

Pentecost

Acts 2:1–4 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.

What is Pentecost?

- **Exodus 23:14–16** “Three times you shall keep a feast to Me in the year: ¹⁵ You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread (you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt; none shall appear before Me empty); ¹⁶ and the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your labors which you have sown in the field; and the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you have gathered in *the fruit of* your labors from the field.
- **There are 3 feasts in the Bible:**
 - Passover – Jesus’ death Both dealing with deliverance
 - Feast of Harvest – Pentecost – the gift of the Holy Spirit – Both dealing with bringing in the harvest
 - Feast of Ingathering – Sukkot – Thanksgiving – Celebrating the finish of the harvest (I would not be surprised if Jesus returns during Sukkot)

In the New Testament, Pentecost is marked by the giving of the Holy Spirit

It is also where the church got it’s start, which is why it is related to the feast of Harvest – the beginning of the harvest.

- **Acts 2:40–41** And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is separate from salvation

1Corinthians 12:13 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.

- When we are saved, we receive the Holy Spirit
- When we are saved we get the entire Holy Spirit. There is no partial or getting more.
- Water baptism symbolizes joining with Jesus in His death, burial and resurrection. And is the sign of joining God's family just as circumcision was the sign in the Old Covenant.
- In this verse we just read, baptism is about being a part of the Kingdom of God – specifically, the church.
- Spirit baptism symbolizes surrendering to the Spirit of God in every aspect of your life (immersion in the Spirit)

Acts 10:43-47 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.” 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, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have*?”

- Peter is preaching to Gentiles.
- Before Peter is done preaching, people are being baptized in the Spirit.
- Peter realizes that they must have gotten saved already, so then they accept them in and baptize them.

2 questions from what we have looked at so far come to my mind:

1. Why tongues of fire in Acts 2, and why don't we see that every time people are baptized in the Spirit?

- a. Since no one knew what to expect, a visible sign had to be given. The fire resting on them spoke to the Holy Spirit now residing in them. The tongues spoke to the languages the Holy Spirit would be giving them.
2. Why did those of Cornelius' household just start speaking in tongues not knowing anything about it, while today we have to have teachings on it before asking for it. They didn't even ask!
 - a. Peter was preaching to Gentiles for the first time based on a vision that he had just had. God was confirming that Gentiles would receive salvation too. But there is no outward expression of salvation, but the gifts of the Spirit are outward expressions.

Both New Life (being born again) and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit were prophesied as separate events in the Old Testament

New Life

- **Ezekiel 36:25–28** Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*. ²⁸Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

Holy Spirit Poured Out

- **Joel 2:28-29** “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. ²⁹And also on *My* menservants and on *My* maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

There are believers that had not received the Holy Spirit:

- **Acts 8:14-17** 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.

What is the purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- Evangelism and Power
 - **Acts 1:8** 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 4:29–31** 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.

The Baptism opens us up to Spiritual Gifts

- **1 Corinthians 12:1** Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:
- **1 Corinthians 12:7-11** 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.

Differences between New Birth and Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- New birth is regenerative. Holy Spirit comes in you and makes you brand new. Spirit man is made alive with life of God in you. Holy Spirit abides in you. You get the whole Holy Spirit.
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit is divine empowerment. An immersion into the Holy Spirit.
- Salvation is you get the whole Holy Spirit
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the Holy Spirit gets all of you

Three key words: into, upon, fills.

Into

- **John 20:22** And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."
 - The breath of God goes into their spirits. This was actually them being born again. The indwelling, or new birth. This is exactly what God did to Adam.
- **2 Corinthians 1:21-22** Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, ²² who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
 - The Holy Spirit is in all believers

Upon

- **Acts 1:8** 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."
- It is a covering or immersion. The Holy Spirit coming upon you. This is not indwelling, but a covering.
 - This is not getting more Holy Spirit, but allowing the Holy Spirit not just on the inside, but on the outside as well. The Holy Spirit manifesting in our lives.

Filled

- **Acts 4:7–8** And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, “By what power or by what name have you done this?” ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel:
- A continual experience. One baptism, many fillings. The power of the Holy Spirit comes on for a specific moment for ministry. (Peter healing the crippled man) Of note – 5000 additional joined the church.

How do we receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- Just like everything else in the Christian life, it is received by faith.
 - **Acts 1:4-5** 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; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
- Sometimes people in the Bible got baptized by listening to a sermon and they believed and it just happened. Other times people laid hands on them and prayed that they receive the Holy Spirit and they did.
- I received it first by myself reading the Bible
 - Tell testimony

If anyone would like to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit I would be happy to pray with you.