

EMPOWERING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? Serving in ministry is a supernatural work that requires supernatural power. Oftentimes we are trying to accomplish this work in our own flesh. In this workshop we will answer the questions: What is this supernatural power? How do we receive this supernatural power? What are we able to accomplish with this supernatural power? “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” Says the LORD of hosts

(4) "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ... (6) "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. (7) "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ... (9) "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. (10) "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. - John 15:4, 6-7, 9-10 NKJV

(16) "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- - John 14:16 NKJV

(13) By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. - 1 John 4:13 NKJV

(27) But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. - 1 John 2:27 NKJV

Introduction

(6) So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. - Zechariah 4:6 NKJV

If you've been around Calvary Chapel for any length of time, you've heard this verse mentioned many times. Calvary Chapel began by a work of the Spirit. Our desire is that it continues that way.

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We are going to look at a very important subject - “The Empowering of the Holy Spirit.” This is only one part of the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit. The subject of the Holy Spirit is so broad that it would be impossible to cover the entire subject in 1 hour. As a matter of fact, the Bible Colleges devote entire semesters to this subject.

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit includes such topics as:

- The Work of the Holy Spirit
- The Ministry of the Holy Spirit
- The Fruit of the Spirit
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Offenses against the Holy Spirit

- The Gifts of the Spirit
- The Nature of the Holy Spirit
- The Spirit in the Life of Ministry of Jesus
- The Spirit in the Church

The subject of the Holy Spirit can also be intimidating depending on your background, knowledge and understanding of the Holy Spirit. That’s why it’s important for us to know what we believe and why we believe it. Today, we are going to look at part of what the Bible says about:

- THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- THE EMPOWERING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Along with the Word of God, there are many resources on the subject of the Holy Spirit that line up with what we believe and help explain The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

Resources:

- “*Doctrines - A Simplified Roadmap of Doctrinal Truth*” by Raul Ries
- “*The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*” by R.A. Torrey
- “*Calvary Chapel Distinctives*” by Chuck Smith
- “*Living Water*” by Chuck Smith
- “*Charisma vs. Charismania*” by Chuck Smith
- “*Foundations of Pentecostal Theology*” by Guy Duffield & Nathaniel Van Cleave

When you are studying the subject of the **Doctrine of the Holy Spirit** it is sometime referred to as - “**Pneumatology**”

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Greek words “*pneuma*” meaning “*spirit*” and “*ology*” meaning “*knowledge*.”

As Christians we believe the Holy Spirit to be:

- 1) Distinct Person within the Triune Godhead (Father, Son & Holy Spirit)*
- 2) Distinct from the Father and the Son*
- 3) Possessing All the Attributes of Personhood*
- 4) Possessing All the Attributes of Deity*

Why is this important? Not everyone is in agreement on the Person of the Holy Spirit, His Role and His function. When we look at the different religions and cults that believe/acknowledge the Holy Spirit, we can expect them to disagree with our beliefs on Holy Spirit.

When can also look at the different “Christian” groups and their views and beliefs on the Holy Spirit.

For sake of time, we are just going to dive in and discuss briefly the Person of the Holy Spirit.

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I. The Person of the Holy Spirit

In order to completely understand the Work of the Spirit, it's important to know the Person.

The Definition of Person

By "person," we mean one who has their own identity or individuality as a rational being. They are conscious of their own existence.

When we say that the Holy Spirit is a person some assume that He has eyes, feet, and hands. But these are not the marks of a person. The marks of a genuine person are **knowledge, feeling, and will.**

- He has the characteristics of a person.
- He acts like a person.
- He is treated as a person.
- He has the ministry of a person.
- He is mentioned in connection with other persons.
- He is the Third Person of the Trinity, and therefore, is personal.

"If the Holy Spirit is a person, and a divine person, and we do not know Him as such, then we are robbing a divine being of the worship and the faith and the love and the surrender to Himself which are His due. - **R.A. Torrey**

It is important that we understand who the Holy Spirit is.

A few of the characteristics of the Person of the Holy Spirit are - He is portrayed as a thinking being, a being who has a mind, an emotional being, and a volitional (or choosing) being.

The Characteristics of a Person

A. The Holy Spirit Is a Thinking Being

*(10) But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. **For the Spirit searches all things**, yes, the deep things of God. (11) For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. - 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 NKJV*

The Holy Spirit thinks, searches, and uses reason. These things imply personality.

