



Lesson 6

Fire & Holy Spirit Baptisms

FIRE BAPTISM

Where is it mentioned in scripture?

JOHN ANSWERED THEIR QUESTIONS BY SAYING, “I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER; BUT SOMEONE IS COMING SOON WHO IS GREATER THAN I AM—SO MUCH GREATER THAT I’M NOT EVEN WORTHY TO BE HIS SLAVE AND UNTIE THE STRAPS OF HIS SANDALS. HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE. HE IS READY TO SEPARATE THE CHAFF FROM THE WHEAT WITH HIS WINNOWING FORK. THEN HE WILL CLEAN UP THE THRESHING AREA, GATHERING THE WHEAT INTO HIS BARN BUT BURNING THE CHAFF WITH NEVER-ENDING FIRE.” LUKE 3:16-17 (NLT)

“I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER FOR REPENTANCE. BUT AFTER ME COMES ONE WHO IS MORE POWERFUL THAN I, WHOSE SANDALS I AM NOT WORTHY TO CARRY. HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE. HIS WINNOWING FORK IS IN HIS HAND, AND HE WILL CLEAR HIS THRESHING FLOOR, GATHERING HIS WHEAT INTO THE BARN AND BURNING UP THE CHAFF WITH UNQUENCHABLE FIRE.”
MATTHEW 3:11-12 (NIV)

“I’M BAPTIZING YOU HERE IN THE RIVER, TURNING YOUR OLD LIFE IN FOR A KINGDOM LIFE. THE REAL ACTION COMES NEXT: THE MAIN CHARACTER IN THIS DRAMA—COMPARED TO HIM I’M A MERE STAGEHAND—WILL IGNITE THE KINGDOM LIFE WITHIN YOU, A FIRE WITHIN YOU, THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU, CHANGING YOU FROM THE INSIDE OUT. HE’S GOING TO CLEAN HOUSE—MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP OF YOUR LIVES. HE’LL PLACE EVERYTHING TRUE IN ITS PROPER PLACE BEFORE GOD; EVERYTHING FALSE HE’LL PUT OUT WITH THE TRASH TO BE BURNED.” MATTHEW 3:11-12 (MSG)

It is an immersion in testing, refining, and love, which ultimately purifies us so that we can be more completely used by God.

In the passages above, John describes Jesus as a discerning judge who will separate the good from the bad. He uses an agricultural image that his audience would understand, although it is unfamiliar to us. John is describing the winnowing or threshing process farmers utilized to separate husks from grains of wheat. They used winnowing fans (or forks) to toss the harvested grain into the air. The chaff (the unwanted husks) would separate from the grain and be lifted away by the breeze, while the heavier grain would settle back onto the ground. The farmer could then gather the grain and store it in his barn. The worthless chaff would be burned with unquenchable fire.

Fire baptism burns away all the impurities within us. It burns away the old self. It burns away our sinful nature: our disobedience, unbelief, and fear. It consumes all that is within us that is contrary to God's purpose in our life.

This is a continuous process that happens throughout our lives.

It is an immersion in our heart, which causes us to be ignited with love for Him.

Fire baptism will transform us from being lukewarm, to on fire for Him. It prepares us to live out the first and greatest commandment: To love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

As we continually yield to His refining and purifying process, Jesus will continually fill us (His temple) with the fullness of His power and glory.

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HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

God created man in His own image. Our spirit is what differentiates us from all other created beings. It is our spirit that makes us an image bearer of God.

God is Spirit and man communicates and fellowships with God through the spirit.

“FOR GOD IS A SPIRIT, AND HE LONGS TO HAVE SINCERE WORSHIPPERS WHO WORSHIP AND ADORE HIM IN THE REALM OF THE SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.”
JOHN 4:24 (TPT)

How many baptisms are there?

I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER, BUT SOMEONE IS COMING SOON WHO IS GREATER THAN I AM- SO MUCH GREATER THAT I'M NOT EVEN WORTHY TO BE HIS SLAVE AND UNTIE THE STRAPS OF HIS SANDALS. HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE. LUKE 3:16 (NLT)

ONCE WHEN HE WAS EATING WITH THEM, HE COMMANDED THEM, "DO NOT LEAVE JERUSALEM UNTIL THE FATHER SENDS YOU THE GIFT HE PROMISED, AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE. JOHN BAPTIZED WITH WATER, BUT IN JUST A FEW DAYS YOU WILL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." ACTS 1:4-5 (NLT)



One God in three persons, One Body in three parts, and One Baptism in three ways.

