

Theme: The baptism in the Holy Spirit is the promised experience of the Spirit being poured out, coming upon, and filling God's New Covenant people.

I. Intro – An Important Doctrine?

- A. A doctrine that all agree is important
- B. A doctrine that produces a lot of arguing
- C. Yet “baptism in Spirit” occurs only 7 times!
- D. But concept is all over and is important!
- E. What is the baptism in the Spirit? Who has it?
- F. Plea to listen, study, think – not just react

II. A Look At the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- A. The heart of John the Baptist's message
 - 1. Mark 1:8; John 1:34
 - 2. Only thing he says in all 4 gospels
 - 3. At the core of the message of John
 - 4. Jesus is the bestower/baptizer in Spirit
- B. The Baptism in the Spirit
 - 1. The phrase occurs 7 times in all Scripture
 - 2. A word about in/with/by – in or with for all
 - 3. Different word for ‘baptized by’ (hupo) - Mk 1:5
 - 4. Baptized by – hupo – in – en – water/Spirit etc

- 5. All 7 refer to the same experience

III. Parallel Phrases for Baptism in Spirit

- A. The Gift/Promise of the Spirit
 - 1. Acts 1:4-5; 10:44-45; Eph 1:13-14; Gal 3:14
 - 2. Baptism in Spirit is heart of New covenant promise
- B. Spirit ‘poured out’
 - 1. Acts 2:16-17; 10:45; Titus 3:5-6
 - 2. We are covered in Spirit – full measure
- C. Falling on/coming on of the Spirit
 - 1. Acts 1:8; 10:44; 11:15; 19:6
 - 2. The Spirit comes from outside in power
- D. Filled with the Spirit
 - 1. Acts 2:4 – only time referring to initial
 - 2. All other refer to “re-fillings”
 - 3. We will discuss this in a few weeks
 - 4. The Spirit fills us; we submit to Him

IV. What Is the Baptism of the Spirit?

- A. Baptism – to dip or immerse
- B. Spirit poured out, comes upon, falls & fills
- C. Definition

V. Applying the Word

- A. Do we see centrality of gift of Spirit in the New Covenant?
 - 1. All 4 gospels have this promise
 - 2. This is central to Jesus ministry to His people
 - 3. It is the reality to which OT types pointed
- B. Do we see the fullness of Spirit given to us?
 - 1. We have been baptized – immersed – in Spirit
 - 2. Spirit poured out on us – drenched with God!
 - 3. Spirit has fallen on us in power for fruit & gifts
 - 4. Spirit fills us to know, love God & serve others
- C. Do we thank God walk with the Spirit?
 - 1. Do we thank God that Spirit has done all this?
 - 2. Do we walk with Spirit each day?
 - 3. He is with us, “transmitting” – are we tuned in?
- D. Communion – drawing near to God

What is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

Mark 1:1-8; John 1:29-34

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Communion

Romans 15:13

I baptize you with water, but **he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.**"
Mark 1:8

I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is **he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.**' John 1:33

- Matthew 3:11
- Mark 3:8
- Luke 3:16
- John 1:33
- Acts 1:5
- Acts 11:16
- 1 Corinthians 12:13

⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait for the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a **few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**"
Acts 1:4-5

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that **the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.** Acts 10:44-45

¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, **the promised Holy Spirit**, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-- to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:13-14

¹⁴ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith **we might receive the promise of the Spirit.** Galatians 3:14

No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "In the last days, God says, **I will pour out my Spirit** on all people.... Acts 2:16-17

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Acts 10:45

⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the **Holy Spirit**, ⁶ **whom he poured out on us generously** through Jesus Christ our Savior, Titus 3:5-6

⁸ But you will receive power when **the Holy Spirit comes on you**; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

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¹⁵ As I began to speak, **the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.** Acts 11:15

⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came on them**, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. Acts 19:6

⁴ **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4