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1. The Holy Spirit Has a Mind

(27) Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. - Romans 8:27 NKJV

- i. *The word “mind” has the idea of thought and purpose. These are attributes of personality.*

B. The Holy Spirit Is an Emotional Being

The Holy Spirit not only thinks like a person. He has feelings like a person.

1. He Can Give and Receive Love

- i. *The Holy Spirit can give and receive love. Paul wrote to the Romans of the love of the Spirit.*

(30) Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me, - Romans 15:30 NKJV

2. The Holy Spirit Can Be Grieved

- i. *He also can be affected by the acts of others. He can be grieved.*

(10) But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them. - Isaiah 63:10 NKJV

(30) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. - Ephesians 4:30 NKJV

The Holy Spirit is grieved by sin. The fact that He can be grieved demonstrates personality. Indeed, one cannot grieve or influence an impersonal force.

3. The Holy Spirit Can Be Insulted

(29) Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? - Hebrews 10:29 NKJV

He responds emotionally the way that a person responds.

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4. The Holy Spirit Has the Ability to Choose

After listing the various gifts of the Spirit such as wisdom, knowledge, miracles, and prophecy, Paul links them to the Holy Spirit who gave them. However the Holy Spirit not only gives the gifts, He gives them according to His will. The fact that the Holy Spirit has a will to choose shows personality.

(11) But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. - 1 Corinthians 12:11 NKJV

- i. Just as God the Father has a will, so does God the Holy Spirit.*
- ii. These attributes are consistent with personhood. Therefore, we see that the characteristics ascribed to the Holy Spirit—thought, a mind, feelings, choice—are attributes of a person.*

As you continue to study the Person of the Holy Spirit, you will see:

He acts like a person.

He is treated as a person.

He has the ministry of a person.

He is mentioned in connection with other persons.

He is the Third Person of the Trinity, and therefore, is personal.

The Father and Son are personal beings and the Holy Spirit is treated in the same manner and assumed to be a person. Thus, if the Holy Spirit is God, and God is personal, then the Holy Spirit must be personal.

I. The Person of the Holy Spirit

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II. The Work of the Holy Spirit

A. In Relation to the Humanity as a Whole

B. In Relation to Jesus Christ

C. In Relation to the Believer

1. In Salvation

i. Born again of the Holy Spirit

(5) Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (6) "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** - John 3:5-6 NKJV

(9) **But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.** Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. - Romans 8:9 NKJV

a. Body is now the temple of the Holy Spirit

(19) Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you,** whom you have from God, and you are not your own? - 1 Corinthians 6:19 NKJV

ii. The Holy Spirit bears witness that you belong to the Son

(10) **He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself;** he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. - 1 John 5:10 NKJV

(16) **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit** that we are children of God, - Romans 8:16 NKJV

(6) And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts,** crying out, "Abba, Father!" - Galatians 4:6 NKJV

iii. The Holy Spirit baptizes the believer into the Body of Christ

(12) For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. (13) For **by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. - 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 NKJV

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This is not to be mistaken with The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

iv. The Holy Spirit seals the believer

*(13) In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,** (14) who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. - Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV*

*(30) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by **whom you were sealed** for the day of redemption. - Ephesians 4:30 NKJV*

*(19) Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, **having this seal:** "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." - 2 Timothy 2:19 NKJV*

2. Subsequent to Salvation

i. The believer is sanctified by the Holy Spirit

*(13) But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because **God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit** and belief in the truth, - 2 Thessalonians 2:13 NKJV*

*(2) elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **in sanctification of the Spirit,** for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. - 1 Peter 1:2 NKJV*

ii. The believer is enabled to mortify (discipline) the flesh through the Holy Spirit

*(5) For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. (6) For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (7) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. (8) So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. (9) But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. (10) And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (11) But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (12) Therefore, brethren, we are debtors--not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. (13) For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but **if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.** - Romans 8:5-13 NKJV*

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This can only be done with the help of the Holy Spirit (Not by might, nor by power).

iii. *The Holy Spirit transforms the believer into the image of Christ*

(18) But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. - 2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

iv. *The Holy Spirit strengthens the believer for greater revelations of Christ*

(16) that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, (17) that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, (18) may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- (19) to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. - Ephesians 3:16-19 NKJV

v. *The Holy Spirit leads the sons of God*

(14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. - Romans 8:14 NKJV

(18) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. - Galatians 5:18 NKJV

(13) "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. - John 16:13 NKJV

vi. *The Holy Spirit performs the office of the Comforter*

(16) "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- (17) "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. (18) "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. - John 14:16-18 NKJV

