

Baptism in the Holy Spirit & Your Pentecost

1. It is necessary

- 2. It is personal
- **3. It is empowering**
- 4. It is purposeful
- 5. It is received



Acts 1:4-5 (NIV)

"...Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."



In all 4 Gospels the ministry of Jesus is described as only culminating and having been fulfilled, not at the cross, not at the Resurrection, the Ascension, nor His Glorification at the Right Hand of the Father, but in his ability, willingness, and qualification to baptize human beings in the Spirit of God.



Romans 4:25 (NIV)

"He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."

Acts 2:33

"Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear."



Three Baptisms:

- 1. Spirit baptizes the believer into Christ
- 2. Disciple baptizes a believer in water.
- 3. Jesus baptizes believer in the Holy
- Spirit



There is more than just being spiritually alive. There is being empowered.

There is more than just being saved... there is what you are saved for.

There is more than just *having* a relationship with God, there is being actively engaged in it.



Matthew 3:11

"... He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:"

"Baptizo": to submerge, to immerse, to pickle, to saturate causing a permanent change



(1.) It is necessary

Jesus told his disciples "wait." You've got a job to do, but don't go trying to do it yet. Wait till you receive this promise. You need the power.

2. It is personal

Your ability to manifest His gifts and His power in your life is not dependent upon you learning how to connect to or manipulate a power source. It's about relationship with a living person. 2. It is personal Acts 11:15 (NIV) "....the Holy Spirit <u>came</u> on them as he had come on us at the beginning."

Luke 15:20 (NLT) "....Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, <u>embraced</u> <u>him, and kissed him</u>."

Came, fell, embraced: ἐπέπεσεν Strongs # 1968. epipiptó

3. It is empowering

Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."

Power: dunamis δύναμις, εως, ἡ: (miraculous) power, might, strength

Definition: (miraculous) power, might, strength...for the believer, power to achieve by applying the Lord's inherent abilities. "Power through God's ability..."

4. It is purposeful

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

"...and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."



You have power from God to affect others with the influence of Jesus Christ in your daily life (Jerusalem), your wider circle (Judea and Samaria), and that realm of influence you have that is beyond the horizon of your physical presence, the realm when you are talked about and your influence felt when you are not there (the end of the earth). the Jesus trip

5. It is received

Acts 19:2 (NIV) "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

Receive : lambanó λαμβάνω: to take, receive

2983 lambánō "actively lay hold of to take or receive,"to lay hold by aggressively (actively) accepting what is available (offered). <u>emphasizes the volition (assertiveness) of</u> <u>the receiver.</u>



Pentecost is part of the finished work.

If you embrace salvation by grace through faith but then work hard to attain the gift of the Spirit - you have not yet fully embraced the full scope of the finished work of Christ!



2 Corinthians 13:14 (NLT) "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."



