

➤ We will cover three points today:

- **One must be born-again in order to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit**
- **The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct experience from regeneration**
- **The baptism in the Holy Spirit is promised to each and every believer**

I. **One must be born-again in order to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit.**

- A. John 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; **whom the world cannot receive**, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
- B. John 7:37 – The spirit which **they that believe on Him should receive**.
- C. Mark 2:22 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.
- D. 1 Cor 2:14 But **the natural man** (*the unredeemed person*) **receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned

II. **The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct experience from regeneration (*and it occurs subsequent to conversion*).**

- A. **(Read)** Acts 8:12-17...15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:
 1. They prayed for believers to receive the Holy Ghost.
 2. Acts 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
 - a. The very fact that hands needed to be laid on them in order to be baptized in the Spirit, proves that the baptism with the Spirit occurs subsequent to conversion.
- B. Acts 9:17 Three days after Paul met Christ, Ananias was sent that Paul might receive the Holy Ghost.
- C. **(Read)** Acts 19:1-7.
 1. Acts 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?
 - a. The standard argument against a baptism with the Spirit that occurs after conversion is the claim that “since” should have been rendered “when”.
 - (1) This argument is shot down by the fact that conversion did not automatically bring them into the baptism with the Spirit; they yet needed hands laid on them for this to occur.
 - (a) Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

III. **The baptism in the Holy Spirit is promised to each and every believer.**

- A. Acts 2:4 they were **all** filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues
- B. Acts 2:16-17 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, **I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh**: (*think of this verse with Acts 2:4 since it says “this is that” and it has even more weight. What happened to All 120 is for all flesh*).
- C. Acts 2:38-39 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, **and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost**. 39 **For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call**.
 1. This “call” is the call to salvation. (Matt 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen).

IV. Some other general promises of the indwelling and / or baptism with the Spirit spoken before the day of Pentecost.

A. Old Testament:

1. Isa 28:11-12 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.
12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. *(Cp 1 Cor 14:21) ("They would not hear" shows that many would reject the Bapt. of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues).*
2. Joel 2:28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. *(With Acts 2:16 ...this is that...)*
3. Isa 44:3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:
 - a. *(With) John 7:37-39* In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 *(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*
 - b. "Thy seed" Cp Acts 2:39 the promise is unto your children... *(and Acts 2:17 sons & daughters)*
4. Ps 55:6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.
 - a. With Mark 1:10 ...and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him)
5. Isa 41:17-18 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. 18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. *(With Jn 7:37-39)*

B. John Baptist

1. John 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
2. Matt 3:11 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 you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

C. Jesus Christ:

Luke 11:9-13 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

1. John 7:37-39
2. Jn 14:16-17 & 26
3. Jn 15:26-27
4. Jn 16:7-15
5. Luke 24:39