(26) "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. - John 14:26 NKJV

(26) "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. - John 15:26 NKJV

(7) "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. (8) "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: (9) "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; (10) "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you

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see Me no more; (11) "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. (12) "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. (13) "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. (14) "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. (15) "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. - John 16:7-15 NKJV

vii. The Holy Spirit brings fruit into the believer's life

(22) But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. - Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV

(13) Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope **by the power of the Holy Spirit**. - Romans 15:13 NKJV

(8) For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (9) **(for the fruit of the Spirit** is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), - Ephesians 5:8-9 NKJV

3. In Connection with the Believer's Ministry and Service

The Holy Spirit has a great part in empowering the believer for a life of ministry and service in the work of the Kingdom of God. Spiritual ministry and service is accomplished by the work of the Holy Spirit rather than any human ability.

(6) So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, **but by My Spirit,**' Says the LORD of hosts. - Zechariah 4:6 NKJV

i. The Holy Spirit baptizes and infills the believers, giving them power for service

ii. A supernatural work needs supernatural power

(49) "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem **until you are endued with power from on high.**" - Luke 24:49 NKJV

(8) "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 NKJV

It is necessary to be equipped

This baptism is important that men might have the necessary spiritual power to carry on the ministry which has been committed to them.

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If you're not equipped spiritually, you are operating in the flesh.

iii. The Holy Spirit reveals and gives understanding of the Word of God

(21) for prophecy never came by the will of man, but **holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.** - 2 Peter 1:21 NKJV

iv. The Holy Spirit helps the believers to pray

(26) Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but **the Spirit Himself makes intercession** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (27) Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. - Romans 8:26-27 NKJV

(18) **praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,** being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- - Ephesians 6:18 NKJV

(20) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, **praying in the Holy Spirit,** - Jude 1:20 NKJV

v. The Holy Spirit gives power for preaching the Word of God

(4) And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, **but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,** - 1 Corinthians 2:4 NKJV

(5) For our gospel did not come to you in word only, **but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit** and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. - 1 Thessalonians 1:5 NKJV

vi. The Holy Spirit gives the believer spiritual gifts for ministry to others

(4) **There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.** (5) There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. (6) And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. (7) **But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:** (8) for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, (9) to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, (10) to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. (11) **But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.** - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 NKJV

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(6) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; (7) or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; (8) he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. - Romans 12:6-8 NKJV

(11) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, (12) for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, - Ephesians 4:11-12 NKJV

4. In Connection to Resurrection

i. He will raise the bodies of believers in the last day

(11) But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. - Romans 8:11 NKJV

The work of the Holy Spirit is vast. He works in the life of unbelievers (humanity as a whole), He was working in the life and ministry of Jesus and He is working the life and ministry of the believer today.

I. The Person of the Holy Spirit

II. The Work of the Holy Spirit

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III. The Empowering of the Holy Spirit

It has been said that the promise to the world is: “that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16) but the greatest promise to the church is: “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you” (Acts 1:8).

The Empowering / Baptism / Filling / Overflowing of the Holy Spirit is the source of power for the Church today. Unfortunately “the Church” has gone away from relying on the power of the Spirit and has begun to rely on the works of the flesh to do ministry. They have begun to rely on their intellect, programs and the latest fads to grow and maintain the church. Paul says in Galatians 3:3 -

*(3) Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?
- Galatians 3:3 NKJV*

The church, which was begun in the Spirit, is trying to be perfected by the flesh. If the church continues this way, the church will not last! If the church is going to continue, it must continue in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Those of us who are leaders in the church, we must be empowered by the Holy Spirit to do this work. If we are not, we will continue to operate in the flesh.

If the Holy Spirit would have left the early church, 90% of the work would have stopped. Today if the Holy Spirit left the church today, only 10% of the work would stop. - **A.W. Tozer**

Why is this? Because the church continues to operate in the flesh. In order to do a supernatural work, you must have supernatural power.

Many people / churches believe in The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit but not the Empowering of the Holy Spirit. There is a definite distinction between the two.

Pentecostals believe the gift of tongues is the sign that a person has experienced the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Here at Calvary Chapel we believe that tongues is one of the signs that a person has been baptized by the Holy Spirit but not “The Sign.”

We believe the evidence / fruit that someone has been baptized with the Holy Spirit is Love.

