

Freedom Ministries Fellowship Notes

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Opening prayer:

Praise and Worship: 10 minutes:

Testimonies: 5 minutes

Review: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The main objective of this lesson is to give people an understanding of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In Mark 16:17, Jesus stated that every believer will speak in new tongues. In Acts 1:4 Jesus clearly stated that John baptized with water but there is also a baptism of the Holy Spirit. There are clearly two baptisms in scripture. We see in Acts 2:1-4 that at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was given and all of the disciples began to speak in tongues. We will see from scripture that every time a believer was baptized with the Holy Spirit, the believers always spoke with tongues.

In Acts 10:43-48 Peter was preaching to the gentiles at Cornelius' home. As Peter was preaching, the Holy Spirit fell on the gentiles. Verse 46 tells us the Jews were convinced the gentiles received the baptism of the Holy Spirit because they all began to speak in tongues. It was after the baptism of the Holy Spirit that the gentiles were baptized in water. So it is clear there were two separate baptisms.

In Acts 19:1-6 Paul was preaching to believers in Ephesus. Paul asked them if they had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. The believers responded they had only been baptized in water and that they had never even heard of the Holy Spirit. Paul laid hands on them and baptized them in the Holy Spirit. The believers immediately spoke in tongues and prophesied. We see from these encounters there are clearly two baptisms. In addition, the baptism of the Holy Spirit was always accompanied with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This is the biblical model.

There are several misconceptions about receiving the Holy Spirit. Be assured that if you desire the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you will receive it. In Luke 11:13 Jesus makes it very clear that if you ask for the Holy Spirit, it will be given to you. Sin does not stop the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church in Corinth proved that. They were engaged in all kinds of sinful acts, yet operated in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The biggest hindrance for most people is their belief that the Holy Spirit will take over and move their lips for them. The Holy Spirit will not move your lips. The disciples "began to speak" with words they did not understand. Paul clearly says "I will pray in the spirit and I will pray in my understanding." Paul is explaining that we can start and stop praying in the spirit at any time. Lastly, some people struggle with the fact that they do not understand the words that are coming out of their mouth. When you pray in the spirit, your mind will "be unfruitful." The Holy Spirit actually bypasses your mind and prays in a heavenly tongue you will not understand. Don't worry if you don't feel anything or understand the words coming out of your mouth. Jesus said if you ask for the baptism, He will give it to you.

If you desire the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you must accept Jesus as your savior and be born again. Then you can simply ask Jesus for the Holy Spirit. If you ask, you will receive it immediately. In faith begin speaking in a language other than your main language. Congratulations! As you pray in tongues, rivers of living water are flowing out of you. You can now enjoy the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer 1: 10 Minutes:

If there is any situation in your life that needs prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to pray through you for that situation. The Holy Spirit makes intercession for us according to the will of God. It is the perfect prayer and is always answered!

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Psalm 23:6 "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Amen