

# **Thousands Are Experiencing It — Are You Next? (Spoiler: Tongues, Fire, and Life-Changing Power!)**

**The Baptism of the Holy Spirit?**

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Unlocking the Power, Purpose, and Promise of Pentecost”

Texts: Acts 1:5, 8; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Luke 3:16; Acts 2:1–4; Joel 2:28–29; Luke 11:13

## **Introduction: The Wind That Shook the World**

Imagine 120 frightened disciples, huddled behind locked doors, hearts still trembling from the crucifixion, confused about the resurrection, and uncertain of their future. Just 40 days earlier, their Rabbi, their Messiah, had been brutally executed. Now He was gone again—ascended into heaven. What were they to do?

Then came Pentecost.

A sound like a violent wind filled the house.

Tongues of fire rested on each of them.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. People from 15 nations heard the mighty works of God in their own tongues.

Three thousand were saved that day.

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The Church was born.

The world has never been the same.

**That, beloved, is the baptism of the Holy Spirit.**

It is not a denominational doctrine.

It is not a mystical fantasy.

It is not a one-time historical event locked in the book of Acts.

It is a present-tense promise from Jesus Christ to every believer who dares to ask, to wait, to yield, and to believe.

Today, we're going deep—not just to define it, but to experience it.

Not just to understand it, but to receive it.

This is not a sermon to inform your mind alone—it is an altar call for your spirit.

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Let's explore five foundational truths about the baptism of the Holy Spirit—with Scripture, with history, with personal testimony, and with prophetic urgency.

## **1. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit Is a Promise Fulfilled by Jesus**

— Not an Option, But an Ordinance of Empowerment

“For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” — Acts 1:5

“I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” — Luke 3:16

John the Baptist didn't just point to Jesus as the Lamb of God—he prophesied that Jesus would be the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit.

That's revolutionary.

In the Old Testament, the Spirit came on people for specific tasks—Saul, David, the prophets.

But Jesus inaugurated a new era: the Spirit would now come into and upon all believers permanently and powerfully.

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Jesus didn't say, "Some of you might be baptized in the Spirit."

He said, "You will be baptized."

It was as certain as His resurrection.

As guaranteed as His return.

Before He ascended, He commanded them: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised... in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:4–5).

Notice: He didn't say, "Go evangelize."

He said, "Wait." Why?

Because without the Spirit, their mission would be powerless.

Strategy without anointing is noise.

Programs without presence are empty.

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Jesus knew: the Church doesn't advance by cleverness—it advances by the breath of God.

Application: Are you trying to serve God in your own strength?

Are you exhausted from striving, performing, and producing?

Jesus is saying to you today: “Wait. Don't move until you're filled.

Don't speak until you're empowered.

Don't go until you're baptized.”

This is not optional equipment—it's essential armor.

It's not a luxury—it's your lifeline.

## **2. It Is Distinct from Salvation**

— But Deeply Connected to Our Identity in Christ

“For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” —

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1 Corinthians 12:13

Some teach that the baptism of the Holy Spirit happens automatically at salvation.

Others say it's a second, dramatic experience.

What does Scripture say?

The truth is both/and.

At salvation, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in you (Romans 8:9).

You are sealed (Ephesians 1:13).

You are regenerated.

You are born again.

But the baptism of the Holy Spirit—as described in Acts—is a distinct empowering, immersing, outpouring experience that often follows conversion.

Look at the pattern:

The Samaritans believed and were baptized in water—then Peter and John laid hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:12–17).

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Paul, after his Damascus Road conversion, was told, “Be filled with the Holy Spirit”—and scales fell from his eyes (Acts 9:17).

The Ephesian disciples had believed in Jesus but had not even heard of the Holy Spirit—Paul laid hands on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied (Acts 19:1–6).

This is not about earning favor.

It’s about unlocking fullness.

It’s about moving from “I am saved” to “I am sent.”

From “I belong to Christ” to “Christ is moving through me.”

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:13 that Spirit baptism places us into the Body of Christ—that’s **positional**, at salvation.

But experientially, many believers live beneath their inheritance until they yield to the fullness of the Spirit’s power.



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Illustration: Think of salvation as being born into a royal family.

You're a prince or princess.

But the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

That's your coronation—the moment you step into your authority, your voice, your assignment.  
You were always royalty.

Now the kingdom is released through you.

## **3. It Is Given for One Supreme Purpose: Power to Be Witnesses**

— Not for Personal Comfort, But Global Impact

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”  
— Acts 1:8

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is missional.

It's not given so you can feel warm and fuzzy during worship.

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It's not for spiritual selfies.

It's for spiritual warfare.

It's for evangelism.

It's for miracles.

It's for justice.

It's for revival.

The Greek word for “power” here is *dunamis*—dynamite, miraculous ability, divine enablement.

The same power that raised Christ from the dead (Romans 8:11) is poured into you to raise dead hearts, broken lives, and dying communities.

Peter, who denied Jesus three times, preached one Spirit-filled sermon and 3,000 were saved.

Stephen, full of the Spirit, saw heaven open as he was stoned—and forgave his murderers.

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Philip was “snatched away” by the Spirit to evangelize an Ethiopian official on a desert road.

