

## Baptism in the Holy Spirit

***Luke 3:16 "John answered them all; 'I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.'"***

***Acts 1:5 "For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."***

***Acts 11:15-16 "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'"***

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Baptism in the Holy Spirit is more proper than with the Holy Spirit because of "agency" of the Baptism.

1. The baptism in the Spirit is intended for all who profess faith in Christ, having been born again and have received the indwelling of the Spirit.  
***Numbers 11:29 "But Moses replied, 'Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!'"***
2. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is an operation of the Spirit is distinct and separate from his work of regeneration. For the disciples it was clearly a post-regeneration experience.  
***Acts 11:17 "So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?"***
3. The Bible does speak of people being filled with the Holy Spirit before the day of Pentecost. However the term baptized in the Holy Spirit only is used after the ascension.  
***Luke 1:15 "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth."***  
***Luke 24:49 "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."***
4. There are many signs of being filled with the Holy Spirit but in the book of Acts speaking in tongues is the initial outward sign accompanying the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

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

Other signs of being filled with the Holy Spirit included:

a) Prophetic utterances and declarations of praise.

***Acts 10:45-46 "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. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Peter said."***

b) Enhance sensitivity to sin that grieves the Holy Spirit, a greater seeking after righteousness and a deeper awareness of God's judgement against ungodliness.

***John 16:8 "When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness."***

c) A life that brings glory to Jesus Christ.

***Acts 4:33 "With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all."***

d) New vision.

***Acts 2:17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit, Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."***

e) A manifestation of various gifts of the Spirit.

***1Corinthians 12:4; 8-9 "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit."***

f) A greater desire to pray.

***Acts 4:31 "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."***

g) A deeper love and understanding of God's Word.

***John 16:13 "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."***

h) An increasing awareness of God as one's Father.

***Acts 1:4 "On 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."***

***Galatians 4:6 "Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."***

5. Conditions in which baptism in the Holy Spirit is given.

a) We must accept by faith Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and turn away from the world.

***Acts 2:38 "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.'"***

b) Surrendering our wills to God to be an instrument of noble purposes.

***2 Timothy 2:21 "If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work."***

c) We must desire to be filled.

***Isaiah 44:3 "For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants."***

d) We receive the baptism in the spirit as an answer to prayer. Mark 11:24

6. The baptism of the Holy Spirit becomes faded glory if a person does not continue in prayer, witness and a life of holiness.

***Ephesians 5:18 "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit."***