

THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 1:4-9 AND 2:2-4

THE DISCIPLES NOT QUITE READY FOR THE MISSION

⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be ^[a]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Acts 1:4-9 (NKJV)

**THERE WAS FORTY DAYS BETWEEN THE RESURRECTION
OF JESUS AND HIS ASCENSION INTO HEAVEN**

THE COMMAND and A COMMISSION

“Go...and make disciples of all nations...”

RETURN HOME TO JERUSALEM AND WAIT

Weren't they ready? Weren't they qualified?

THERE HAD NEVER BEEN MORE QUALIFIED MEN IN HISTORY

EDUCATED FOR 3.5 YEARS. JESUS WAS THEIR MASTER AND TEACHER	THEY WERE EXPERIENCED. THEY WITNESSED MIRACLES BY JESUS	THEY WERE COMMITTED MEN THEY WERE DEVOTED TO JESUS,,THEY LEFT ALL BEHIND
THEY WERE REGENERATED MEN THEY WERE SAVED, BORN-AGAIN		

**“Jesus breathed on them, and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.” John 20:22**

As the Father breathed physical life into Adam, the Lord Jesus beathed into His disciples and they became spiritually alive with the life of God

.....BUT ONE THING WAS MISSING ON THEIR SPIRITUAL RESUME –

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

They had received the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, but now they needed to be **IMMERSED** or **BAPTIZED** in the **SUPERNATURAL POWER OF THE SAME SPIRIT**

ENTHUSIASM ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH

Enthusiasm alone is not enough to face down opposition, persecution and difficulties they would face.

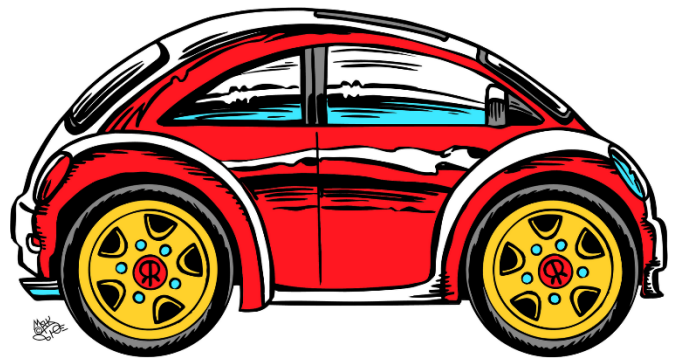
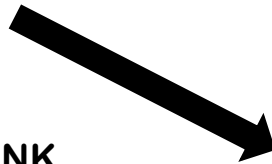


The disciples needed a **SUPERNATURAL BURST** – a punch of **SPIRITUAL STRENGTH** – **THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!**



NO GAS IN THE TANK

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Bible Knowledge

Experience

Commitment

WE WILL NEVER FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION IF WE'RE
GUILTY OF THE GREAT OMISSION. WE NEED THE POWER OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT

**THREE EXPERIENCES WE HAVE WITH GOD
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- **HE is WITH US**
- **HE comes and DWELLS IN US**
- **HE comes UPON US**

NOTE: The Bible provides many ways to help us understand that the Holy Spirit is truly a person—that is, He is a personal being, rather than an impersonal thing. First, every pronoun used in reference to the Spirit is “he” not “it.”

GRK for Spirit is *pneuma*

The Holy Spirit is a person, as Scripture makes clear. As such, He is to be revered as God and serves in perfect unity with Father and Son to lead us in our spiritual lives

"I will give you another helper, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." John 14:17

Comforter in the GRK is *paraclete*, "one who comes alongside to help

1. BEFORE we became a Christian the Spirit is **WITH US**

- He CONVICTS us of sin
- He REVEALS the love of Jesus
- He REVEALS the reality of our sin
- He REVEALS our need for a Savior

2. ONCE we come to Jesus the Spirit moves to dwell **IN US**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DWELLING IN THE BELIEVER

- HE is our helper
- HE comforts us
- HE corrects us
- He conveys God's peace to us
- He conveys God's presence to us

Note: The work of the Holy Spirit is to come alongside of you and help you in your Christian walk, in your Christian life. The Holy Spirit is there to help you in every phase of your Christian experience.

He is to be to us what Jesus was to His disciples. And we need to trust in Him like the disciples trusted in Jesus.

3. JESUS PROMISED that the Holy Spirit would come **UPON US**

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8



THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US POWER TO BE A WITNESS!!

IT'S NOT THAT WE GET MORE OF GOD'S SPIRIT. He isn't allocated to us in portions

IF YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS, YOU HAVE ALL OF THE SPIRIT RESIDING IN YOU

NOT MORE PORTIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
BUT DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES WE HAVE WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT



EVERY TRUE CHRISTIAN HAS THE HOLY SPIRIT

RESIDING WITH THEM AND ALIVE IN THEM

BUT NOT ALL CHRISTIANS

HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER UPON THEIR LIVES

Just as it takes two batteries to energize a flashlight, it takes two batteries to EMPOWER Christians to SHINE BRIGHTLY.

