word of God boldly, magnifying God, prophesying**) any time once you've been baptized. You can and should continue to ask for more depth and maturity in the manifestations that you released while being baptized in the Holy Spirit. Asking for grace to seek greater surrender to the Holy Spirit and for more powerful encounters, should be a regular part of your relationship with the Holy Spirit going forward.
7. Finish with worship, praise and thanksgiving for all that the Holy Spirit has done in your life!