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INFUSING THE LIFE FOUND IN CHRIST
THROUGH FAITH IN GOD'S VITAL PRECEPTS,
MAKING EVERY MEMBER WHOLE
SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY

Pray in a New Way

Session Nine



Introduction:

This session will cover another way we are able to communicate with God. In one of the Become session, you learned about Praying with Understanding. But there are two ways to pray: One is With Understanding and the other is In the Spirit. One is directed by you and the other is directed by The Lord. The one that is directed by Him, in the Spirit is what we will discuss today. So 1st lets back that up with the scripture.

1 Corinthians 14:15

*What is it then? I will **pray** with the **spirit**, and I will **pray** with the **understanding** also: I will sing with the **spirit**, and I will sing with the **understanding** also.*

This shows that there are two distinct methods and even sources of our prayer. They are as we have already said, praying with the _____ and with the _____. With that truth, we want to know what that really means. We believe one when we pray from our own thoughts and needs... when we pray what is on our mind. When we pray from what we already understand, our understanding. The second source that we are talking about today is when we pray from another source. We believe the phrase with the SPIRIT refers to the Holy Spirit. Scripture teaches this to be the Holy Spirit praying through inspiring our own Spirit. This gift comes to us when we receive

the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. So we are going to talk about that some in this session.

H. Pray in the Spirit

When a person experiences the new birth (or becomes born again) they have received NEW LIFE in their SPIRIT... so the Bible teaches they have been given a renewed, or New, Spirit and are now able to live free from sin & darkness because of this miraculous event. It is important to maintain that freedom by receiving the POWER of the Holy Spirit through the Holy Spirit's baptism. This is not the same as the covenant of physical Baptism in water taught in the Keeping the Promise Session. This Baptism is not about repentance and salvation. But it is an immersion, not in water but in the Holy Spirit. When we are baptized in the Spirit, we are totally immersed in the Holy Spirit Himself. Just as in water Baptism we are immersed under the water showing our passage through death of being in sin. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit IS our immersion, or our passage into ETERNAL LIFE in the HOLY SPIRIT.

So now we want to see if what we have just said is found in scripture. If it is not there we certainly do not want to go any further. But it is certainly there and in several places. Maybe you have heard the phrase, "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" or read it in the New Testament? Maybe you already are wanting to know exactly what it is and if it is for you as a Christian, as a disciple of Christ. We hope to help you start on this today. We will start with answering a question. What IS the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to the Bible.

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

So, What Is The Baptism In The Holy Spirit?

That's great question! Let's look at a few answers found in the Bible.

1. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of Jesus' words concerning the "Promise of the Father".

Luke 24:49

49. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

2. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the Endowment of God's power!

The passage you just read says you will receive POWER. Jesus is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit, and with His power in us, the kingdom of God is manifested through our lives.

- A. The Holy Spirit baptized us into Christ when we were born again and then Christ, if we receive it, baptizes us in the Holy Spirit. When this occurs, we are totally filled and surrounded by God.
- B. After receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, we have the _____ to witness, to resist sin and to resist the devil, and to be all that God intended for us to be in His kingdom. The phrase *baptism in the Holy Spirit*, as we already said, means to be immersed in the Holy Spirit. So then, it is a saturated relationship, filled to overflowing with His power & presence.
- C. It is separate and distinct from being "baptized into Christ by the Holy Spirit"

Galatians 3:26,27

26. for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13

3. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit must be present to even acknowledge Jesus as Lord which is required “Confess with your Mouth that Jesus is LORD,” part of the Salvation. This initial baptism refers to our "born again" experience into the body of Christ, His church.

2. What are some distinctions between the two?

Acts 1:4: *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about*

In **Acts 2:1-4**, the followers of Christ were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, fulfilling Jesus' command to wait in Jerusalem for this endowment of power.

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

The greatest distinction:

between Salvation's baptism into New Life in Christ and Christ's Baptism into the POWER of the Holy Spirit is; When they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to speak in tongues. That word TOUNGUES literally means “Languages”. These “tongues” were not languages that they had learned, but a Spirit-inspired language that came directly from God Himself. Let's continue reading the passage in Acts 2:

5. *Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7. And they were*

amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8. And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9. Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10. Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11. both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” 12. And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13. But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Peter’s Sermon at Pentecost

14. But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

17. “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18. even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20. the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

SO, we see it happened on the Day of Pentecost, that when the Holy Spirit was poured out, they each began to speak in languages that they themselves did not know. So then, the Bible says it happened.

But was this a ONE TIME even that initiated the Holy Spirit coming into the CHURCH for the 1st time? Was it a unique event that we should not expect again. Was it just for that one Day of Pentecost? If it was supposed to end there, then the Apostle PAUL didn't know it. He wasn't in that upper room, to receive from that initial outpouring. Yet, we see Him teaching and ministering the Baptism on the Holy Spirit in later passages.

The Apostle Paul in Ephesus

Acts 19:1-6 (ESV)

1. *And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2. And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” 3. And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” 4. And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” 5. On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6. And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.*

Paul taught that this “Tongue or language” is a language from God, to God.

It has a Great Purpose and EVERY Believer ought to pursue receiving it because it will build your faith!

1 Corinthians 14:2

2. For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.

Jude 1:20

20. But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

Paul taught that Speaking in tongues strengthens the believer, EVERY ONE WHO HAS THIS BAPTISM, because it is God praying His perfect will for you, and is most often the initial physical evidence that someone has received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

4. Why Speaking In Tongues?

Jude 1:19-20

19 These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

20. But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:10-12, 17 is the account of Paul's infilling of the Holy Spirit and though it does not say in this passage that he spoke in tongues, we must conclude that he did, for in **1 Corinthians 14:18**, he tells us he speaks in tongues "more than you all!"

