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What Is The Baptism of (in, with) the Holy Spirit?

Lesson 12

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Online Bible Study

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I. Tonight's Focus – The Baptism of (in, with) the Holy Spirit

A. “Of, in, or with?”

B. At least 2 views

1. “The baptism of the Holy Spirit may be defined as that work whereby the Spirit of God places the believer into [union with Christ](#) and into union with other believers in the body of Christ **at the moment of [conversion] salvation.**” Some call this “**indwelling.**”
2. “...baptism of the Holy Spirit is a separate, subsequent event [separate from conversion/salvation] where believers are empowered for service.” The evidence of this empowerment is marked by speaking in tongues. Some call this “**filling.**”

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

These are nonnegotiable tenets of faith that all Assemblies of God churches adhere to. This list is derived from the official Statement of Fundamental Truths.

1. WE BELIEVE . . . The Scriptures are Inspired by God and declare His design and plan for mankind.
2. WE BELIEVE . . . There is only One True God—revealed in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (commonly known as the Trinity).
3. WE BELIEVE . . . In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. As God's son Jesus was both human and divine.
4. WE BELIEVE . . . though originally good, an Willingly Fell to Sin—ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.
5. WE BELIEVE . . . Every Person Can Have Restored Fellowship with God Through ‘Salvation’ (trusting Christ, through faith and repentance, to be our personal Savior). [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the AG]
6. WE BELIEVE . . . and practice two ordinances—**(1) Water Baptism by Immersion after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation, and** (2) Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.
- 7. WE BELIEVE . . . the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a Special Experience Following Salvation that empowers believers for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times. [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the AG]**
- 8. WE BELIEVE . . . The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is ‘Speaking in Tongues,’ as experienced on the Day of Pentecost and referenced throughout Acts and the Epistles.**

9. WE BELIEVE . . . Sanctification Initially Occurs at Salvation and is not only a declaration that a believer is holy, but also a progressive lifelong process of separating from evil as believers continually draw closer to God and become more Christlike.

10. WE BELIEVE . . . The Church has a Mission to seek and save all who are lost in sin We believe 'the Church' is the Body of Christ and consists of the people who, throughout time, have accepted God's offer of redemption (regardless of religious denomination) through the sacrificial death of His son Jesus Christ.

11. WE BELIEVE . . . A Divinely Called and Scripturally Ordained Leadership Ministry Serves the Church The Bible teaches that each of us under leadership must commit ourselves to reach others for Christ, to worship Him with other believers, to build up or edify the body of believers—the Church and to Meet human need with ministries of love and compassion.

12. WE BELIEVE . . . Divine Healing of the Sick is a Privilege for Christians Today and is provided for in Christ's atonement (His sacrificial death on the cross for our sins). [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the AG]

13. WE BELIEVE . . . in The Blessed Hope—When Jesus Raptures His Church Prior to His Return to Earth (the second coming) At this future moment in time all believers who have died will rise from their graves and will meet the Lord in the air, and Christians who are alive will be caught up with them, to be with the Lord forever. [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the AG]

14. WE BELIEVE . . . in The Millennial Reign of Christ when Jesus returns with His saints at His second coming and begins His benevolent rule over earth for thousands years. This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel and the establishment of universal peace.

15. WE BELIEVE . . . A Final Judgment Will Take Place for those who have rejected Christ They will be judged for their sin and consigned to eternal punishment in a punishing lake of fire.

16. WE BELIEVE . . . and look forward to the perfect New Heavens and a New Earth that Christ is preparing for all people, of all time, who have accepted Him We will live and dwell with Him there forever following His millennial reign on Earth. 'And so shall we forever be with the Lord!'

II. Where is This Mentioned in the Bible?

7 Places

Mentions of the Baptism of the Spirit in the New Testament

John the Baptist	“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I. I am not worthy to remove his sandals. He himself will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Matt 3:11)	“I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” (Mark 1:8)	“I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I am is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Luke 3:16)	“He who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The one you see the Spirit descending and resting on—he is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” (John 1:33)
Jesus	“John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit in a few days.” (Acts 1:5)			
Peter	“I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’” (Acts 11:16)			
Paul	“We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink.” (1 Cor 12:13)			<i>All Scripture quotations CSB</i>

A. When was this promise fulfilled?

Acts 2:1-4 NIV

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**

B. How does it happen? Who does it?

Acts 2:33-34 NIV

³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, **he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.**

Acts 2:36-39 NIV

³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ **Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."** ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

C. When does it happen?

1. Why the "**when**" is a problem for most people.

III. The Prophetic Prediction

Joel 2:28-32 NIV

²⁸ "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. ³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. ³² And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

- A. The Book of Acts (of the Holy Spirit) shows the progress of this outpouring
- Acts 8:1-25 (Samaritans)
 - Acts 10:1-11:18 (Gentiles)



IV. How Is The Baptism of the Holy Spirit Different From Water Baptism?

- A. Water Baptism
1. Outward, symbolic act. Burying of old life, rising with a new life in Christ. An **“outward sign of an inward change.”**
 2. Public declaration of faith, repentance for sins, and membership in the body of Christ (church)
 3. Unites believers with Christ
 4. Empowers them with God’s presence
 5. **Not necessary for salvation**
 - a. There is a process...
- B. Don’t get messed up by the **method!**
1. Sprinkling
 2. Pouring
 3. Immersion
- C. What baptism has become for most people

V. Is Baptism Of/In/With the Holy Spirit Something We Should Seek?



VI. What Is The True Evidence of Being Baptized in the Holy Spirit?

Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

Love

And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5 (NLT)

Peace

May the Lord show favor toward you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:26 (NLT)

Faithfulness

Great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:23b (NASB)

Joy

My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. Psalm 28:7 (NIV)

Goodness

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6 (KJV)

Gentleness

Pursue a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11b (NLT)

Patience

Meanwhile, the saints stand passionately patient, keeping God's commands, staying faithful to Jesus. Revelation 14:12 (The Message)

Self-Control

A person without self-control is like a house with its doors and windows knocked out. Proverbs 25:28 (The Message)

Kindness

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a (NIV)

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VII. Next Week – The Fruit of the Holy Spirit



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1:15 PM

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