

SOMEBODY LOVES YOU

Developing Spiritual Growth

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LESSON #14 - THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

"In this study of the Holy Spirit, we realize that there are various teachings as to the "when," "what," or even "how" the empowerment of the Holy Spirit comes upon a believer's life. It is not our desire to battle theology or terminology, but to teach the Scriptural evidences of the filling or baptism of the Holy Spirit. The evidence of the Holy Spirit and His empowerment is of great importance.

I. The Threefold Work of the Holy Spirit

A. In John 14:17, we observe the Holy Spirit doing two things:

1. He shall dwell _____ you.
2. He shall be _____ you.

B. In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, "You shall receive (dynamic) power after that the Holy Ghost is come _____ you.

C. And what shall we become? _____

*There are three prepositions used for the work of the Holy Spirit. There is the "with", when the Holy Spirit is *with* the entire world and reproving it of sin, righteousness and judgement (John 16:7). There is the "in" experience where the Holy Spirit comes *into* the person that opens their heart to Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9,10; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 6:19). The "upon," or "epi" in the Greek language, represents an *empowering* of the believer's life for Christian service and testimony.

II. Revealing the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

A. What shall Jesus do for the believer in Matthew 3:11?

B. What is said about Jesus in Mark 1:8? _____

C. What does Jesus share in Acts 1:5?

D. In I Corinthians 12:13, we are _____ by the Spirit.

*The regenerating work of the Holy Spirit takes place when one invites Christ into their life (Titus 3:4-7). But the manifestation and evidence of power within the believer does not result at the moment of salvation but at a later time. Let's observe the "upon" experience.

III. The "Upon" or "Epi" Experience through Scripture.

*In Acts 1:8, Jesus shared about a dynamic power that comes "upon" the believer for testimony.

A. In Luke 24:49, Jesus said He would send the _____ of the Father _____ you.

And what is the result of this?

B. Acts 2:1-4. In verse 3 it says that the Holy Spirit sat _____ each of them.

And what was the result in verse 4?

*In Acts 2, notice the power of the Holy Spirit found within the ministry of Peter. In verses 38 & 39, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for whom? _____

C. In Acts 8:4-25, what did the people do in verse 12?

What did Peter and John come to do? _____

In verse 16, it says, "For as yet He (the Holy Spirit) had fallen _____ none of them?"

D. In Acts 9:17-22, we see that Paul came to Christ and later was _____ with the Holy Spirit.

E. Acts 10:1-48. In verse 44 "the Holy Spirit _____ all those who heard the Word.

"The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on whom?"

What happened in verse 46? _____

F. In Acts 11, Peter retold what occurred in chapter 10 to the brethren at Jerusalem.

In verses 15-18, Peter said the Holy Spirit _____ them.

Then in verse 16, Peter remembered what Jesus said, "but you shall be _____ with the Holy Spirit."

What did God grant to the Gentiles?

G. Acts 19:1-6. Did the people at Ephesus know about the Holy Spirit? _____

What baptism did they receive, and who did they believe in? _____

When Paul laid his hands on them what happened?

*The empowering of the Holy Spirit does not occur in a specific pattern or sequence. Sometimes it takes place at the moment of salvation, during or after water baptism has occurred or at a later time. The evidence of this "upon" or "epi" experience was displayed with a powerful testimony, service and often was accompanied by speaking in tongues, but not every time. The question to be asked at this point is how does one know he has been baptized with the Holy Spirit.

IV. The Evidence of the empowerment with the Holy Spirit

A. I Corinthians 12. Listed in verses 7-11 are nine gifts of the Holy Spirit. One of the gifts listed is tongues. Many say that the evidence of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit or the baptism with the Spirit is the gift of tongues. We believe that the gift of tongues is evidence of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, but not the proof text.

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What does the Holy Spirit do in verse 11?

In verses 28-30, observe that not *all* speak with tongues.

B. Paul in chapter 12 shares about the gifts and the order of body, unity and function. In verse 31, Paul shares with us a _____ than the best gifts.

C. I Corinthians 13. What is this chapter talking about?

The solid evidence of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit is found in "love." God's manifested love through the Holy Spirit within the believer.

D. Read Matthew 7:22, 23. What did many people do in the name of the Lord? _____

Why were they asked to depart?

Gifts may be manifested but without a life of love and obedience to God, they are nothing.

E. How does one receive the empowerment of the Holy Spirit? (Luke 11:9-13) _____

F. What will occur? (John 7:38-39)

G. In Ephesians 3:20, 21, what will Jesus be able to do for us? _____

*The power that works in us is through the Holy Spirit. Love is the outpouring and power of God for us and others. May His love be in your testimony and service for God everyday of your life. God Bless You!

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