

The Holy Spirit Series

Chapter 4: Imparting & Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

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I. Introduction – Review Parts 1 & 2 and Preview Part 3

A. In Light of the Ever Increasing Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Past Century.

Acts 3:21 ...until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.)

B. Part 1 – The Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit – His Nature & Role

C. Part 2 – The Baptism in the Holy Spirit: A Biblical Overview (Introduction)

1. The Nature of the Experience – “Baptizo”

2. A Distinct and Separate Experience from the New Birth – 5 Examples

3. Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit – Speaking In Tongues - 5 Examples

(Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-47) (Acts 8: 4-20) (Acts 9:1-19) (Acts 10:34-44; 11:1-21) (Acts 18:18-28; 19:1-6)

D. This Lesson – Sharing, Ministering or Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

II. Imparting and Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit (Practical Guidelines)

A. God’s Promise to Every Believer

1. (Acts 1:4-5) Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

(Read various translations; KJV & NIV.) (See also John 14:16-17, 25-26)

2. (Luke 24:49) "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

3. (Eph. 1: 13-14) In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

4. (Acts 2: 37-39) Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

5. (Luke 11: 9-13) ""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 "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? ¹² "Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 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?"

B. Common Hindrances to Receiving – Must Diagnose & Minister To These

1. Incomplete Conversions. (John 14:17) ...that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. (Biblically Complete Conversions; The Sugar Coated Gospel; Repentance, Lordship; Renunciation & A New Kingdom; NT Building Materials.)

2. Charlie Brown Syndrome. (See Luke 11: 9-13 in Point II B 4 Above)

3. Occult Involvement. (1 Corinthians 10:20-22) No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of

the Lord and the table of demons. ²² Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we? (Read Acts 19:19) (Read also 2 Corinthians 4:2)

4. Bitterness & Unforgiveness. (Matthew 6:12-15.) "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]' ¹⁴ "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions. (Combine Idea w/ Matthew 18:21-35)

(Matthew 18: 32-35) ""Then summoning him, his lord said to him, "You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ "Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ "And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. ³⁵ "My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."

5. Spirit of Unbelief. (2 Corinthians 4:4) (Explain - Soulical Fiber, Etc.) Natural Mindedness. Rationalism - Pseudo-Rational, Anti-Supernatural, Pseudo-Scientific A Priori Skepticism (Hebs. 4:12) (2 Corinthians 10:3-5) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, (2 Corinthians 5:7) (Hebrews 11:1) (Matthew 13:58) And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief. (Also Mark 6:5-6a) (Mark 9:19-25) (Romans 4:19-21)

C. How to Minister & / or Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit
(Read appropriate sections of "Did You Receive the Holy Spirit...?" Article)

1. Ask & Receive by Faith - Atmosphere of Faith (Trust). All progress is by faith.
2. Step of Faith - (Acts 2:4) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. (Explain.)

D. The Value of Speaking in Tongues -

1. Edification – Greek = *Oikodomeo*. To build up your house. (Building Spiritual Strength) (1 Corinthians 14: 4, 14, 17) One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.... ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁷ For you are giving thanks well enough, (Jude 20) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

2. Thanksgiving & Praise - (1 Peter 1:8) (1 Corinthians 14:17 – Above.)
(Acts 2:11) ...We hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."
(Acts 10:46) For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God.

3. Prayer – (1 Corinthians 14:14, 17 – Above.) (Jude 20 – Above.)
(Romans 8:26) In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;
(Ephesians 6:18) With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

III. Next Lesson: Beyond Speaking In Tongues - Growing in Gifts, Ministry & Fruit

Suggestions for Further Reading: See Foundational Book List – GRACE • CHRISTIAN • FELLOWSHIP



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