



SERMON NOTES

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Title: Receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit

#5 in the series on the Spirit Filled Church

1. Review

- a. The greatest commandments: love God with everything and love our neighbors
- b. The Spirit is absolutely required for us to lead holy & pleasing lives for God, to lead lives of abundant life.
- c. Know who the Holy Spirit is; no matter denomination or theology, He is the presence of God.
- d. God has had a plan since the beginning and to fulfill it He has placed His Spirit within each disciple so that they (*each one*) may be equipped for every good that His Kingdom may advance.
- e. Two objects cannot occupy the same space, there we must forsake all and follow Christ. Our growth is hindered by: opinion of the others, corruption within our own hearts and souls, a vibrant self-life, bad reception of God's will and word, strong belief in self-reliance, and refusing the path of Christ-like humility in our lives.

2. How to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- a. Conditions and costs to consider beforehand.
 - i. Begins with salvation and the indwelling of the Spirit.
 1. Recognize our sin and our need of salvation
 - a. Rom. 3:23, "*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*"
 - b. Rom. 6:23, "*For the wages of sin is death...*"
 2. Believe upon the resurrected Lord Jesus (*as actual Kurios*) in your heart
 - a. Rom. 10:9b, "*believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*"
 3. Confess publicly and openly with the words of your mouth
 - a. Rom. 10:9a, "*if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...*"
 - b. Mt. 10:32, "*Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.*"
 4. Receive and walk by faith that it is finished; surrender to His will for our lives.
 - a. 2 Cor. 5:7, "*For we walk by faith, not by sight.*"
 - ii. Hungry and thirsty; this is NOT about being a Super Christian, but being a hungry one.
 1. Luke 6:21, "*Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled.*"
 2. Ps. 42:1-2, "*As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?*"
 3. Is. 55:1-2, "*Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why*

*do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance."*

iii. The other qualities of Jesus' disciples:

1. They were deeply attached to Jesus.
2. They had left it all to follow after Him.
3. They had learned to despair of themselves and trust in Him alone.
4. They had held fast to the promise.
5. They endured until the fulfillment of the promise.

b. Biblical instances of the baptism [basic principles]

i. Old Testament

1. Moses; 1 Cor. 10:1-2, *"Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea..."*
2. David; 2 Sam. 6:14, *"Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod."* And 2 Sam. 7:16, 18, *"your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever... Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: "Who am I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?"*
3. Solomon's Temple; 2 Chr. 5:13-14, *"indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God." (cf. 1 Kings 8:10-11)*

ii. Exhortations or promises in the New Testament.

1. Luke 3:16, *"John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*
2. Luke 11:11-13, *"If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"*
3. Jn. 7:37-39, *"On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 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, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."*

4. Acts 1:4-5, *"you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*
5. Eph. 5:18-19, *"And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord..."*

iii. Incidents in the New Testament

1. Acts 2:1-4, *"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."*
2. Acts 4:31, *"And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."*
3. Acts 6:3, *"Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."*
4. Acts 8:14-18, *"Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,"*
5. Acts 9:17, *"And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized."*
6. Acts 10:44-48, *"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, 'Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days."*
7. Acts 11:15-18, *"And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could*

withstand God?" When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.""

8. Acts 19:2-6, "[Paul] 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 he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied."

c. How to receive the baptism...

- i. Understand what you're asking for.
- ii. Ask; Luke 11:9-10, "*So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*" Luke 11:13, "*...how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!*"
- iii. Believe; Gal. 3:2, "*This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*"
- iv. Walk therein; Gal. 5:25, "*If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*"

3. Take-aways

- a. Who is in the driver's seat of our lives? Is the Spirit only a paying passenger, or is He driving?
- b. Do we notice a difference between Christ merely in our lives and Christ on the throne?
- c. The blessing of the Spirit is not a result of being a Super Christian, just our hunger. How desperate are we really?
- d. Present ourselves a living sacrifice and enduring the Cross for the joy set before us.
- e. Open the floodgates to the full life and power of God through you to the world.