

# THE BAPTISM of the HOLY SPIRIT - Part One

I had given this message some years ago and as I have grown I wanted to do it again and correct some things that I have come to understand better now. I will cover speaking in tongues in a separate teaching once this one concludes.

In this teaching I will be sharing the testimony of Pastor Erustus, Pastor Dalbeer and myself of our baptisms into the Holy Spirit. Each one is different.

We have a lot of people living totally defeated Christian lives. Powerless to stand against sin and no power of God flowing in and through their lives. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not being taught in churches.

The coronavirus has been a big tool used by satan to get his antichrist beast system in place. The things they have planned for us are going to get worse as we go on to the time of the antichrist rising up. If you are still here at the time of the mark of the beast, you will not face down the guillotine without the baptism of the Holy Spirit. If you have been staying in fear during this coronavirus PLAN-demic you are probably not baptized into the Holy Spirit.

This message is inspired by the following scripture:

**Luke 21:36** – Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

So I had been thinking and praying on this and the Lord brought me to this message. I had another revelation as well, it was about tithing. There are things we must be doing to be counted worthy.

**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:



The baptism into the Holy Spirit and fire are one and the same. Jesus is the Baptizer. Do you know how to obtain this baptism? Are you like me, I did not know anything about this as a baby Christian. Did you know there is something beyond water baptism? Are you walking in power? Has your life changed at all since you came to Jesus? I dare to be blunt about this, but if your life has not changed, I would say you have either not truly repented, or you need this baptism. You need God's power to help you to live for Him.



This is Pastor Erustus and his wife Sarah. He is the Pastor of our outreach ministry in Kenya and Uganda.

He shared the following: At regeneration i.e re-birth I mean at the time when one gets saved, just like the disciples, one receives a measure or impartation of the

presence of the Holy Spirit to help ones soul become a new creation in the new covenant of Jesus Christ.

This next scripture is right after Jesus' resurrection, when the disciples were in the upper room.

**John 20:19-22** – Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. And when He had so said, He shewed unto them *His* hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *My* Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. And when He (Jesus) had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit):

At this point the Holy Spirit is given to the soul to regenerate the person and make him a new creation in Christ

**2 Corin 5:17** - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation): old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Now they will begin to understand the spiritual things which give life and no longer walk after the flesh which leads to death.

Let's look at what Jesus tells Nicodemus when he came to him in the night asking about being born again. (John 3:3-8)

**John 3:3** – Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**John 3:5-6** – Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Remember God is a spirit and for one to worship Him, he must first be born in the Spirit or awakened in the Holy Spirit in order to understand, worship, serve, hear and walk in the Truth. This is now a spiritual birth done by the Holy Spirit. You remember Jesus saying He convicts a sinner to get saved? At the point of salvation, one receives and is now indwelt by the Holy Spirit to help him/her to start to grow to maturity.

Acts 2 helps us understand the ministry of the Holy Spirit in a christian's life. The baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs in one's life after regeneration by the Holy Spirit. I can say baptism in the Holy Spirit is a second and significant work of the Holy Spirit in one's life empowering-(anoints) one to be a witness for Christ. So we have two unique and crucial works of the Holy Spirit. 1. A Christian receives a measure of the Holy Spirit when they get born again and 2. Each believer must be baptized in the Holy Spirit to be empowered in order to be a witness for Christ.

**Acts 1:5 – (Jesus speaking)** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost (Spirit) not many days hence.

Jesus made it plain here that they were not fully equipped yet. They needed more of the Spirit, there was more power to be had.

**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 (Spirit). 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.

The Holy Spirit is a gift to us from God. This promise is to all the ones that God calls. He calls you, He draws you by His Holy Spirit. No one comes to God of his own free will. The Holy Spirit empowers us to serve God.

One receives power to proclaim the gospel. We receive the baptism by mature ministers laying hands on the believers through faith.

Now it's the Holy Spirit in us and I believe it is after Baptism that helps a believer now to start producing fruits that glorify God.

**Gal.5:22-23** – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

These fruits help us to become like Christ, because they are what He showed us when He lived and walked here on earth in a human body. The Holy Spirit helps us to witness for Christ, live obedient lives and work in the Father's vineyard. He helps us to do our part in leading others to Christ, sowing seeds and working for God's glory and kingdom.

I asked Pastor if he felt a believer can cast out devils without the baptism into the Holy Spirit.

Pastor shared: A believer can bind and cast out devils when they are saved. Jesus gave authority to all who believe in Him against satanic forces but my take is that one can do this more effectively after being empowered through Holy Spirit Baptism. \*He can give a word of knowledge or show you what demonic spirits are being dealt with through discerning of spirits, etc.\*

And binding and casting out devils is still spiritual warfare. In war one is taught and trained to fight the enemy using different tactics and means, same to us believers.

I do believe that you also can be baptized without the laying on of hands. Like Cornelius and those at his house, they were just sitting under the Word of God being preached.

