

THE BAPTISM of the HOLY SPIRIT - Part 2: PASTORS ERUSTUS & DALBEER'S TESTIMONIES, SIGNS

Let us follow the example of Jesus:

Acts 10:38 – How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost (Spirit) and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.

What drew the people to Jesus? Miracles and signs and wonders followed Him. He was and is the Word of God. God confirms His Word with miracles and signs and wonders still today. The gifts are not dead.

Jesus was and is our example. He had no sin (2 Cor.5:21) but was baptized in water to show us what we needed to do. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit to show us we needed this anointing also. Remember Jesus always was and is God but He came here in the flesh to walk and live as we do and to show us how to live righteous lives. Ultimately He came here to call us to repentance and reconcile us to God through His sacrifice for those that would believe in Him to the point of obedience. If you say you believe in Him but you don't obey what He said in His Word then you show that you don't believe in Him. When you truly believe, then your life will change.

Did you know real and true salvation is a miracle? Salvation that takes hold and gives the person a hunger and seeking for more of God, that drives them to seek and ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I don't see many true salvations or people that are really seeking God and staying in a close relationship with Him. On this side of the pulpit I have come to see clearly that salvation is a miracle.

Pastor Erustus and Pastor Dalbeer have shared supernatural healings and miracles by the hand of God. We don't see this so much here in America. I feel because we have so much and yet have not used what God has given us to glorify Him. We have thieves in the pulpits and have let the naysayers rise up against God's

power, the Holy Spirit, and have accepted this belief that we don't want this baptism or need it and that the gifts are dead.

God cannot move where there is unbelief. (Matt.13:58, Mark 6:5)



Pastor Erustus' testimony of the baptism: This is Pastor Erustus and Pastor Sarah. They head up our outreach ministry in Kenya and Uganda.

Pastor shared: When I was baptized and filled by the Holy Spirit in August, 1996 just a few months after I got saved, servants of God laid hands on me and I was slain and spoke in tongues for almost 45 minutes. After that I felt very light, full of joy and deep love for God. I started feeling God's power in my services in the church. My life completely changed. God's Spirit has order and discipline. When He slains a person He has a divine work to do in the person.

As I continued to grow in my faith, I learned to always ask the Holy Spirit to fill me always.

Now from my experience as a Pastor, have learned the Holy Spirit has no particular standard formula of baptizing and filling Gods children. (Repeat this)

I have seen some get slain, some don't get slain, some speak in tongues, some get strong feelings in their body, and some are just silent etc. Some people when ministering to them have seen them overwhelmed and overpowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and are weak to withstand and end up falling. Others when being filled fall speaking in tongues, worshipping or remain silent in God's presence. In all these cases the Spirit ministers to each one differently. This is all a matter of receiving by faith not feelings. God works in each one of us differently as He wills.

We will talk more later on different instances of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in Scripture where there were no tongues spoken. It is received by faith.

Pastor continued: Secondly, the proof that one was baptized and filled by the Holy Spirit: you look at if there is a change in life style or the kind of fruits one is bearing as compared to before. When the Holy Spirit fills your life: your love to God increases.

Romans 5:5 – And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost (Spirit) which (Who) is given unto us.

You develop a more deep desire to seek God in prayer, deep desire to read Gods Word to know the truth and always want to walk in obedience; you become more conscious of God's presence in your life. You develop a hatred for sin and strive to live a righteous life and if you sin you turn to God and repent without giving excuses. You now have a hunger to preach and reach the lost with the saving gospel of Christ.

You love the fellowship of the saints more than any other. You become more committed to God in worship, praise, thanksgiving, serving God i.e you want always to do what pleases God. You no longer live in fear or worries but now you become more bold and full of joy despite trials, challenges, persecutions or

uncertainties. Then the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit will be seen manifested in your life.

Pastor these are just a few things among others to show you that if they are or can be seen in your life then you are baptized & filled by the Holy Spirit. Because all these can't be done by one's might or power but all is by the Holy Spirit.

