

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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PART 4: THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

WHAT IS HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM?

While many people today receive John's baptism of repentance, they conveniently ignore the fact that there is also a baptism of Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.

After the death of Stephen, Philip, who was also one of the deacons selected by the apostles, left Jerusalem and began to preach Christ in Samaria. The Holy Spirit was working miracles, people got saved, demons were cast out, lame people started to walk and many others were healed from diseases.

News of this awakening among the Samaritans reached the church in Jerusalem and the leadership decided to send Peter and John to make sure that all the instructions given by Jesus were being followed. **Acts 8:5-17**

When the apostle Peter was asked to come to the house of Cornelius, a Roman Centurion, and preach the Gospel to the people assembled there, the Holy Spirit fell on the people gathered there before Peter finished his message and they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. **Acts 10:44-48**

Apollos was preaching Christ in the city of Ephesus some years later, but he only knew about the baptism of John. **Acts 18:24-28**

When the apostle Paul came to Ephesus and found a group of Christians, he asked in what manner they had been baptized. They had only received the baptism of John. As a result, Paul laid hands upon them they were all baptized in the Holy Spirit. **Acts 19:1-7**

I have shared the normal procedure of the New Testament church in preaching Christ, followed by repentance and salvation, water baptism and then the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This biblical truth is factual and irrefutable. Don't let a denomination tell you otherwise.

This type of activity was normal during the time of the apostles and their immediate followers of Timothy, Titus, Apollos, etc. followed the same pattern. Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit?

If you want to follow the teachings of Jesus as laid out in the New Testament, you must decide to seek the Holy Spirit baptism so that you can operate on earth in the way Jesus intended and not waste any more time.

REASONS FOR HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

The purpose for the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to equip every believer with power so he can live a victorious life in Christ Jesus. **Acts 1:8**

It is important to understand how receiving the Holy Spirit affects us and others. Study the following statements carefully:



1. Everybody does not experience the infilling (baptism) of the Holy Spirit in the same way. **1 Corinthians 12:4-7**
2. The Holy Spirit penetrates the physical body, soul and spirit. The result should be a change in the life of the believer and goodness. **Luke 6:45**
3. We should seek the fullness of the Holy Spirit. **Ephesians 5:18; 1 Corinthians 12:31; John 7:37-39**
4. The Holy Spirit is not a dictator. **1 Corinthians 14:32-32**
5. The Holy Spirit will not replace the requirements; God still expects us to learn what the Bible says. **Ephesians 6:10-18.**
6. The encounter with the Holy Spirit is a gateway to the supernatural of heaven, giving us the ability to experience it now. **John 14:25-27**

MOVING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

We receive this experience in the Holy Spirit in order to accomplish the following things:

- ❖ Witness. **Acts 1:8**
- ❖ Pray. **Romans 8:26-27**
- ❖ Teach others. **John 16:13**
- ❖ Praise God. **John 16:14**
- ❖ For Guidance. **John 16:7**
- ❖ For Health. **2 Corinthians 4:10-12**
- ❖ For Unity. **1 Corinthians 12:13**

RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

How do you receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit?

1. Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
2. Confess your sins, forgive those who have hurt you and don't harbor hate. **1 John 1:9; Matthew 18:35**
3. You only have to ask God for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. **Luke 11:9-13**
4. Accept it by faith, not by feelings, and praise God for the infilling. **Hebrews 11:6**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?