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(31) *But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet **I show you a more excellent way.** - 1 Corinthians 12:31 NKJV*

(1) *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but **have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.** (2) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but **have not love, I am nothing.** (3) And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but **have not love, it profits me nothing.** - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NKJV*

(22) *But **the fruit of the Spirit is love,** joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, - Galatians 5:22 NKJV*

(7) *Beloved, **let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.** - 1 John 4:7 NKJV*

At Calvary Chapel when we talk about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, we discuss the three-fold relationship between the Holy Spirit and the believer that is represented by three Greek prepositions - 'para', 'en', and 'epi.'

(16) *"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide **with you** forever-- (17) "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 14:16-17 NKJV*

"With you' speaks of the 'para' relationship, the coming alongside. The 'en' in the phrase 'in you' is equivalent to our English preposition 'in' as in "He is going to dwell in you."

"We believe that the Holy Spirit is dwelling with a person prior to conversion. He is the One convicting him of his sin, convincing him that Jesus Christ is the only answer. The Holy Spirit is constantly testifying of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come. We also believe that the moment a person receives the witness of the Holy Spirit, Jesus takes away his sin. When anyone invites Jesus to come into his heart, to take over the rule and control of his life, we believe that the Holy Spirit then comes into that person's life. He is with each one of us to bring us to Christ, and when we come to Christ, He begins then to dwell in us." - **Calvary Chapel Distinctives, Chuck Smith**

(8) *"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 NKJV*

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“That is God's ideal and plan, that my life be the instrument through which He can reach the world around me as the Spirit flows forth, as the dynamic of the Spirit goes forth out of my life”
- Calvary Chapel Distinctives, Chuck Smith

Let's look a little bite deeper into the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

A. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

1. What is it?

- i. *The name given in Scripture when the Holy Spirit comes upon (empowers) the lives of Christian men and women.*

(11) "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- Matthew 3:11 NKJV

(8) "I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mark 1:8 NKJV

(5) "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." - Acts 1:5 NKJV

- ii. *When the Third Person of the Godhead comes upon the believer to anoint and empower them for special service.*

- a. This is a supernatural experience not man made.
- b. It's the work of the Spirit not a work of the flesh. (Not by might, nor by power)

- iii. *The Promise of the Father*

(49) "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." - Luke 24:49 NKJV

(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; - Acts 1:4 NKJV

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iv. *A gift*

(38) Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive **the gift of the Holy Spirit.** - Acts 2:38 NKJV

(32) "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is **the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.**" - Acts 5:32 NKJV

- a. The Holy Spirit is a free gift of God's grace. It's up to us to freely receive it.

v. *A command given to every believer*

(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; - Acts 1:4 NKJV

(18) And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit,** - Ephesians 5:18 NKJV

B. What Is the Purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

1. Power for Service

(29) "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, (30) "by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." (31) And 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 4:29-31 NKJV

2. Power for Spiritual Warfare

(3) For though we walk in the flesh, **we do not war according to the flesh.** (4) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, (5) casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, - 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NKJV

(4) You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.** - 1 John 4:4 NKJV

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3. Power for “Overflow”

As believers, “The power is to flow out” of us. We are vessels the Lord desires to fill with His presence and His power to reach others.

C. Who Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for?

1. For all who believe

It is for every person who believes on Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. It doesn't matter the persons age, race, tribe or tongue. The only requirement is that you must believe.

D. What Are the Conditions To Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

1. Repentance from sin

*(37) Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (38) Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; **and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**. - Acts 2:37-38 NKJV*

2. A deep conviction of need

(6) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. - Matthew 5:6 NKJV

*(37) On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "**If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink**. (38) "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (39) But this **He spoke concerning the Spirit**, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. - John 7:37-39 NKJV*

*(1) To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of the sons of Korah. As the deer pants for the water brooks, **So pants my soul for You, O God**. - Psalm 42:1 NKJV*

E. How To Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

1. By faith

*(14) that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that **we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith**. - Galatians 3:14 NKJV*

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(39) But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. - John 7:39 NKJV

(6) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. - Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

2. By yielding yourself completely to Christ

i. Death to self (will)

As believers, if we want our lives to be filled / empowered by the Holy Spirit, it cannot be filled with anything else. We need to be emptied of ourselves / the world before we can be filled with the Holy Spirit.

