

RECEIVING THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

You must be born again Christian. Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call"(Acts 2:38,39).

It is administered by Jesus. John answered, saying to all, I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire"(Luke 3:16).

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift received by faith. That the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:14). But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him"(Hebrews 11:6).

We receive by asking. Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" (1 John 5:14,15). So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to

you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"(Luke 11:9-13).

God the Father gave (poured out) the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost once and for all. Therefore it is not a matter of God giving you the Holy Spirit, but rather you receiving what God has already given. Now pray to receive the Gift that God has already given to the believer.

Pray the prayer of faith:

Dear Lord Jesus: I thank you that you shed your blood on Calvary's cross for my sins. I ask for forgiveness for my sins and I do acknowledge you as my Lord and Savior. I ask you to baptize me in the Holy Spirit. I claim by faith the baptism in the Holy Spirit right now. Thank you Jesus, Amen.

Now, begin to praise Jesus, but not in your language. You will be using your vocal chords and lips and you will be speaking as on the day of Pentecost, but the Holy Spirit will be giving you a new language to praise God. You will have another hot line to heaven with which to pray and praise the Lord.

Start reading the book of Acts and 1 Corinthians, chapters 12, 13, and 14. The Word and Jesus will become more real in the coming weeks. When the enemy comes with thoughts in your mind, resist him with the Word of God and pray in the Spirit.

Ministry Visions



Prayer Room Handout

**A Guide For Helping
People Receive**

**Salvation
Baptism In Water
Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

SALVATION

Every person that has ever been born into the world comes here a sinner before God, this includes you. You are a sinner not because of the things you do, but because of a sinful nature that you have automatically inherited. Because of our sin, we have been separated from God and condemned to an eternal punishment in Hell.

Romans 3:10 *“There is none righteous (meaning none in right standing with God) no not one.”*

Romans 3:23 *“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”*

Romans 5:12 *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned.”*

But God loves us and His mercy endures forever as He states over and over in His Word. God’s will is that we all be saved and enjoy eternal life with Him in eternity. All we have to do is believe on His Son Jesus Christ as the way to Him.

John 14:6 *“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

Acts 16:31 *“They replied, Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household”*

Romans 10:9 *“That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

Salvation is God’s plan of saving His people and granting eternal life. “Saved” simply means that through Jesus Christ you have been saved from eternal condemnation (Hell). **Romans 6:23** *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”.* **Acts 4:12** *“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”*

First John 5:10: *“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in Himself: he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son.”* According to that verse, it is a sin against God NOT to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord. If a person committed no other sin (not possible!) but that one, he would go to hell for that sin. It is a serious offense against God NOT to believe on Jesus Christ.

THE SINNERS PRAYER

If you are not sure that You have received the gift of Eternal Life repeat this prayer right where you are today.

Dear Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and cannot save myself or do anything to earn a home in Heaven. I believe You are the Son of God and that you died on the cross for My sins. I believe You rose again from the dead for ME. Right now, the best I know how, I tell You I am sorry for my sins. I ask You to forgive my sins, and to come into my heart and life and be my Savior. I ask and pray that Jesus now baptize me and fill me with the Holy Spirit so that I may have the power in my life that is promised in Your Word and that this may be evidenced by the granting of a language only You can understand. Help me to live as a Christian should, knowing that Your Holy Spirit now lives within me to help me every day. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

WATER BAPTISM

The Bible does not present water baptism as optional. Jesus gave the command of baptism in the great commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). At the least, this command of Jesus requires the church to make disciples by baptizing believers in the name of God. Thus water baptism here and throughout the New Testament is associated with Christian initiation. This commission from the Lord leaves us no option or alternative. We must baptize believers or disobey God's plan of salvation

The scriptural foundation of the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:1-4). In our regeneration, we are to identify with Christ in each of these aspects. Repentance and water baptism identify with Christ's death and burial, and the infilling of the Spirit identifies with His resurrection (See Romans 6:4.) Thus water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ is one way we identify with Jesus and His work of our redemption.

In the New Testament, Jesus told Nicodemus, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). If "born of water" refers to water baptism, there is no mistake about its necessity. But some people attempt to evade the necessity of baptism by interpreting "born of water" as "born of the Word." The Word is important in the salvation experience, for it is the source of our faith (Romans 10:17). However, to be born of the Word a person must believe and obey the Word. Since the Word points us to the cross, to repentance, to water baptism, and the infilling of the Spirit, the only way to be born of the Word is to believe, repent, be baptized, and receive the Spirit. It is significant that the apostles interpreted Jesus' teaching of being born again to mean water baptism and Spirit reception. (See Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:44-48; 19:1-6.)

We should notice that the Bible speaks of baptism "for the remission of sins." (See Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3; Acts 2:38.) On the cross Jesus shed His blood for the remission of sins (Matthew 26:28; Hebrews 9:22), and later He gave His disciples the authority to remit sins John 20:23). Jesus' sacrificial death is the only means of remission of sin; He died once, and there is no other offering for sins. We do not offer sacrifices at altars today, but God gave us a way to receive remission of sins. (See Hebrews 10:18.) And that way is Water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. (See Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; 22:16.)

Faith, repentance, the name of Jesus in water baptism and the infilling of the Spirit flow together to wash away our sins, sanctify our sinful nature, and justify us before a holy God. (See I Corinthians 6:11; Romans 6:1-7; Ephesians 5:26-27; Romans 15:16; Luke 24:47.)