- THE BATTERY OF REGENERATION
- THE BATTERY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus taught His disciples that John the Baptist would baptize with WATER.

BUT He (Jesus) would baptize His followers with the POWER OF THE SPIRIT.

GRK for baptize is *baptizō* GRK for power is *dunamis*

In Acts 1:5 the word "baptized" means *to immerse*

GOD WANTS TO PLUNGE US INTO THE POWER OF HIS SPIRIT!

IT IS AN ALL-CONSUMING TYPE OF EXPERIENCE

**SPIRITUAL IMMERSION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
DIFFERENT NAMES**

(see next page for list)

- BAPTISM
- FILLING
- POURING OUT
- COMING UPON
- THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER
- RIVERS OF LIVING WATER
- SEALING OF THE SPIRIT

BUT THE EXPERIENCE IS THE SAME!

God's Spirit wants to come upon believing hearts with
SUPERNATURAL POWER

The work of the Spirit in regeneration is a secret work. It happens quietly in our hearts.

The filling is thrilling! Waves of joy floods our soul.

ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST

“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:2-4

∞ **The Holy Spirit was first poured out on Jesus' waiting disciples**

∞ **It happened “suddenly” and “spontaneously”**

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS A POINT-IN-TIME EXPERIENCE

As a Christian God's Spirit has planted within us godly desires. We are prompted to witness to people, but we need the power of the Holy Spirit.

“The human spirit fails, except when the Holy Spirit fills.”
– Corrie Ten Boom

TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS WE NEED TO PRAY FOR THE
SUPERNATURAL POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S BAPTISM IS A POINT-IN-TIME EXPERIENCE, BUT IT'S NOT A ONE-TIME EXPERIENCE

ACTS 2 & ACTS 4

It can be repeated time and time again

“We need to be filled again and again with the Holy Spirit. I am sometimes asked, ‘Have you received the second blessing? Yes, and the third and the fourth and the fifth and hundreds besides, and I am looking for a new blessing today.’ – R.A. Torrey

“How do I know if I’ve been filled with the Holy Spirit?”

“What are the evidences of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?”

If we study the Day of Pentecost, we come to see that there were several phenomena that accompanied the **initial filling of the Spirit**

1. THERE WAS A SOUND FROM HEAVEN AS A RUSHING MIGHTY WIND

Throughout the Scripture “wind” is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. This is a reminder of His sovereignty. He does as He pleases when He pleases.

A CHURCH EFFECTIVE FOR JESUS IS A SPIRIT-LED CHURCH

2. THERE WERE FORKED FLAMES OF FIRE THAT SETTLED OVER THE DISCIPLES HEADS

Remember in the Old Testament when Moses dedicated the Tabernacle and again when Solomon dedicated the Temple, in both cases God sent fire down from Heaven to burn up the sacrifice. The supernatural rain of fire was God’s sign that He approved of His new dwelling places.

ACTS 2 IS GOD DEDICATING ANOTHER DWELLING PLACE
THE CHURCH

BUT THIS TIME GOD DID NOT CONSUME DEAD SACRIFICES,
HE EMPOWERED LIVING SACRIFICES – HIS PEOPLE!

Note: The wind and the fire are never repeated in the Book of Acts. IT WAS A ONE TIME EXPERIENCE reserved for the dedication of the new, spiritual Temple.

3. THERE WAS SPEAKING OF TONGUES

The gifts of tongues was exercised numerous times throughout the Book of Acts.

When the Spirit came upon the believers in the Upper Room, God gave them the capability to speak in languages other than their own known native tongue.

Acts 2:11 describes the miracle as speaking "*the wonderful works of God..*". The gift of tongues enabled them to SUPERNATURALLY PRAISE JESUS.

"tongues" means "languages or dialects"

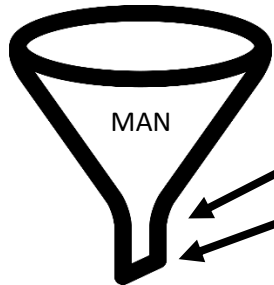
The gifts of tongues is the Spirit-given capacity to praise God or to pray to God in a language other than your own native tongue, or in a learned language.

Acts 2:4 tells us that when the gift of tongues was first manifested, "*the Spirit gave them utterance.*"

**THE GIFT OF TONGUES IS SUPERNATURALLY INSPIRED
SPEECH PROMPTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

THE GIFT OF TONGUES WASN'T A SKILL THAT WAS TAUGHT

Tongues happen when the Holy Spirit enables us to PRAISE GOD in an unlearned language. It is a fulfilling experience to praise God freely and uninhibitedly.



