



Part 1 (Lesson 11)

## **The Holy Spirit In Your Life (Part 1)**

*Jesus made sure we were well equipped when He ascended back to heaven. He told His disciples to wait until they were endued with power and then they would minister in that power. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a wonderful gift Jesus bestows upon us. Some have denied the validity of this experience and many have debated over the details of how you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the evidence of it, and the results of it, etc. Let's look together in this lesson at what the scriptures have to say.*

### I. The Holy Spirit – Who Is He?

A. The Holy Spirit is first seen in the second verse of the Bible (Gen. 1:2). What was He involved in here? **(Creation – He was moving over the surface of the waters)**

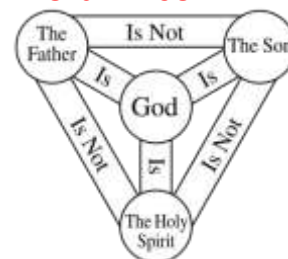
1. Notice the trinity seen in Genesis 1:1-3. Since God is one God in the form of persons, name the three persons who make up the Godhead as shown throughout the Bible.

**(Note – The Trinity is seen in Genesis 1:1-3 if we consider “God” as a reference to the Father, “The Spirit of God” as a reference to the Holy Spirit, and “God said” (the Word) as a reference to the Son Jesus Christ Who is called “the Word” in John 1:1-14)**

**(God the Father)**

**(God the Son – Jesus Christ)(The Word)**

**(God the Holy Spirit)**



B. What does Jesus call the Holy Spirit in John 14:26? **(The “Helper” or “Comforter”)**

What are we told He will do for us? **(Teach us all things and bring to our remembrance the things that Jesus said, that is His Word)** (also see 1 Corinthians 2:9-14)

C. What does Jesus say about the Holy Spirit in John 16:7-11? **(The Holy Spirit will bring conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment to come)(He will make us aware of these things and conscious of our relationship to sin, righteousness and judgment.)**

1. Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “He”. This shows that He is a **(person)**

D. The Holy Spirit has emotions, intellect, and will. We see His emotions in Ephesians 4:30, His intellect in 1 Corinthians 2:10-14, and His will in Acts 16:1-11. List how these things are seen in each of these passages. **(Ephesians 4:30 – He can be grieved or can feel grief) (1 Corinthians 2:10-14 – He knows & reveals truth) (Acts 16:1-11 – He revealed where He didn’t want Paul and his companions to go.)**

A person is identified by emotion, intellect and will

E. What does Romans 8:26-27 say the Holy Spirit does? **(He intercedes for us according to the will of God with groanings too deep to be uttered.)**

F. What percentage of Christians have the Spirit of God living in them? (Romans 8:9) **(100%)**

G. 1 John 4:4 speaks of the Holy Spirit living within the believer and says **(greater is He (the Holy Spirit) who lives in you than he who is in the world (Satan))**

## II. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit (What it is and what it is not)

A. What it is:

1. Luke 24:49; Acts 1:5-8 **(It is an endowment of power – the power of the Holy Spirit)**

a. The Greek word “Dunamis” meaning “power” is used in Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:5-8  
(The Greek word “Exousia” meaning power as in “authority” is added in Luke 10:19)

b. Acts 2:4 (example – Peter) What did Peter do in Acts 2 after the Holy Spirit came upon Him? (Remember the problems he had encountered just a few weeks earlier) **(He stood in the midst of a crowd and boldly proclaimed the gospel without fear.)**

2. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is also a doorway to the gifts of the Spirit spoken of in 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 (We will look at these gifts in more detail later)

B. What it is not:

1. Sign of holiness (1 Corinthians 13:1-3) (Galatians 5:22-23) How do these passages relate to this truth? **(Holiness is seen through the love of God being displayed in our lives (1 Corinthians 13:1-3) and through the fruit of spirit being displayed in our lives (Galatians 5:22-23). Gifts and abilities cannot replace character.)**

2. Necessary for salvation (What is necessary for salvation? – Romans 10:9-10)  
**(To confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and to believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead.)**

3. Overnight solution to every spiritual problem (John 17:17) (Sanctification comes from - **(The Truth of God's Word)**)

### III. Holy Spirit in the Believers Life

A. John 14:16-17 - The Holy Spirit abides **(with)** you.

B. John 14:16-17 Jesus said the Holy Spirit will be **(in)** you! (also see Romans 8:9-11)

1. Remember He's a person. (As a Christian this person lives within you!)

C. Acts 1:5-8; 10:45 The power of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is said to be associated with the Holy Spirit coming **(“upon”)** us.

