

I. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- A. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit)
1. The titles “Holy Ghost” and “Holy Spirit” are, of course, interchangeable.

II. Intended topics in this study:

A. Seven biblical facts about the baptism with the Spirit.

1. Every true believer has the “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit from the moment of conversion.
2. The “baptism in the Holy Spirit” is the believer being “filled” with the Spirit in order to be empowered for Christian living and service.
3. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct experience from regeneration.
4. One must be born-again (regenerated) in order to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
5. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is promised to every believer.
6. Speaking in tongues is the initial, physical evidence that one has received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
7. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is an important aspect of our Christian experience and therefore should be desired, sought and entered into by all believers.

B. “Speaking in tongues”

1. What is it
2. What is the purpose of it
3. The two manifestations of tongues
4. The development of tongues in your life once you have the experience
5. Misconceptions / false teachings about tongues

C. How does one receive the Baptism with the Spirit?

III. Every true believer has the indwelling of the Holy Spirit from the moment of conversion.

- *When God comes into a life he comes as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is one.*
- ***We are not saying that a believer is automatically baptized (or filled) with the Holy Spirit; simply that the Holy Spirit now resides in that person. (You’re not less of a Christian if you don’t have the baptism)***
- ***By saying this we are in no way downplaying the need for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.***

A. 1 Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, **and** that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? [Note the word “and” indicating that if you are the temple (dwelling place) of God, as are all Christians, then the Spirit of God also dwells in you.]

1. 1 Cor 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. (*“Which temple ye are”, gives no indication that this is speaking only to those baptized in the Spirit. In fact it is simply speaking to all “brethren” 1 Cor 3:1).*)
2. 2 Cor 6:15-16 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? **for ye are the temple of the living God;** as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
 - a. He that believeth is said here to be the temple (*dwelling place*) of God.

3. Eph 2:19-22 Now therefore ye (*clearly refers to believers*) are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. (*So believers are the habitation of God; compare to 1 Cor 3:16*).
4. Ezek 36:26-27 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. (*When prophetically explaining the born-again experience God says, "I will put my spirit within you"*).
5. Rom 8:9-13 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, **if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you**. Now **if any man have not the Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his. 10 And **if Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But **if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you**, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by **his Spirit that dwelleth in you**.
 - a. The passage is written to "brethren" (vs 12) not Spirit baptized brethren only.
 - b. The Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ are used synonymously in this text and He is said to dwell in those who are His (i.e. in believers).
 - (1) (*As in*) John 14:16-18 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever... 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
 - (a) When a person is converted, Christ comes to dwell in them in the person of the Holy Spirit.
6. The following passages certainly are not speaking only to those believers who have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, but clearly to all believers.
 - a. Rom 8:15-17 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.
 - b. Gal 4:5-6 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 and because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. (*Because ye [believers] are sons, God has sent forth the spirit of His Son into your hearts*).
 - c. 1 Cor 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (*The person who has been "bought with a price" [is saved] is said here to be the temple [dwelling place] of the Holy Ghost*).
7. The doctrinal difficulties created by teaching that one does not have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit from the moment of conversion are enormous, including the idea that a believer is not saved unless they speak in tongues (*this is of course an erroneous teaching and serious error*).

IV. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is the believer being filled with the Spirit in order to be more greatly empowered for Christian living and service (*sanctification and service*).

- Why seek the Baptism with the Spirit if you already have the Holy Spirit dwelling within?
 - Because we want more of God.
 - Only Christ had an unlimited measure of the Holy Spirit.
John 3:34 ...God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.
 - Why do we need rain if there is already a certain amount of moisture in the ground?
 - Because we need to be **filled with** and **empowered by** the Spirit.

- A. The following verses speak of the baptism with the Holy Spirit as being filled with and / or empowered by the Holy Spirit for sanctification and / or service.
1. Matt 3:11-12 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall **baptize** (*overwhelm, immerse*) **you with the Holy Ghost**, and with fire: 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. (*This speaks of Holy Ghost power for sanctification [i.e. Christian living]*).
 2. Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **endued with power from on high**.
 3. Acts 1:8 **But ye shall receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (*This speaks of Holy Ghost power for witnessing [i.e. Christian service]*).
 4. Acts 2:4 And they were all **filled** with the Holy Ghost, ...
 5. Acts 9:17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, **and be filled with the Holy Ghost**.