Zechariah 4:6 - Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Yes the devil hates people walking in Gods power of the Holy Spirit because he knows he will be defeated. Yes, speaking in tongues is just an evidence that one

has received the Holy Spirit. **It is AN evidence that one has received the Holy Spirit, it is not the only evidence.**



When the disciples were in the upper room waiting to be endued with power as Jesus HAD COMMANDED – that is when the Holy Spirit came in and filled the place and came down onto each believer and baptized them into the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:2-18 - And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there

appeared unto them cloven tongues (divided tongues / tongues) like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), and began to speak with other tongues (languages not known to them), as the Spirit gave them utterance (enabled them / gave them the ability). And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men (God fearing), out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad (When they heard the loud noise), the multitude came together (the crowd came running), and were confounded (bewildered), because that every man heard them speak in his own language (because each one heard their own language being spoken). And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue (native language), wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene (near Cyrene), and strangers of Rome (visitors of Rome), Jews and proselytes (converts to Judaism), Cretes and Arabians (Cretans and Arabs), we do hear them speak in our tongues (our own languages) the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt (or were perplexed), saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you (let me explain this to you), and hearken (listen) to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day (9:00 a.m.). But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on My servants and on My handmaidens (men and women alike) I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy:



Pastor Dalbeer Singh, pastor of our outreach ministry in India.

Sister as you asked about my testimony. I had found Jesus Christ many years ago it's more than 20 years I had fellowship with Christian community from my childhood but my family was non-Christian. They are very strong in their faith. All of my relatives are from Hindu background. So back 20 years ago Holy Spirit had touched me and full fill His blessing on me because we were very poor in our financial situation. We don't have our own house as you know and we didn't have any source of income. I was unable to give food to my family so as it is written in **Colossians 2:6-7** As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him. (7) rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanks giving. **Colossians 3:17** – And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

After I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, my hunger and excitement for Jesus grew more and more. And the best thing that has happened is that Scripture has just come alive to me. I read the Word and study it and it actually makes sense. Obviously I don't know all there is to know, but the baptism of the Holy Spirit has brought me a long way. I know there is no way I would be able to do what I am doing without having the fullness of the Holy Spirit. I was hungry for God, and the more I heard about it and saw it in scripture, the more I believed in

it and wanted this gift. I read a book and in the back was a prayer on how to receive the Holy Spirit. It quoted

Luke 11:13 - If you then, being evil (sinful), know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?

All we have to do is ask, believe, and receive, and God will freely give the Holy Spirit to us. Then it gave this prayer: "Father, I recognize my need for Your power to live this life. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. By faith, I receive it right now. Thank You for baptizing me! Holy Spirit, You are welcome in my life.

I decided wholeheartedly that I wanted this. I prayed that prayer and believed that I received it. Then I got a gift from God of healing other people. Then I came to know that I was able to heal people by praying for them. That was the gift of the Holy Spirit to me. That He gave me this blessing to help others and I am thankful to God that He has given me this kind of blessing in my life and He has chosen me for this by praying for them.

Just like anything else, it is a continual growth process. We still need to use faith and believe in order to see the power of the Holy Spirit bear fruit in our lives. And that is the whole point of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit – to bear fruit. The Holy Spirit bears fruit in our lives. When supernatural events take place, they are truly an act of God. God is Who gets the glory and honor and praise that He deserves.

John 15:8 - Jesus says, Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit;

It isn't about glorifying or getting power for ourselves, it is about glorifying Jesus. I want His name to be praised and glorified in everything I do. I believe the baptism of the Holy Spirit enables me to bear more fruit, in turn glorifying Him the best way possible. Praise the name of Jesus!

John 16:13 – Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself (He will not speak on His own); but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.

It is the Holy Spirit who gives us revelation of what is to come. He reveals the scriptures to us.

CLOSING

John 4:24 – God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

You cannot worship God properly without being fully immersed and baptized into His Spirit.

I have learned that here in America it is being taught that unless you speak in tongues then you have not been baptized into the Holy Spirit. I think this is being taught on purpose by the false teachers of satan and most other pastors have followed suit with them. I think the Pentecostal churches have been teaching that speaking in tongues is the sole evidence of being baptized into the Holy Spirit. Sadly that is a lie that has driven many from the church. So many of those churches are operating under a false anointing not of God. Many churches are pretending to be spiritual, pretending to have gifts or the power of God flowing in their ministries when it is just satan's power if there's any power there at all.

The importance and false teaching that has been placed on speaking in tongues has caused many people to feel defeated because they have never spoken in tongues or even to give up and leave the church.

PRAYER

A good online Biblical teaching on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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

Spiritual Warfare to break off Generational Curses

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