(“with us, “In” us and “upon” us)

1. Baptized – means “to dip” “immersed” (Think of that image – fully immersed)
2. Example– Water in a Cup (“In” = Up to the brim) (“Upon” = Overflowing)
3. Example - Electricity in a Room (Power is inside) (Switch on – Power shines forth)

4. Since the Holy Spirit is a person, when He is in you, all of Him is in you. The baptism in the Holy Spirit involves a greater yielding to Him so that He is not only inside us but is allowed to overflow us and shine forth through us!

#### IV. Foundational Principle and Motive

- A. We need to die to **(sin)** and the **(flesh)** as a part of yielding to the Holy Spirit.  
(Romans 6:1-11)
- B. Our motive for seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit should be ? (Acts 1:8)  
**(To be a witness for Jesus Christ)**

#### V. Receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- A. **(Jesus)** is He who baptizes people in the Holy Spirit. (John 1:32-34). When we seek we must seek Him, not just an experience.
- B. Since the baptism of the Holy Spirit is in the spiritual realm it is important before seeking for it that we renounce all previous activity in the occult or related activities.
- C. Acts 2:4; 4:29-31; 10:44-46; 19:6 What is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit that is seen in these passages? **(Those who received the baptism in the Holy Spirit spoke in an unknown (or heavenly) tongue.)(An unlearned language)**
- D. Many ask, “why tongues?” James 3:2-12 sheds some light on this. What is it?  
**(The tongue is the most unruly member of the body. If we can yield our tongue to the Holy Spirit we can yield our entire body (or self) to the Holy Spirit.)**  
(Also, speaking in tongues is definitely a humbling experience demanding childlike faith.)

1. Yielding ourselves totally to the Spirit of God within us is a key to being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. (Note the related principles found in these passages.)

- a. Romans 12:1 **(We should present our bodies as a living and holy sacrifice to God)**
- b. 1 Corinthians 1:25-27 **(God's power and wisdom flows through humble vessels)**

E. Ask Jesus for this Gift – (Matthew 7:7-11 & Luke 11:9-13) In faith believe that by grace you will receive what you ask for. (Also note Luke 11:5-8)

**(Jesus explained that we should be persistent in asking, knocking and seeking as we ask God, believing that He answers. Luke specifically speaks of asking for the Holy Spirit.)**

## VI - Is this for today?

Notice the things that the Apostle Paul says about this in 1 Corinthians 14:5, 18 & 39

**(He said that he wished they would all speak in tongues and prophecy. (v.5) He says that he spoke in tongues more than those he wrote to (v.18) and that we should not forbid to speak in tongues. (v.39))**

1 Corinthians 13:8-12 - When does this passage say that tongues will cease? **(When the perfect comes)** What else will cease at that time? **(knowledge)** and **(prophecy)** When Paul says that these things will cease or be done away with when “the perfect comes” we need to ask what he means by the phrase “when the perfect comes”? Some have said that this refers to completion of the Bible. If this is true then tongues, special knowledge and prophecy have all ceased. Another understanding of this phrase is that it refers to when Jesus comes again and we lay aside these physical bodies and receive our eternal, spiritual bodies. It appears from verse 12 that this is what is meant here. (see also 1 John 3:1-2) If this is the case then neither tongues, special knowledge, or prophecy have ceased. These gifts or manifestations of the Holy Spirit through the lives of Christian believers are still available and valuable today.

Concluding Thought – Jesus’ gift to us when He returned to the Father was the Holy Spirit! What a great gift the Holy Spirit is! Seek the full measure of His working in your life!

