

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Please look up and read the scriptures noted below. Complete scripture references are stated, however due to space constraints, in some references, only the main idea of the passage is reproduced here.

Promised by Jesus

John 1:29-34 "... 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'"

John 7:37-39 ..."He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit...

John 14:15-18 ... 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.

John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

John 16:5-14 "...now I go away... However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you..."

John 20:19-23 "And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:8 "...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses..."

Power for Service and Testimony

Acts 2:1-8 "Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 11...we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.

Acts 4:31-33 "...and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness... and with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus..."

Acts 8:14-17 "... they sent Peter and John to them... who... prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit... Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

Acts 10:44-46 "...While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word."

Ac 19:1-7 ..."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."... And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied."

How do I receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? Pray and Ask.

Ephesians 5:17-21 "... understand what the will of the Lord is... be filled with the Spirit..."

Luke 11:9-13 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you... For everyone who asks receives... how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed... and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..."

What can I expect once I receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

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."

Acts 4:31 "...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."

Romans 12:4-8 "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them"

1 Corinthians chapters 12, 13 and 14 "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant... There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit."

How do I know if I'm "filled with the Spirit"?

There are 3 evidences that a believer is filled with the Spirit (found in Ephesians 5:18-21)

#1 "...speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord..."

#2 "...giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..."

#3 "...submitting to one another in the fear of God."

(Being filled with the Holy Spirit is) "not a once for all crisis experience in the life of a disciple, rather it is a continual process. The literal translation of the command (Ephesians 5:18) is "Be being filled with the Spirit". It may begin as a crisis experience, but it must continue thereafter as a moment by moment process. Today's filling will not do for tomorrow." (William MacDonald)

"Baptism with the Holy Spirit: What It Is and What It Does"

1. There are a number of different designations for this one experience; filled, baptized, endued with power etc. (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5, Acts 2:4)
2. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is a definite experience which one may know whether he has received it or not. (Acts 19:2 and 19:6)
3. It is a work of the Holy Spirit that is separate and distinct from His regenerating work. (John 13:11, Acts 1:5)
4. It is always connected with testimony and service. (Acts 1:5-8, Acts 2:4, Acts 4:31-33)
5. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit imparts power for service. (1 Corinthians 12)

(adapted from *"The Baptism with the Holy Spirit"* by R.A. Torrey)

Reading list

Living Water and Charisma vs Charismania
Chuck Smith

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

R.A. Torrey

Concerning Spiritual Gifts

Donald Gee

The Afterglow

Henry Gainey

Touched by His Spirit

Jim Hesterly



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