

The ability to pray in tongues is a most precious and powerful gift and is evidence that we have been baptised in the Holy Spirit?

CONCLUSION:

Jesus desires to empower us as His disciples through the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The promise of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is *'to you and your children and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call'* – Acts 2:39.

ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE!

STUDY 5: BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

MEMORY VERSE:

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth' – Acts 1:8

INTRODUCTION:

When we asked Jesus to be Saviour and Lord of our life we were *'born of the Spirit'* and the Holy Spirit came to live within us. (John 3:5; John 14:17). We became Christians and believers. Now Jesus wants to give us a gift that enables us to witness for Him with power. That gift is the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

1. What is the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

Read Acts 1:4-8.

What is the promise? _____

Who can receive the promise? _____

How is the promise received? _____

What is the purpose of the power? _____

Where does the promise work? _____

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is Jesus bestowing on us His gift of power to live in obedience to His purpose to be His witnesses. Step by step, victory by victory, in God's power, love and grace, the Holy Spirit empowers us to continue the ministry of Jesus in the earth today. (John 14:12).

2. Is Holy Spirit baptism biblical?

Around 400 years before Jesus was born, the prophet Joel (in the Old Testament) prophesied that there would be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This prophecy was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost (**Acts 2:1-4**) and continues on into our day.

Joel 2:28-29 – What was the promise? _____

Luke 24:49 and **Acts 1:4** – Why did Jesus tell His disciples to wait and not yet leave Jerusalem? _____

It's important to understand that Jesus didn't begin His public ministry until after He was baptised in the Holy Spirit. (**Luke 3:21-23**).

3. How do I receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

John 7:37-39 – What does Jesus say to do? _____

Luke 11:9-13 – What else does Jesus say to do? _____

Will He harm me? _____

Having asked for the baptism in the Holy Spirit the Bible describes the Holy Spirit coming to us in different ways. For example:

Luke 24:29 – He clothed them.

Acts 1:8 and Acts 19:6 – He came upon them.

Acts 2:4 – He filled them.

4. How do I know that I have been baptised in the Holy Spirit?

What happened to the believers when the Holy Spirit came upon them and filled them?

Acts 2:4 _____

Acts 10:44-46 _____

Acts 19:2-6 _____

The Bible tells us God is Spirit. (John 4:24). So it should not be surprising then to find out that it is possible for us to speak in a spiritual language.

1 Corinthians 14:2 – When I speak in tongues who does the Bible say I am speaking to? _____

Jude 1:20 – What happens to me when I pray in a language of the Holy Spirit? _____

1 Corinthians 14:14 – What else happens? _____

Romans 8:26 – What else? _____
