

7-The Power of God

One of the greatest mysteries of our God is the Trinity:

God is only one, but at the same time He's three; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

We can't explain this, but each one of the three Persons is God, and the three are one.

Each person of the Trinity has its purpose and specific tributes.

- The Father is the one that distributes care, protection, and discipline. As He is the Provider, we direct our prayers to Him. (**John 14:13**)
- The Son is the Author of our salvation, our Lord, and our entrance to the Father. (**John 14:6**)
- The Holy Spirit is the Helper, our Comforter (**John 14:16**), our Guide (**John 16:13, Romans 8:14**), Teacher (**John 14:26**), and the One that executes the work of the Trinity.

The first contact we have with the Holy Spirit takes place just before we accept Jesus into our lives because he _____ (**John 16:7-8**). We wouldn't be able to recognize our own deprivation unless the Comforter brings light to this reality.

But the real inauguration of the relation with the Holy Spirit is the moment of our conversion. According to **John 3:5-6**, the Holy Spirit makes us _____.

According to **John 13:10**, and **Luke 10:20**, were the disciples already children of God before Jesus went back to Heaven? How did you reach this conclusion?

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According to **John 20:22**, did the disciples receive the Holy Spirit at this point? How did you reach this conclusion?

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Based on **Luke 10:1, 17**, were the disciples already servants of the Lord? Were they already in the Kingdom of God before Jesus went back to Heaven? Did they succeed with their ministry? How did you reach this conclusion?

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Even in His last moments on Earth, Jesus Christ delegated a special mission to the disciples:

Acts 1:3-9-

With regard to this passage, which are the first two things the disciples had to do and why? _____

In your opinion, were the disciples able to live as Christians and serve God beyond their natural means? Did they need more of God? What do you base your opinion on?

Our brothers were obedient and something else happened because of this. Read in **Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-13**.

This particular experience is what Jesus was referring to when He spoke of being *baptized in the Holy Spirit*.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a special operation of the Spirit that starts the work with power in our lives. It's a submergence of the power of God, in such a way that operates with total freedom, power, and strength.

What is the purpose of such a special experience?

* Gives us the strength to fight for our _____. in other words, in the perfect state of Holiness (without sin). (**2 Thessalonians 2:13**)

* Gives us the courage to _____. (**Acts 2:14, 23**)

* It gives us _____ in the difficult moments when we are asked to testify to Jesus. (**Mark 13:11**)

* It will _____ (**John 16:13**). This operation of the Holy Spirit helps to interpret the Bible. In other words, the Holy Spirit helps us understand Scriptures when we have difficulty in understanding it. "*And the letter can kill, but the Spirit gives life.*" (**2 Corinthians 3:6**). The Spirit speaks to us in ways that our natural intelligence cannot understand. Through prophecy, feelings that we sense in our hearts, dreams, visions, etc...

* Produces _____ that help the unbelievers to believe and build His church. (**1 Corinthians 2:4, Romans 15:19, Hebrews 2:4**)

Some people deny this experience, arguing that the point of the Holy Spirit happened only once. But in Acts, the chronicle of the different thing that happened in the church at the beginning, mentions on several occasions that the Comforter baptised the believers.

- **Acts 2:4**
- **Acts 2:38**
- **Acts 4:31**
- **Acts 8: 15-17**
- **Acts 9:17**
- **Acts 10:44**
- **Acts 19: 6**

Throughout history, the baptism of the Holy Spirit carries on happening to Christians, even though the church went through periods of time when they lost this precious blessing because of fears and wrong interpretation of the scriptures.

Acts 2:4, 10:46, 19:6

To speak in tongues is to express ourselves in a language we don't understand. Generally speaking, this is evidence that we have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2: 38-40 " 38Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39The promise is for you and your child and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Who is the baptism in the Holy Spirit for?

For people who are holy

For everyone who have been saved by Jesus Christ

For those who have attained a special spiritual level.

For those Christians who God chose to be baptised.

Eph 5:18 "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.

Instead, be filled with the Spirit."

To be filled with the Holy Spirit is:

[1.an](#) option?

2. an order?

3.a condition without which we are not saved?

Now that we know a bit more about the baptism in the Holy Spirit we have the following question to answer. How do we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

The answer is very simple:

1. We need to be children of God.

2. To have faith

Heb 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

3. We need to ask. Luke 11: 13 "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!"

4. Receive without fear.

On many occasions it is necessary for ministers to pray for us by the laying on of hands. Generally, after this experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Holy Spirit start to be manifested. God has many gifts for us, starting with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. But these spiritual gifts give us power and capability to do something supernatural. We can read in 1 Cor 12:7-10."Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues."

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These gifts have the objective of blessing and building the church. A gift is a capability that will help us to exercise our ministry, the service that we give to God through our lives. The Spirit gives to each one, as He wills. I Cor 12:11. And all the gifts are good and for building up. Rom 12, 1 Cor 12. Nevertheless the Bible counsels us to desire these gifts. As we can see, the resources that God gives us are abundant. He hasn't left us without provisions in this world, He gives us tools to be able to confront each situation. Therefore, we shouldn't be unwise; we should take everything God wants to give us.

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