

Element 7Ph: Pattern of 5 First Steps into the Kingdom of Christ / Step 3 (Continued)

125th Lesson in the 8 Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series

Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series (2017 Version) – Section C: Imparting or Receiving Holy Spirit Baptism

Chapter 14B7: The Fourth of Five Common Hindrances to Being Baptized in the Holy Spirit - Unforgiveness & Bitterness

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I. Eight Essential Elements: List of the Eight Elements & Overview (Commenced 5/17/2005)

0. Intro: Proclamation / Pre-Evangelism / Disciples / Pole Fishing / Diagnostic Tools / 7 Missing Elements
1. God: Essential Biblical Attributes: (Non-Communicable & Communicable)
2. Man: Essential Biblical Attributes: (3 Issues / Culpability / Empowerment)
3. The 10 Commandments: (Exodus 20:1-17) & (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
4. Historical Narrative of Israel & Warning(s) of Eternal Cosmic Judgment: Gospel Presentations in Acts
5. Jesus Christ: Only Mediator: Intro to Christology: Bridge / Solution / Ministry / Atonement / Reign
6. Receiving Jesus Christ: (John 1:12-13) Responding: Key Components & Exchanges of Soteriology
7. The First 5 Steps into the Kingdom of Christ: The Biblical Pattern of Conversion (Exodus 25:8-9, 40)
8. Maturing in Jesus Christ: 3 Tools of Grace - Vital Growth Ingredients / Necessity of Discipleship

II. The Five First Steps into the Kingdom of Christ & Biblically Complete Conversions

Note 1: Understand the Critical Difference Between Today's Average Verses Biblically Normative. (Patterns)

• Majority of "Bible-believing" Western Christians have Experienced only 0 to 2 of these 5, but contemporary average Christian experience is not Normal, Normative or a Model Pattern, but sub-Biblical & sub-Normal.

1. Receiving Jesus Christ – John 1:12-13 (2 Ingredients of Receiving Jesus: Regeneration & Conversion)
2. Water Baptism: (Mark 16:15) (Acts 10:44-48) (Cf. Ephesians 4:4-6 w/ Hebrews 6:1-2) (**GCF Podcast**) (8 Ingredients of All Biblical Covenants: #5 - Ceremonies of Celebration, Enactment, Renewal & Remembrance.)
3. Baptized in the Holy Spirit: 7 Passages in N.T. "Baptized in the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13) (**2 Tim. 3:1-5**) ... ⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. (**Luke 24:49**) (**Acts 1:3-5, 8**) (See Joel 2:28-32 Quoted by Peter in Acts 2:14-21) (See Ezekiel 36:24-30)
4. Deliverance & Healing(s): Addictions, Demons – (Luke 10:18-20) (Matthew 15:21-28) (Acts 19:11-20)
 - a. Define 2 Aspects of Deliverance (Why Christians Need Deliverance)
 - b. Healings as Plural: (1 Cor. 12:9, 30 " ... gifts of healings ... both words are plural in Greek)
5. Entering a New Testament Lifestyle: (Acts 2:37-47) (Horizontal First & Then Vertical) (John 10:1-10)
 - a. Historical Spiritual Disciplines vs "Quit-Times" & Devotionettes. (Raisinettes / Anemic) (**Is. 50:4**)
 - b. Christian Community: Never settle for "going to church." (War w/out Training & Gear.) (**Is. 51:20**)

III. August 20, 2017: The Five (5) Most Common Categories of Hindrances / Obstacles

IV. Recently: Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series (2017): Section C: Imparting or Receiving Holy Spirit Baptism Chapter 14: Common Hindrances (Obstacles) to Being Baptized in the Holy Spirit (& Filling, Yielding, Etc.)

1. Incomplete Conversions: Contemporary Compromised & Confused Christianity (*Building Materials!*) Sugar Coated Gospel; Repentance Avoidance; Lordship; Renunciation; New Kingdom
2. Charlie Brown Syndrome: Arising from Performance Based Grace Plus Theologies (See Luke 11: 9-13) The Spirit of the Pharisees & the Galatians: Shame Based, Self-Focused vs. Christ Focused
3. Occult Involvement: (1 Corinthians 10:20-22) (Acts 19:19) (2 Corinthians 4:2)
4. Unforgiveness & Bitterness: (Matthew 6:12-15) (Matthew 18: 32-35)
5. Spirit of Unbelief: Natural Mindedness / Pseudo-Rational, Anti-Supernatural, Pseudo-Scientific, A Priori Skepticism (1 Corinthians 2:1-16) (2 Corinthians 4:4) (Hebrews 4:12) (Matthew 13:58) (Hebrews 11:1, 3 & 6) (Mark 9:19-25) (Romans 4:19-21) (2 Corinthians 5:7; 10:3-5)

V. Today: Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series (2017 Version):

Section C: Imparting or Receiving Holy Spirit Baptism (Continued)

Chapter 14: Common Hindrances (Obstacles) to Being Baptized in the Holy Spirit (& Filling, Yielding, Etc.)

Chapter 14B7: Unforgiveness & Bitterness (Brings Bondage, Banishes Blessings) (Curse & Chastisement)

A. Some Pertinent Scriptures: (Matthew 18:23-35)

(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. 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.

(Matthew 18: 23-35) ³² 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." (**Note:** Jesus does not teach today's "No Fault" God. Sanctions as Spiritual Laws.)

(Ephesians 4:29-32) ³⁰ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

³² Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

(Hebrews 12:14-17) ¹⁵ See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; ("comes short of" in NASB is "fails to obtain" in ESV) (**Joshua 7**)

(Ephesians 4:25-27) ²⁵ Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE OF YOU WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity. (Quoted from Zech. 8:16 & Psalm 4:4)

B. Vital Resource: *Total Forgiveness Experience: A Study Guide to Repairing Relationships* by R. T. Kendall

C. Definitions of Forgiveness:

1. What Forgiveness Is Not! / Humanistic Contemporary Forgiveness: (See R. T. Kendall – Chapter 3)
 - a. Excusing; Approving; Rationalizing; Understanding; Justifying; Minimizing; Pardoning or Denying
 - b. Reconciliation or Restoration of Fellowship (Balance of Power: Temporary to Permanent Separation)
2. What Forgiveness Is!!! / Tearing Up the I.O.U. (aka Canceling the Debt)
3. Praying for Blessing: (**Matthew 5:44-45** / See NKJV) (**Luke 6:27-28** / See NKJV) (**Romans 12:14**)
4. When to Go & When Not to Go (Balance of Power) (Should the Relationship Be Saved?) (Get Council)
5. Get It Done! (Make the Call; Set up the Appointment; Add to Prayer List)

(Ephesians 4:25-27) ²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. (ESV)

(2 Corinthians 6:1-2) Working together with him, then, we appeal to (urge) you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says, "In a favorable (acceptable) time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable (acceptable) time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (ESV / NASB)

D. Results of Unforgiveness:

1. Broken, Unreconciled Relationships:
2. Division: Families, Churches & More (Consider Need to Individuate, Launch, "Adulting")
3. Bitterness: Lack of Intimacy; Lack of Warmth; Negativity; Vocational Set Backs; Sickness; Chastisement

(Note: Recognizing the Chastisement of the Lord. (Hebrews 12:1-17, especially vss. 5-6. / Covenant Ingredients)

VI. Next Message: Obstacle # 5: Spirit of Unbelief: Natural Mindedness / Anti-Supernatural, A Priori Skepticism



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