



the
Baptism
in the Holy
Spirit

“And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?” (Acts 19:1-2).

Why did the Holy Ghost come?

(1) The Spirit of God will help us in prayer, Paul told the Romans. “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26-27). Jude instructed us to build up ourselves on our most holy faith, “praying in the Holy Ghost” (verse 20). Paul again told the church at Ephesus to pray always with all “prayer and supplication in the Spirit.” (Ephesians 6:18).

(2) The Holy Ghost will reprove the world of sin and would draw men to Christ. Jesus said, “And when he is come, he will reprove (convict) the world of sin.” (John 16:8). Paul said to the Corinthians, “No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.” (1 Corinthians 12:3).

(3) The Holy Spirit will give us boldness to witness.

Jesus told His disciples, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses...” (Acts 1:8). Again in Acts 4:31, we read, “And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.” In Luke 12:12, Jesus tells us, “Take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: for the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.” (see also Mark 13:11).

(4) The Holy Ghost will teach us, and guide us into all truth.

“But the Comforter,” Jesus said, “which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things... Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak; and he will shew you things to come.” (John 14:26; 16:13).

(5) The Holy Spirit will glorify Christ.

“He shall not speak of himself,” Jesus said. “He shall glorify me.” (John 16:13,14). He shall not lift up man or Himself, but everything He does will be to glorify Jesus!

The wind that blew through the upper room on the day of Pentecost is for you today. “The promise is unto you,” Peter said, “and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” (Acts 2:39).

Do you long to be baptized with the Holy Spirit? All you have to do is ask. “How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” (Luke 11:13).

Pray this prayer...

Father, I need Your Holy Spirit to help me live the Christian life, to understand Your Word, to be a bold effective witness for Christ, and to live victoriously over sin. I'm helpless without You Lord. Your Word says that You shall give the Holy Spirit to those who ask for Him, and that the promise is for all. Lord, baptize me with your Holy Spirit I pray, in Jesus' name.

Just lift your hands toward Heaven and begin praising Jesus. Yield to the Holy Ghost as you sense Him moving. You may begin to speak in an unknown tongue.

If you've just been filled with the Holy Spirit, please send an email and let us know. We want to rejoice with you!

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