Why multiple baptisms? Is not the salvation experience enough?

Salvation is pure and simple. By confessing our sins, asking for forgiveness, and making Jesus the Lord of our life, we are saved. By grace God gives us **eternal life**, and Holy Spirit.

The baptism experiences prepare, equip, and strengthen us for this **present, natural life**. To be baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit is to be immersed with the power and authority that comes from Him in order that we can be more thoroughly equipped to live here on planet earth.

Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

ONE DAY WHEN THE CROWDS WERE BEING BAPTIZED, JESUS HIMSELF WAS BAPTIZED. AS HE WAS PRAYING, THE HEAVENS OPENED, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, IN BODILY FORM, DESCENDED ON HIM LIKE A DOVE. AND A VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAID, "YOU ARE MY DEARLY LOVED SON, AND YOU BRING ME GREAT JOY."
LUKE 3:21-22 (NLT)

Holy Spirit baptism is a separate and distinct experience.

Jesus breathes Holy Spirit on the disciples, and they experience new birth.

ON THE EVENING OF THAT FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, WHEN THE DISCIPLES WERE TOGETHER, WITH THE DOORS LOCKED FOR FEAR OF THE JEWS, JESUS CAME AND STOOD AMONG THEM AND SAID, "PEACE BE WITH YOU!" AFTER HE SAID THIS, HE SHOWED THEM HIS HANDS AND SIDE. THE DISCIPLES WERE OVERJOYED WHEN THEY SAW THE LORD. AGAIN JESUS SAID, "PEACE BE WITH YOU! AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, I AM SENDING YOU." AND WITH THAT HE BREATHED ON THEM AND SAID, "RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT." JOHN 20:19-22 (NIV)

Jesus references an additional outpouring of the Holy Spirit, a separate experience in which they will receive power.

"AND NOW I WILL SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT, JUST AS MY FATHER PROMISED. BUT STAY HERE IN THE CITY UNTIL THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES AND FILLS YOU WITH POWER FROM HEAVEN." LUKE 24:49 (NLT)

ONCE WHEN HE WAS EATING WITH THEM, HE COMMANDED THEM, "DO NOT LEAVE JERUSALEM UNTIL THE FATHER SENDS YOU THE GIFT HE PROMISED, AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE. JOHN BAPTIZED WITH WATER, BUT IN JUST A FEW DAYS YOU WILL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." ACTS 1:4-5 (NLT)

"...BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU. AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES, TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT ME EVERYWHERE — IN JERUSALEM, THROUGHOUT JUDEA, IN SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH." ACT 1:8 (NLT)

The disciples experience receiving Holy Spirit baptism.

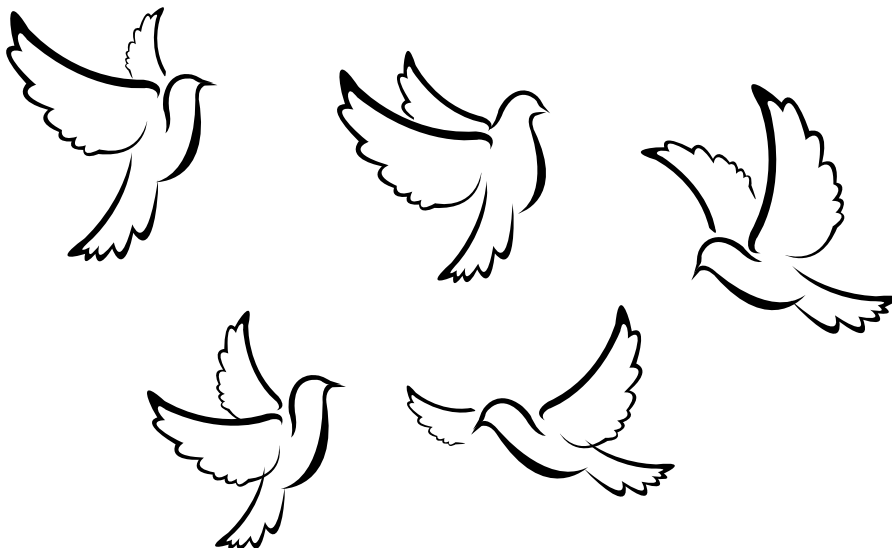
ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE MEETING TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE. SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A SOUND FROM HEAVEN LIKE THE ROARING OF A MIGHTY WINDSTORM, AND IT FILLED THE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING. THEN, WHAT LOOKED LIKE FLAMES OR TONGUES OF FIRE APPEARED AND SETTLED ON EACH OF THEM. AND EVERYONE PRESENT WAS FILLED WITH HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN SPEAKING IN OTHER LANGUAGES, AS HOLY SPIRIT GAVE THEM THIS ABILITY. ACTS 2:1-4 (NLT)

