

Message Series Program Notes: 1 Corinthians *Unity out of Division*
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The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Two Views

The Historical View:

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an extension of salvation.
The believer receives all of the Holy Spirit at their new birth.
Power comes by yielding to the Spirit's control.

The Holiness View:

The baptism of the Holy Spirit comes after salvation.
The believer is left to ask, pray, and hope for the indwelling of the Spirit.
The consequences of *not* receiving the Spirit are severe.
The believer would be missing a critical aspect of following Christ.

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

The phrase "*Baptism of the Holy Spirit*" never occurs in Scripture.
The verbal phrase "baptize (or baptized) in the Holy Spirit" occurs in Scripture.
See: Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5; 11:16; 1 Cor. 12:13.

The phrase "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" is a cultural phrase popularized in the 19th century by the holiness movement. Pentecostal and Charismatic believers began using the phrase in the 1960's to mean a second work or Second Step Blessing of the Holy Spirit.

Question: Do we see a Second Step Blessing in the Scriptures?

Acts 1:1-5

Clearly, Jesus is promising the Holy Spirit would come.

Question: Is this normative? Do we see this for all believers or is it something special happening here?

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Acts 2:1-4

A detailed account of the moment the Spirit was given.

Pentecostal and Charismatic believers claim this continues today. However, this activity is not normative for today. Rather, this event should be understood as the giving of the Spirit to signify the birth of the Church and the new dispensation of grace or Church Age.

The Significance of Pentecost:

Pentecost is a celebration of the First Fruits (Lev. 23:15), fifty days after Passover. It is also a celebration of the giving of the Law (Exodus 20, Feast of Weeks, Yom HaBikurim or Shavuot). The law was given to Moses fifty days after the Exodus.

Fifty days after the death of Christ the Holy Spirit was given on Pentecost. It was not a coincidence the Spirit came when He did; instead, it was God's divine timing to signify the birth of the church. The disciples didn't ask, pray or plead for the Spirit; rather, the Spirit was given precisely in God's sovereign time.

After the book of Acts, there is no Scriptural evidence of the Spirit being given after a person's conversion. The Spirit is always given in His fullness at conversion.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 ESV

Ephesians 1:13-14 ESV

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Facts About The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

#1 It occurs at salvation.

See: Ephesians 1:13-14; John 3:5

#2 It is a metaphor for placement in the body of Christ.

See: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3, 6.

#3 It is an automatic, non-emotional, non-experiential, singular event.

See: Romans 6:3-5

#4 It is a fulfillment of a promise.

See: Mark 1:8

How do you receive the Holy Spirit?

By receiving Jesus Christ.

#1 Acknowledge your position before God.

Romans 3:23: *“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”*

#2 Believe in Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:9: *“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

#3 Express your belief through repentance & faith.

Acts 3:19: *“Repent and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.”*

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