Paul shook prison doors loose with prayer and song.

This is not ancient history.

This is present-tense potential.

## **Testimony Moment**

When I was 14 years old I received Jesus and became a child of God.

Soon after I asked Jesus to baptise me with the Holy Spirit. And I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

This made me so much in fire for Jesus so I felt a big need to tell others about Jesus.

I started to go from house to house testifying about Jesus and healed the sick.

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Challenge: Are you living in the realm of the possible—or the impossible?

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The baptism of the Holy Spirit pushes you beyond human ability into divine acceleration.

If your Christianity feels manageable, predictable, and safe—you're operating in the flesh.

The Spirit brings holy disruption.

## **4. It Often Comes with Evidences**

- Tongues, Prophecy, Spiritual Gifts
- But Always Produces Transformation

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

— Acts 2:4

“While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message... they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.”

— Acts 10:44, 46

Let's be clear: the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not defined by tongues—but in the book of Acts, tongues is the initial physical evidence in every recorded case of Spirit baptism (Acts 2, 10, 19).

Why tongues?

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It's a sign of surrender—the tongue, the most unruly member (James 3:8), yielded to God.

It's a prayer language that builds up the spirit (1 Corinthians 14:4).

It's a sign for unbelievers (1 Corinthians 14:22)—as at Pentecost, when the miracle of languages drew the crowd.

It's a mark of God's sovereign initiation—not human performance.

But don't limit the Spirit.

He also manifests through prophecy, healing, bold preaching, tears of repentance, joy unspeakable, and love that defies explanation.

The fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23) is the character evidence.

The gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12) are the functional evidence.

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Tongues may be the initial spark—but the fire should burn in holiness, humility, and service.

Warning: Don't chase the gift—chase the Giver.

Don't seek the experience—seek the One who empowers it.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not about ecstatic displays—it's about effective discipleship.

## **5. It Is Available to Every Believer**

— Not a Special Class, But a Universal Invitation

“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

— Luke 11:13

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy... Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”

— Joel 2:28–29 (quoted in Acts 2:17–18)

This is perhaps the most beautiful truth: the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not for super-Christians.

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It's for surrendered Christians.

It's not for those who have it all together—it's for those who admit they're empty.

Jesus didn't say, "The Holy Spirit is for apostles."

He said, "You will receive power."

You.

Not just Peter.

Not just Paul.

You.

Joel prophesied it would be poured out on all flesh—young and old, male and female, slave and free. No hierarchy. No exclusion. No prerequisites except hunger.

The early Church didn't have seminaries, buildings, or budgets—but they had the Spirit.

And they turned the world upside down.

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Invitation: How to Receive It

Repent — Turn from self-reliance, and unbelief. (Acts 2:38)

Ask — Jesus said, “Ask.” Pray with faith. (Luke 11:13)

Yield — Open your mouth, lift your hands, surrender your will. (Ephesians 5:18)

Believe — Trust that God is faithful. He won’t give you a stone if you ask for bread. (Matthew 7:9–11)

Speak — Begin to praise God audibly.

Start thanking Him.

The Spirit will give you utterance.

You don’t need to “work up” an experience.

You don’t need to chase emotions.

Just open the door.

The Spirit is a gentleman—but He’s also a rushing wind.

He waits for your invitation—then He floods the room.



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Conclusion: The Upper Room Is Open Today

That Upper Room in Jerusalem?

It's not closed.

It's open.

The same Spirit who fell on Peter, on Mary, on the 120, is here right now—hovering, ready to fill, ready to fall, ready to fire.

This is not about religion.

This is about relationship.

This is not about ritual.

This is about revival.

Maybe you've been a Christian for years—but you're dry.

You're tired. You're trying. You need fresh oil.

Maybe you're new in faith—and you want to start strong, not striving, but Spirit-filled.

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Maybe you've been baptized in the Spirit before—but you need a refilling.

The Bible says, “Be filled [present tense, continual] with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18).

The altar is open.

The promise is for you.

The power is available.

The fire is falling.

Don't leave this place the same.

**Come. Ask. Receive. Be baptized.**

And watch what God will do through you.

Altar Call / Response Time

[Pastor, lead your congregation in a time of prayer. Encourage people to come forward or stand in their places. Pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Lay hands on those who desire it. Sing songs of invitation like “Holy

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Spirit, You Are Welcome Here,” “Spirit of the Living God,” or “Pour Out Your Spirit.”]

“Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask for a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit.

Baptize us anew.

Fill every hungry heart.

Empower every willing vessel.

Release gifts, ignite passion, awaken prophecy, and let Your fire fall.

We yield. We believe. We receive.

Come, Holy Spirit. Have Your way. Amen.”

Closing Benediction:

“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us—to Him be glory!” — Ephesians 3:20–21

Go in the power of the Spirit. You are baptized. You are sent. You are unstoppable.

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Note to Preacher: Consider following up this sermon with a 21-day “Seeking the Spirit” devotional, small group studies on the Holy Spirit, or a weekend retreat focused on spiritual renewal. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not a one-time event—it’s the beginning of a lifestyle of dependence, power, and intimacy with God.