God, through the _____ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, gives us a tool to build us spiritually. It's the ability to speak in a language unknown to the speaker as the Holy Spirit inspires the speech. He does this for us because we are limited and do not always know what we should pray for. This gift allows us to pray the perfect will of God for ourselves and for others.

Romans 8:26, 27

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

1 Corinthians 2:14,15

14. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

(we receive spiritual discernment, to test a spirit to see if it is from the spirit of God or not. Holy Spirit helps us rightly divide truth from error.)

5. Summary of The Baptism In The Holy Spirit:

- A. If you are saved, you already have the person of the Holy Spirit (*1 Corinthians 3:16, Romans 8:9*).
- B. The gift of the Holy Spirit is a promise for all who ask (*Luke 11:11-13*).
- C. Any believer may receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (*Joel 2:28-29*).
- D. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to witness (*Acts 1:8*).
- E. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray (*Romans 8:26*).

- F. A person may be water baptized and saved but not yet be baptized in the Holy Spirit (*Acts 8:14-16*).
- G. Speaking in tongues, prophesying and praising God are all signs, or evidences, of the baptism in the Holy Spirit (*Acts 10:44-46*).
- H. Some believers may receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit before they are baptized in water (*Acts 10:46-48*).
- I. The word *baptize* means "to put under, to cover or to immerse." When a person is baptized in the Holy Spirit, he is totally immersed, or enveloped from the inside out, in the Spirit of God.
- J. Speaking in tongues is not the only manifestation but it is the one most often reported in the New Testament examples of believers who received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. It is the common factor.
- K. When you speak in tongues, you speak to God, and at the same time, you build up your inner man.

6. Steps to Help You Receive

A. Remove all barriers.

1. Sin, un-forgiveness, doctrinal hang-ups, pride, or any unclean thing in you that may block you from receiving.
2. Why not pray right now and confess your sin, renouncing anything from your past that would hinder you from receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

B. Request

1. Jesus said that all we had to do is ask, and we would receive.
2. Tell the Lord that you want to be baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

C. Receive

How Do You Receive this Baptism in the Holy Spirit? What can you do to receive and Speak In Tongues?

- A. Many have raised questions about how someone speaks in tongues. First, you must understand that it is the Spirit of God that "gives the utterance." In other words, the Holy Spirit gives you the words to say. You must speak them, but He is faithful to give them.
- B. Just as your mind tells you what to say when you want to speak, the Holy Spirit will give you the words to say when you speak in tongues. However, you must be the one to speak the words. When you speak, your voice box, tongue, lungs, and mouth all work together to form words. When this happens, the very words that you want to speak come out. The same thing happens when you speak in tongues. Without your having to think about it, the Holy Spirit will direct (*not control*) all your speaking faculties to speak the words of the Spirit. You will speak, but it is Him, not your mind, who will give you what to say.
- C. In **John 7:38-39**, Jesus tells the disciples, "*He that believes on Me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*" The Greek word for *belly* is defined as the "innermost part of a man; the soul; the heart as the seat of thought, feeling, and choice."
- D. Imagine what Jesus meant when He said that "out of your belly," rivers of living water would flow. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a biblical experience that fulfills the desire of Jesus for believers to receive the power of God in their lives.

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!"

D. Release

1. Don't analyze it with your mind, but allow your spirit to receive this gift. Worship the Lord, and keep your mind on Him. As you yield your tongue to the Spirit, it is common to feel a wonderful release of worship. Peace and joy, two fruits of the Spirit, flood you with a new sense of the presence of God. You will never be the same!
2. Reach out by faith and take hold of this gift that God freely gives to all those who believe in Him. By faith, stop praying in English (or your native language), and begin speaking in tongues. You may at first have only a few words or syllables, but go ahead and speak those in faith, and others will follow.

EXTRA Study Helps-

Matthew 28:19, 20 19.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20. and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

John 7:37-39

37. On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

38. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39. By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Acts 1:4, 5 4.

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For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:1-4

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Look up & read - Mark 14: 12-16 (*The Lord's Supper*)

Early church examples:

These passages are accounts that took place in the early church after the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem at the Feast of Pentecost.

Acts 8:5-8, 12	(This took place 8 years after Pentecost)
Acts 10:44-46	(10 years after Pentecost)
Acts 19:1-6	(20 years after Pentecost)

There are also other uses for this ability

Believe session #5 will discuss all of the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in the book of **1 Corinthians 12**. Then the ways that God uses the gifts publicly will be taught. Since it is a gift that we can choose to operate in on a personal and public level, this portion of scripture gives us the "public courtesies" of speaking, worshiping or praying in tongues. You may want to preview **1 Corinthians 14** since it specifically deals with using the gift of tongues as a public message.

Exercise:

1. Give examples of the results of praying in a language that was unknown to the person. How did God use this gift?
2. Why should you speak in tongues?

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING: Proverbs & Psalms Chapter a Day

Use the Bible Study and a Daily Journal tool as you read. Return your completed form for credit. These completed assignments may be counted as a grade in both the I.S.O.M: Old Testament and New Testament Survey Courses.

Answer Key:

Pg 1 -Understanding, Holy Spirit

Pg 3 - Power

Pg 8 - Name of Jesus Christ