Examples of Holy Spirit Baptism:

WHEN THE APOSTLES IN JERUSALEM HEARD THAT THE PEOPLE OF SAMARIA HAD ACCEPTED THE MESSAGE, THEY SENT PETER AND JOHN THERE. AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVED, THEY PRAYED FOR THESE NEW BELIEVERS TO RECEIVE HOLY SPIRIT. HOLY SPIRIT HAD NOT YET COME UPON ANY OF THEM, FOR THEY HAD ONLY BEEN BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS. THEN, PETER AND JOHN LAID THEIR HANDS UPON THESE BELIEVERS, AND THEY RECEIVED HOLY SPIRIT. ACTS 8:14-17 (NLT)

EVEN AS PETER WAS SAYING THESE THINGS, HOLY SPIRIT FELL UPON ALL WHO WERE LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE. THE JEWISH BELIEVERS WHO CAME WITH PETER WERE AMAZED THAT THE GIFT OF HOLY SPIRIT HAD BEEN POURED OUT ON THE GENTILES, TOO. FOR THEY HEARD THEM SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES AND PRAISING GOD. ACTS 10:44-46 (NLT)

WHILE APOLLOS WAS IN CORINTH, PAUL TRAVELED THROUGH THE INTERIOR REGIONS UNTIL HE REACHED EPHESUS, ON THE COAST, WHERE HE FOUND SEVERAL BELIEVERS. “DID YOU RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN YOU BELIEVED?” HE ASKED THEM. “NO,” THEY REPLIED, “WE HAVEN’T EVEN HEARD THAT THERE IS A HOLY SPIRIT.” “THEN WHAT BAPTISM DID YOU EXPERIENCE?” HE ASKED. AND THEY REPLIED, “THE BAPTISM OF JOHN.” PAUL SAID, “JOHN’S BAPTISM CALLED FOR REPENTANCE FROM SIN. BUT JOHN HIMSELF TOLD THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE IN THE ONE WHO WOULD COME LATER, MEANING JESUS.” AS SOON AS THEY HEARD THIS, THEY WERE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS. THEN WHEN PAUL LAID HIS HANDS ON THEM, HOLY SPIRIT CAME ON THEM, AND THEY SPOKE IN OTHER TONGUES AND PROPHESED. ACTS 19:1-6 (NLT)



What is so important about speaking in tongues?

WHEN I FIRST CAME TO YOU, DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I DIDN'T USE LOFTY WORDS AND IMPRESSIVE WISDOM TO TELL YOU GOD'S SECRET PLAN. FOR I DECIDED THAT WHILE I WAS WITH YOU I WOULD FORGET EVERYTHING EXCEPT JESUS CHRIST, THE ONE WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. I CAME TO YOU IN WEAKNESS- TIMID AND TREMBLING. AND MY MESSAGE AND MY PREACHING WERE VERY PLAIN. RATHER THAN USING CLEVER AND PERSUASIVE SPEECHES, I RELIED ONLY ON THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. I DID THIS SO YOU WOULD TRUST NOT IN HUMAN WISDOM BUT IN THE POWER OF GOD. YET WHEN I AM AMONG MATURE BELIEVERS, I DO SPEAK WITH WORDS OF WISDOM, BUT NOT THE KIND OF WISDOM THAT BELONGS TO THIS WORLD OR TO THE RULERS OF THIS WORLD, WHO ARE SOON FORGOTTEN. NO, THE WISDOM WE SPEAK OF IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD- HIS PLAN THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY HIDDEN, EVEN THOUGH HE MADE IT FOR OUR ULTIMATE GLORY BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN. BUT THE RULERS OF THIS WORLD HAVE NOT UNDERSTOOD IT; IF THEY HAD, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE CRUCIFIED OUR GLORIOUS LORD. THAT IS WHAT THE SCRIPTURES MEAN WHEN THEY SAY,