F. The Manner in Which the Baptism of the Holy Spirit Is Received

1. Suddenly, while sitting and expecting Him to come

(1) When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. (3) Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. - Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

2. Instantly and unexpectedly, while listening to a sermon

(44) While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. (45) And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. (46) For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, - Acts 10:44-46 NKJV

3. Through prayer and the laying on of the apostles' hands

(14) Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, (15) who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. (16) For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (17) Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. - Acts 8:14-17 NKJV

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*(17) And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and **laying his hands on him** he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be **filled with the Holy Spirit**." - Acts 9:17 NKJV*

*(6) And when **Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them**, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. - Acts 19:6 NKJV*

4. Through the seeker's personal prayer and faith

*(9) "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (10) "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. (11) "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? (12) "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? (13) "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!**" - Luke 11:9-13 NKJV*

*(37) On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. (38) "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (39) But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom **those believing in Him would receive**; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. - John 7:37-39 NKJV*

G. The Evidence and Results of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit Is Received

Again, some churches / denominations believe that the gift of tongues is the initial evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

We believe the evidence / fruit that someone has been baptized with the Holy Spirit is Love.

The story is shared of Billy Graham who prayed and prayed for the gift of tongues. He never received that gift. Does that mean he was never filled with the spirit?

These are some evidences that a person has experienced the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

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1. A new and deeper love for Jesus

(21) "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." (22) Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" (23) Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him." - John 14:21-23 NKJV

(17) that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, (18) the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, (19) and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power (20) which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, (21) far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. (22) And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, (23) which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. - Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJV

2. A deeper passion for lost souls

(19) But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. (20) "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." - Acts 4:19-20 NKJV

(8) And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. (9) Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. (10) And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. - Acts 6:8-10 NKJV

(28) Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian." (29) And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains." - Acts 26:28-29 NKJV

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3. A greater power to witness

(8) *"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 NKJV

(31) *And 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. (32) Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. (33) And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.* - Acts 4:31-33 NKJV

(4) *And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, (5) that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.* - 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 NKJV

4. A new power in, and spirit of, prayer

(4) *"but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."* - Acts 6:4 NKJV

(26) *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.* - Romans 8:26 NKJV

(18) *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--* - Ephesians 6:18 NKJV

5. A deeper love for, and richer insight into, the Word of God

(3) *"And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.* - John 16:3 NKJV

6. The manifestations of the Gifts of the Spirit

(4) *There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (5) There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. (6) And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. (7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: (8) for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, (9) to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, (10) to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. (11) But*

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one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 NKJV

As I mentioned at the beginning, The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit is so broad 2 hours is not enough time to cover it in detail. I pray the information you have received tonight helps you understand better the:

I. The Person of the Holy Spirit

II. The Work of the Holy Spirit

III. The Empowering of the Holy Spirit

Conclusion

Just as the Holy Spirit was present in the lives of those in the Old Testament & the New Testament, He is ever present in our personal lives and in our ministry. We are in need of His power to complete His work.

Give time to pray & confess. To empty ourselves before the Lord so we can be filled / empowered / baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Before we leave tonight I would like to give an opportunity for those who need are in need of a fresh filling to receive that or for those who would like to be baptized by the Holy Spirit to stand while we lay hands on you and pray for you.

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(10) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:10 NKJV

We are:

(3) Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. - Psalm 100:3 NKJV

(8) The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands. - Psalm 138:8 NKJV

(3) Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (4) Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (5) Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (6) "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. - John 3:3-6 NKJV

(5) Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ... (17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. - 2 Corinthians 5:5, 17 NKJV

(6) being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; - Philippians 1:6 NKJV

(13) for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. - Philippians 2:13 NKJV

(21) make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. - Hebrews 13:21 NKJV

Created

(17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. - 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

(10) and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, - Colossians 3:10 NKJV

Good

(16) "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:16 NKJV

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(10) that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; - Colossians 1:10 NKJV

(25) Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden. - 1 Timothy 5:25 NKJV

(21) Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. - 2 Timothy 2:21 NKJV

(17) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. - 2 Timothy 3:17 NKJV

(21) make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. - Hebrews 13:21 NKJV

Which

(4) just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, - Ephesians 1:4 NKJV

(29) For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. - Romans 8:29 NKJV

Walk

(1) I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, - Ephesians 4:1 NKJV

(1) There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. - Romans 8:1 NKJV

(6) He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. - 1 John 2:6 NKJV

We can't talk about the Work of the Spirit unless we know the Person of the Spirit.

It's important to note that the Holy Spirit is a person and not just a "Force" or "Essence."