**Acts 10:43-48** – To Him (Christ) give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost (Spirit). For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost (Spirit) as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

First they were baptized into the Holy Spirit and then they were water baptized. God works in the order He wills. So we see here that you can receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit without anyone laying hands on you. They were sitting under the preaching of God's Word and they believed what they heard. This is how I received the Holy Spirit. Not by anyone laying hands on me.

**John 7:38** – He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

This is speaking of the Holy Spirit. One metaphor for The Holy Spirit is water. God's Word is called water (Eph.5:26). It is talking about speaking God's Word which gives life to those that hear and believe. I believe this is also speaking of those times when God moves a believer to speak in a language that is unknown to him or her.

**Romans 8:26** – Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities (weaknesses): for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself (Himself) maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered.

Once Jesus had breathed the Holy Spirit into the disciples and they were saved, they still had no impact on Jerusalem. Nothing changed in the city. They had to wait for the promise – Jesus told them to tarry. Then came Acts 2 – Pentecost Sunday and the town got turned upside down!

You must be thirsty! You know you need more of God than you already have. You have a feeling there is more. This message is not on the different kind of tongues but let me clarify this. Sometimes when someone is baptized into the Holy Spirit, He will cause them to speak in a language not known to them. That is one type of evidence or an evidence that you have been baptized into the Holy Spirit. But it is not the only type of evidence.

When someone receives the gift of tongues spoken of in 1 Cor. 12:10 it is for a church setting and the hand of God will move you to speak as He wills it. When this is done in a church or gathering of believers there should be also the gift of interpretation given or else it was of no effect as no one will understand what was said.



I came across a teaching one night that said the bride is those that have been baptized into the Holy Spirit. Then a separate teaching gave an example of Abraham (a type of God the Father) and Isaac (a type of Jesus) and Rebecca (a type of the bride) and said the servant (a type of Holy Spirit) when the servant offered the jewels to Rebecca if she had refused them she would not have been the bride. The Holy Spirit comes bearing gifts. Like the servant that had so many camels loaded down with gifts. Jesus wanted us to be empowered.

**Luke 24:49** – And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry (wait) ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

## **CLOSING**

**We must walk in that power and anointing and want all He has for us.** I do believe the bride will be those that are baptized into the Holy Spirit. And think about this, if you get saved and know there is more supernatural power for you in your life as a Christian, why wouldn't you want it? That makes no sense. If you love God then you will want everything He has for you. And for those that believe the gifts are dead because they have been taught that, or have not seen them in action for themselves, or have not experienced them for themselves, then shame on you for not studying to show yourself approved. Shame on you for not praying for understanding when reading God's Word. That is a perfect example of someone claiming to be saved but denying the power of God. They have no hunger to be filled, they are not seeking more and not growing in their walk with

God. They are powerless to be effective for His Kingdom. If they had read His Word they would know that it tells them to seek this baptism.

You don't get any of the gifts until you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He is the gift giver. No wonder they haven't seen the gifts in action when they didn't even seek the Holy Spirit in the first place. And once you receive the baptism, normally it is a process of growing in the faith before you begin to operate in the gift or gifts that He gives you. Pastor Erustus was prophesied over to receive the gift of healing and it took about ten years before it manifested. You have to wait on God.

Will you be considered worthy if you refused the promise of the Father, or did not seek it? There are those that are against speaking in tongues and want no part of "it" and "it" is the Holy Spirit, Who is God, praying and speaking through you and equipping you to serve Him boldly and powerfully!!! He prays perfectly, He is God, He knows your needs and what's on your heart. He can pray better than you can any day of the week! He is the power that raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 8:11 & Eph.1:19-20) and He comes bearing gifts (Romans 12:6-8 & 1 Cor. 12:8-10). The gifts are to edify the body of Christ. Do you think God will consider you worthy if you did not want all that He has for you and you did not want His power to fill up your life to the full and overflowing?? The answer is No.

**2 Tim.3:5** – Having a form of godliness, but DENYING THE POWER thereof: from such turn away.

Bloodless religions – those that don't believe in the blood of Jesus Christ – like masons, fit this verse. Those that deny the gifts are still active and in effect fit this verse. Those that do not want anything to do with speaking in tongues and will not seek the baptism into the Holy Spirit fit this verse.

Why would someone not want the gifts? Or not want anything to do with speaking in tongues? Is it being scared of sounding funny, or looking not so proper? That is pride and is not of God. Is it fear of receiving an ungodly tongue, one from satan? Oh yes, satan has a counterfeit tongue. I have heard them. Some of them sound mean and hateful but not all of them do. When you are seeking Jesus Christ for this baptism and you truly belong to Him, you are not going to receive something from the devil. Jesus protects those that are His.



## PRAYER

<https://www.christcenteredmall.com/teachings/holy-spirit-baptism-7.htm>

Spiritual Warfare to break off Generational Curses

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nq1JROfphOw>