"NO EYE HAS SEEN, NOR EAR HAS HEARD, AND NO MIND HAS IMAGINED WHAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

BUT IT WAS TO US THAT GOD REVEALED THESE THINGS BY HIS SPIRIT. FOR HIS SPIRIT SEARCHES OUT EVERYTHING AND SHOWS US GOD'S DEEP SECRETS. NO ONE CAN KNOW A PERSON'S THOUGHTS EXCEPT THE PERSON'S OWN SPIRIT, AND NO ONE CAN KNOW GOD'S THOUGHTS EXCEPT GOD'S OWN SPIRIT. AND WE HAVE RECEIVED GOD'S SPIRIT (NOT THE WORLD'S SPIRIT), SO WE CAN KNOW THE WONDERFUL THINGS GOD HAS FREELY GIVEN US. WHEN WE TELL YOU THESE THINGS, WE DO NOT USE WORDS THAT COME FROM HUMAN WISDOM. INSTEAD, WE SPEAK WORDS GIVEN US BY THE SPIRIT, USING THE SPIRIT'S WORDS TO EXPLAIN SPIRITUAL TRUTHS. BUT PEOPLE WHO AREN'T SPIRITUAL CAN'T RECEIVE THESE TRUTHS FROM GOD'S SPIRIT. IT ALL SOUNDS FOOLISH TO THEM AND THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, FOR ONLY THOSE WHO ARE SPIRITUAL CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT THE SPIRIT MEANS. THOSE WHO ARE SPIRITUAL CAN EVALUATE ALL THINGS, BUT THEY THEMSELVES CANNOT BE EVALUATED BY OTHERS. FOR, "WHO CAN KNOW THE LORD'S THOUGHTS? WHO KNOWS ENOUGH TO TEACH HIM?" BUT WE UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS BECAUSE WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16 (NLT)

Is Holy Spirit baptism available for us today? YES!

IN THE LAST DAYS, GOD SAYS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL PEOPLE.
ACTS 2:17(NLT)

This experience did not cease with the original apostles.

How do we receive Holy Spirit baptism?

Remove all barriers like sin, unforgiveness, pride, and unbelief.

Ask the Lord for the free gift of Holy Spirit.



IF YOU THEN, THOUGH YOU ARE EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM! LUKE 11:13 (NIV)

Receive the gift.

DON'T ACT THOUGHTLESSLY, BUT UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LORD WANTS YOU TO DO...BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. EPHESIANS 5:17-18 (NLT)

WHATEVER IS GOOD AND PERFECT COMES DOWN TO US FROM GOD OUR FATHER...
JAMES 1:17 (NLT)

Release our prayer language. Stop thinking about it with our minds; allow our heavenly language to flow.

THE SPIRITS OF PROPHETS ARE SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL OF PROPHETS.
1 CORINTHIANS 14:32 (NIV)

GOD HAS POURED OUT HIS LOVE INTO OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM HE HAS GIVEN US. ROMANS 5:5 (NIV)

FOR OUT OF THE OVERFLOW OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKS.
MATTHEW 12:34 (NIV)

CONCLUSION

WHAT CAN WE PERSONALLY EXPECT AS A RESULT OF HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM?

Greater manifestation of fruits and gifts

Greater love for Christ and His Word

Greater faith, boldness and power in witnessing

Prayer language

Greater awareness of God's love for us

Believe and have faith that you will receive!

AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HE HEARS US WHENEVER WE ASK FOR ANYTHING THAT PLEASES HIM. AND SINCE WE KNOW HE HEARS US WHEN WE MAKE OUR REQUESTS, WE ALSO KNOW THAT HE WILL GIVE US WHAT WE ASK FOR.

1 JOHN 5:14-15 (NLT)

“I TELL YOU, YOU CAN PRAY FOR ANYTHING, AND IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU’VE RECEIVED IT, IT WILL BE YOURS.” MARK 11:24 (NLT)