



**"GET A GRIP ON YOUR FAITH"**

## **DOCTRINE #8: THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**



### Are You Sure?

**Let's review our study to this point. Circle the option that best completes the statement.**

- **Bible doctrine is ...**
  1. A systematic arrangement of Bible truth.
  2. A special set of rules for Christian living.
  3. A list of do's and don'ts.
  
- **We believe that the Bible ...**
  1. Is partly inspired by God but contains some mistakes.
  2. Is just a good book, and its stories help us to know how to live.
  3. Has every word inspired by God, contains no mistakes, and tells us exactly how to live.
  
- **We believe that God ...**
  1. Is a Trinity, with three persons in one – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
  2. Is three different persons; that God the Father is in every way greater than God the Son, and the Son is in every way greater than the Holy Spirit.
  3. Is one Person, Jesus, who sometimes acts as the Father, sometimes as the Son, and sometimes as the Holy Spirit.

### Statement of Faith#8



We believe all Christians are entitled to and should seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues according to Acts 2:4. This experience gives a Christian power to witness by his life and words.

### Let's Establish A Foundation

- At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, what did John the Baptist say that Jesus would do (Matt. 3:11)?

**"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."**

- While teaching His disciples in the Upper Room, what did Jesus tell His disciples He would do for them (John 16:7)?

**He promised to send them the Holy Spirit!**

- On Resurrection evening, the very day our Lord was raised from the dead, what did Jesus do for His disciples (John 20:19-22)?

**He gave them the Holy Spirit!**

- Forty days later, just prior to His ascension, Jesus told His disciples to do something. What did He tell them to do (Luke 24:46-49)?

**To wait for the promise of the Father that would clothe them in power.**

- Notice that the disciples already had received the Holy Spirit (in John 20), and were then told to wait for something else (in Luke 24). That "something else" was the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

- Luke 24 goes right into Acts 1. In Acts 1:4,5,8, what does Jesus tell His disciples to do? Why?

**He tells them to wait for the promise of the Father, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The reason they needed to wait is that they needed to be clothed in power.**



- What Jesus said in Acts 1 actually happened in Acts 2:1-4. Describe what took place.

The Holy Spirit baptism was indeed a baptism in fire and power, evidenced by speaking in other tongues.

- Note: John the Baptist predicted it (Matt. 3), Jesus promised it (Luke 24 and Acts 1), and the believers received it ... the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). The Book of Acts unfolds the story of a church full of the Holy Spirit who ministered in the power of the Spirit. They were a church indwelt, filled, and baptized with the Holy Spirit ... a vigorous and vibrant church.

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## Key Biblical Accounts

What do we learn about Holy Spirit Baptism from these Bible passages?

- Acts 2:1-4; 5-15
  - vs. 4 – all were filled
  - vs. 11-12 – sign to others
  - vs. 13 – some consider it foolish
- Acts 8:14-19
  - vs. 14 – saved
  - vs. 16 – subsequence
  - vs. 17 – sign visible
  - vs. 18 – sign sensational
- Acts 9:17-18; I Cor. 14:18
  - Acts 9:17-18 – saved, filled/baptized
  - I Cor. 14:18 – tongues
- Acts 10:44-47
  - vs. 45 – available to all
  - vs. 46 – tongues → praise
  - vs. 47 – “just as we have”
- Acts 11:15-17
  - vs. 15-17 – “just like us”
- Acts 19:1-7
  - 23 years after Pentecost
  - vs. 2 – baptism when believe? Substance. Also, normal expected experience.
  - vs. 6 – “come on them” ... sign = spoke in tongues.

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## Holy Spirit Baptism

- What?
  - It is a visitation of God by His Spirit bringing home to us with overwhelming force all the provisions and fullness of Christ.
  - Holy Spirit Baptism is an imbuement of power for a more vibrant witness and testimony.
  - It is not tongues ... it is being immersed in the Spirit, which is signified by tongues.
- Why?
  - It is an unusual power and boldness for service, witness, and testimony.
- Who?
  - It is available to every believer. (Acts 2:1, 33, 39)
- When?
  - Subsequent to salvation.
- How?
  - It is a sovereign gift of God. Ask in faith.

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## Clarification of Terms

- Indwelt By The Spirit
  - The Holy Spirit who indwells us makes us a child of God. (I Cor. 6:19; Rom. 8:9, 11)
  - enoikountos** – indwelling
  - oikos** - house
- Filled With The Spirit
  - The Holy Spirit who fills us seeks to control us and make us like Christ. (Eph. 5:18)
  - plērōō** – to control
- Baptized In The Spirit
  - The Holy Spirit who we are baptized in imbues us with power for witness and testimony. (Acts 1:8)