

STUDY FIVE

HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

The baptism of Holy Spirit is a definite experience whereby the born again believer is anointed with power for service. This act of grace is vital and central for effective Christian walk, worship and victorious living

Before His departure, Jesus told His disciples to go back to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit Which God had promised; He would pour on them in Act 2:1-4. We need the fulfillment of the promise. This out pouring of the Spirit is called Holy Spirit baptism.

The doctrine is scriptural (Matt 3:11, Act 1:8). The baptism takes place after conversion (Luke 24:45-49, Acts 8:14-16). It is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophesy (John 14:16-26). It is being filled by the endowment of the Holy Spirit, who is the third person of the Trinity God (Acts 2:1-4). It marked the beginning of the church of Age and should be the pattern today.

WHO CAN RECEIVE?

Everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus (Acts 2:38-39, Act 10 :44-47, Act 10:44-47). It is happening today too.

PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

- a) Power of service (Acts 1:8). Anointing or unction; 1John 2:20,27, Acts 10:38
- b) Prayer and revelation (Rom 8:26, John 14:15-28, 16:13-15).
- c) Gift of God (Joel 2:28, 1 Cor 12:7-11, 1 Cor 14 :14-15)
- d) For consecration, victory over sin, devil and the world

PRIMARY OUTWARD EVIDENCE

Speaking in tongues – Act 2:4, Acts 10:42-46,19:6. (To give the initial evidence, this may be followed by the other manifestations like prophesying.)

It is our duty to seek the filling of the Holy Spirit – (Eph 5:18, Acts 1:4, Zech 10 :1). We however should not just seek tongues but the Holy Spirit Himself.

STEPS TO RECEIVE HIM

- a) New Birth- (Acts 2:38)
- b) Confession of all known sins – (1 John 1:8-9)
- c) Any demonic relationship, should be denounced Exo 20:4-5
- d) Ask in faith Deut 7:25
- e) Ask Jesus the baptizer Lk 11:11-13
- f) Must be willing to obey Him. Lk 24:49, John 7:17
- g) Allow God to control your spirit and let the Holy Spirit use your tongue.

MEMORY VERSE: "For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence." Acts 1:5