

HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

Introduction

Jeremiah 2:13 - My people have committed two evils: one, they have forsaken God, the fountain, the source of living water, and two, they have hewn out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water (forsaken or pay no attention to God and are trying to do life in their own strength, which CAN NOT work)

Background

- Fallen state through Adam
- We are dead in trespasses and sins
- We are without God - disconnected from God - in this world, helpless, hopeless and useless - dead
- Jesus came to give us life and restore our connection to God, who is life
- He therefore translates us out of the world and into the Kingdom of God, reconnects us to God, the fountain of living water
- But, to function in and be fruitful in the kingdom of God - in the spirit realm - is not natural to us
- So, He is willing to fill us with His power to function there, to live, act, and function in the Kingdom of God (**Acts 1:5,8**)
- John said, He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit, and with fire (**Mat 3:11**)
- Goes on to say this is part of a winnowing process (**Mat 3:12**) to separate those who are real - wheat - from those who are phony - chaff. To separate those who can function in His kingdom from those who are not able to.

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

It is God's way of restoring to His people the ability (power) they lost to function in His Kingdom because of Adam's disobedience.

- power - power to change you, to make you real, and power to change things around you, to bring reality to people and circumstances around you
- fire, raw power (heat - the example of the oven, cookie dough can't make itself into a cookie)

How does it happen?

- Jesus tells us to wait, to wait, until we are endued with (provided with) power from on high (Luke 24:49)
- Jesus immerses (baptizes) you in the Holy Spirit
- **The key: submission to submersion**

Why do I need it?

- You are living in a spiritual world (hide your head in the sand or face it)
- You are powerless in the spirit realm unless God gives you that power
- You are exposed without it. Said another way, you are naked without it. (endued comes from Latin, inducers, which means 'to put on clothes')

Rom 8:5-9, 12-14, 26 The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the power we need because we cannot function in the kingdom of God without it.

What is the result of being baptized in the Holy Spirit?

- **Joel 2:27b-30a.** God's people will never be put to shame (not be naked) in the spirit world.
- **Joel 3:14-16.** In dark times, vs. 16 says, God will be our shelter (covering, clothing) and our strength (power).

- power to live a life in the will of God (led by the Spirit)
- you will bear true fruit, directed by God, not people doing something FOR God - we think it pleases God when in fact, He hates and despises our self-efforts. (Is 1:11-15a). Efforts to please God that come from our own cisterns are filthy in His sight. (Is 64:6a)

(If Adam had remained willing and obedient, he would have continued to eat the good of the land.)

The Spirit of God must direct our efforts and produce in us the fruit God is truly pleased with. And the baptism of the Holy Spirit is His power in us that makes us able to do what God wants us to do, to live and be led by Him. **Without that power, we are unplugged**, not able to please God. With it, we are building with gold, silver, and precious stones, rather than wood, hay, and stubble.

So He commands us simply to **WAIT UNTIL** He gives us that power.

- **waiting is active, focused, targeted. (not passive, not lethargic)**

Examples of Holy Spirit baptism (and power in action):

- Acts 2:1-4 - unlearned men speaking in other languages truths about God
- Acts 3:1-10 (this man had been there forever, **NOW** Peter heals him)
- Acts 4:8 Power to witness
- Acts 6:3 Power for service
- Acts 6:8 Stephen, full of power, did great wonders and signs
- Acts 8:5-8 Philip did miracles
- Acts 8:14-17 Samaria received the Holy Spirit after they believed
- Acts 9:40 Peter raises the dead
- Acts 10:44-46 Cornelius's house - the Holy Spirit fell on them

What should you do? WAIT. Then, Submit to submersion.

Conclusion

The Holy Spirit empowers us for ministry, for life, for discernment and gifting and for life change. When we lay down our strength, our knowledge, our drive, our impulse to do something for God,

He comes and directs us and fills us with the power to do what He wants us to do, what He is pleased with. Wait, set your heart to wait to be filled with His Spirit.

What it should look like: more fruit of the Spirit, more power, more Christ

Our purpose for being here - in this world - is to REpresent Him in the geography we inhabit, to present Him again.

The Holy Spirit baptism is restored power to do that.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have committed two evils: they have abandoned me, the fountain of living water, and dug out for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water!

Acts 1:5 "For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

8 "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Matt 3:8-12

Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Luke 24:49 “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

Rom 8

5 “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”

8-9 “So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.”

13-14 “For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

26 “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.”

Joel 2:27-30 “My people shall never be put to shame. And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth.”

Joel 3:14-16 “Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness. The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.”

Isaiah 1:11-15

“To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?” Says the LORD. “I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats. “When you come to appear before Me, Who has required this from your hand, To trample My courts? Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies— I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear.”

18-20 “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword”; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Isaiah 64:5-6 And we need to be saved. But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousness are like filthy rags.”

Examples of the Holy Spirit baptism, and the result:

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.

Acts 3:1-10 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up,

and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them...

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.

Acts 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

Acts 8:5-8 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, they came out of many who were possessed, and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:14-17 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.

Acts 9:40 Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

Acts 10:44-46 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.