

Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series

Section A: Why Do We Need a Greater Knowledge & Experience of the Holy Spirit?

Chapter 2A: The Larger Context – The Activities of the Holy Spirit: In the Bible

Bible Study - Prepared by: Gregory A. Weis

- I. Introduction – Placing the Baptism in the Holy Spirit Series in Biblical & Historic Context
 - A. The Kingdom of God & the Power of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament Scriptures

(Luke 11:20) If I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you. (HCSB)

Note: Discuss in the Context of Christ Overall Ministry & Beyond

(Luke 24:49) ... behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (Discuss in context Luke 24: 44-53)

(Acts 1:8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Discuss in context Acts 1:3-8)

(Romans 14:17) ... for the kingdom of God is ... in the Holy Spirit. (Discuss)

(1 Corinthians 2:4-5 & 4:20) My speech and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and power, ⁵ so that your faith might not be based on men's wisdom but on God's power. ^{4:20} For the kingdom of God is not in talk but in power. (HCSB) (1 Cor. 12:1; 14:1)
 - B. The Current Spiritual Climate in Western Christian Culture (See Ephesians 6:10-12; Daniel 10:13)
 1. Age of Unbelief: (Skepticism, Cynicism) Growing Trend from Enlightenment to Modernism
(Possibly some hope on the horizon with Post-Modernism)
 2. Cessationism: The Spirit of the Pharisees / Jesus loved the Pharisees, Priest, Etc. (See Acts 6:7)
(Book Suggestion: Quenching The Spirit by William DeArteaga)
- II. The Two Sections & Four Chapter Titles of this "Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series"
 - A. Section A: Why Do We Need a Greater Knowledge & Experience of the Holy Spirit?
Chapter 1: The Person & Ministry of the Holy Spirit
Chapter 2: The Activities of the Holy Spirit: In the Bible & Beyond
 - B. Section B: Following the Biblical Pattern
Chapter 3: Five Patterns From Five Examples
Chapter 4: Imparting & Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- III. Activities of the Holy Spirit: Old Testament, New Testament and Post-Apostolic Church History
 - A. Old Testament – Over 350 verses use Hebrew *ruwach*, *něshamah*, etc.
 1. Definition: Spirit, Breath, Wind, Imagery / Divine or Human (Must see context))
 2. Four Major Categories of Activities Include: (Not Exhaustive)
 - a. *Creates, Gives & Sustains Life*

(Genesis 1:1-2, 26) ... and the Spirit of God was moving... ²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;

(Genesis 2:7) Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (Gen. 7:22)

(Job 33:4) "The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.
 - b. *Speaks the Word, Fills and Anoints Prophets, Judges, Priest and Kings*

(Numbers 11:25) Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him; and He took of the Spirit who was upon him and placed *Him* upon the seventy elders. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do *it* again.

(2 Samuel 23:2) "The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue. (David's Summary)

(1 Peter 1:10-11) As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquiries,¹¹ seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. (Luke 24: 27, 44-49) (Hebrew 1:1ff) (2 Peter 3:2) that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles.

c. *Causes Regeneration / Calls / Equips / Empowers / Gifts / Ordains / Military Victories* (Psalm 51:10-12) Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.

(Exodus 31:2-4) "See, I have called by name³ I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *kinds of* craftsmanship, ⁴ to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, ⁵ and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all *kinds of* craftsmanship. (Exodus 35:30-32)

(Deuteronomy 34:9) Now Joshua the son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. (Num. 27: 18-19)

(Judges 3:9-10) When the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the sons of Israel ... Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. ¹⁰ The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. When he went out to war, the LORD gave ... king of Mesopotamia into his hand, so that he prevailed ... (See Judges 4:1-4; 6;34; 11:29; 13:25; 14:6; 14:19; 15:14 – Deborah; Gideon, Jephthah, Samson, Etc.)

(1 Samuel 10:6-10) Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them and be changed into another man. ⁷ It shall be when these signs come to you, do for yourself what the occasion requires, for God is with you.... ¹⁰ When they came to the hill there, behold, a group of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him mightily, so that he prophesied among them. (1 Samuel 16:14)

d. *Works Miracles, Healings, Raises the Dead, Demonstrates Miraculous Control of Nature – Patriarch's Blessings; Joseph's Dream's; Plagues; Parting Red Sea; Manna; Water from the Rock; 70 Prophecy; The Sun Stands Still for Joshua; Judges; Naaman the Leper; Elijah & the Widow's Jar & Son; Elijah & the Prophets of Baal; Elisha & the Water's of Jericho; Etc.*

B. New Testament – A Better Covenant (See Jeremiah 31:31-34 & Hebrews 7:22; 8:6; 12:24)

1. The Ministry of Jesus – Repeated All OT Miracles (Added Healing Born Blind & Expelling Demons) More Frequently: Healed Sick; Raised Dead; Calmed Waters, Walked on Water; Cleansed Lepers; Prophesied (Announcing & Inaugurating the Better Covenant – Fulfilling All) (Priest, Prophet and King)

2. The Book of Acts – Pentecost; The Promise of the Father; Joel 2 and to the Nations

3. The Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit – (1 Corinthians 12: 1-4; 7-11)

C. After the Apostles: Through the Centuries – To the Modern Pentecostal & Charismatic Movements
Quotes from: *Miracles And Manifestations Of The Holy Spirit In The History Of The Church* by Jeff Doles

IV. Conclusion: The Church needs to recapture all of the Manifest Presence, Dynamic Ministries and Gifts of the Holy Spirit to enable us to follow after & continue the ongoing, never changing ministry of Jesus Christ in the world.

(Hebrews 13:8) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

(1 Corinthians 12:1; 14:1, 39-40) ^{12:1} Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ^{14:1} Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. ³⁹ So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But all things should be done decently and in order. (ESV) (See Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Hebrews 10:29)



&



www.gcfdayton.org † <https://www.facebook.com/RockCampusFellowship>