HUMAN BEINGS ARE LIKE THIS FUNNEL

The narrow neck represents our intellect

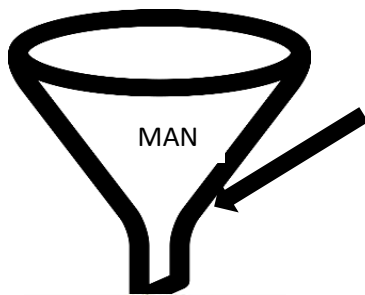
The wide base is our spirit

In the spirit, we're capable of experiencing deep feelings and a wide array of emotions – yet all we sense on the spiritual level has to be channeled through a shallow intellect and limited vocabulary.

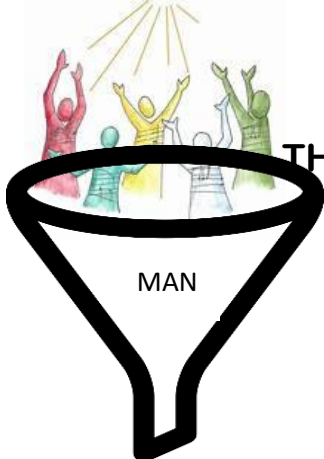
Our narrowness cuts off the flow of feelings

PENT UP therefore **SHUT UP**

GOD LONGS FOR OUR PRAISE AND WORSHIP



GOD BYPASSES OUR MENTAL AND LANGUAGE LIMITATIONS BY PLACING WORDS IN OUR MINDS WE DON'T UNDERSTAND, BUT WE TRUST THEY ARE THE ACCURATE EXPRESSION OF OUR HEARTS



THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL FILL US UP - AND BY SPEAKING THE WORDS, WE RELEASE OUR PENT-UP PRAISE

“joy inexpressible and full of glory!” 1 Peter 1:8

THE GIFT OF TONGUES

Tongues is one evidence of THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

The gift of prophecy is another evidence of THE HOLY SPIRIT'S BAPTISM.

In Acts 19 when the believers in Ephesus were filled with the Spirit, they *prophesied*. God gave them a message for that moment.

Prophecy – Unplanned, unscripted, Spirit-evoked messages that are conveyed spontaneously through us by The Holy Spirit

“He who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit, he speaks mysteries. But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.” 1 Corinthians 14:2-3

CONTRASTING THE GIFT OF TONGUES AND PROPHECY

1 Corinthians 14 deals with spiritual gifts, contrasting the gifts of tongue and prophecy





– An unknown tongue is always man praising or praying to God. Prophecy is God speaking to us.

There are examples in the Book of Acts where believers are FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, **BUT** neither speak in tongues nor prophesy

- 1 Corinthians 12:29-30 teaches that there are a diversity of spiritual gifts – and not all of us will receive the same gifts.

This includes tongues and prophecy



You can't say the only evidence of The Baptism of The Holy Spirit is the gift of tongues, because Paul is clear not every believer will speak in tongues.

Yet, all believers need to be Baptized with The Holy Spirit

There is one sure evidence that does show up every time a believer is FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT – and that's

THE LOVE AND BOLDNESS TO WITNESS

GOD STILL FILLS BELIEVERS WITH BOLDNESS TODAY

“When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.” Acts 4:31

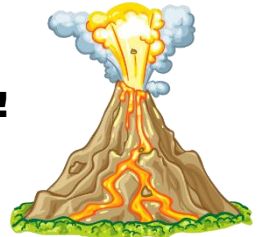
**GOD WANTS TO FILL EACH ONE OF US WITH BOLDNESS
GOD DELIGHTS IN US BEING WITNESSES**

FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT ➔ **LOVE AND JOY ERUPTS**

IN OUR HEARTS



EXPLOSION OF GRACE!



We're overwhelmed by a love that's from above. God's love causes us to forget our fears. We become oblivious to the opinions of others. Fears no longer intimidate us.

**WE ARE CAUGHT UP - CAPTURED AND ENCAPTURED – BY THE
LOVE OF GOD. WE BECOME INTOXICATED WITH THE SPIRIT
ALL THAT MATTERS IS PLEASING AND GLORIFYING OUR GOD**

Have Faith



**DO YOU WANT TO BE ENERGIZED TO BE A WITNESS?
DO YOU WANT TO BE FILLED AND THRILLED WITH THE POWER OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

ARE YOU TIRED OF BEING AFRAID TO WITNESS?

**GOD IN HEAVEN WANTS TO EMPOWER YOU IN A
PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL MANNER**

Matthew 3:11

YOU NEED TO REALLY DO BUSINESS WITH GOD

Luke 11:9

**THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PART OF EVERY
BELIEVER'S BIRTHRIGHT**

**IF YOU WANT TO BE FILLED WITH
THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
YOU NEED TO RISE UP IN FAITH AND ASK HIM**

