

## Holy Spirit Week 3

### Week 3 of our series on the HS – Minor Prophets?

**Acts 1** - This is after Jesus' death, burial and resurrection

[4] And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; [5] for John baptized with water, but you will **be baptized with (IN) the Holy Spirit** not many days from now." [6] So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7] He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. [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." [9] And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. Acts 1

JESUS: "THE MISSION I HAVE FOR YOU IS **SO GREAT** THAT YOU NEED A GREAT POWER." **THE POWER MUST MATCH THE MISSION.**

**YOU NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COME UPON YOU, FILL YOU, BAPTIZED IN THE SPIRIT...**

*IOW: I have something for you to do, BUT FIRST...*

## **HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US POWER WITH PURPOSE**

Car with loud stereo system... What's the point of all that?

### **SO...they wait...**

[1] When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. [2] And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. [3] And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2 (ESV)

**Take a moment and notice the significance of the outpouring of the Spirit on day of Pentecost...**

- Pentecost is also known as the **Feast of Weeks** - because it is **seven weeks** plus one day (50 days in all) **AFTER Passover**
  - There is a **connection between Passover and Pentecost – 50 days – there must always be a connection between the work of Jesus and the work of the Spirit.**
- It also recalls one of the greatest events in history, **God's revealing of the law at Mount Sinai – forming a people**
  - Celebrate the giving of the Spirit – **needed in forming the people of God**
- Also known as the **Feast of Harvest**: it represents the firstfruits gathered as the result of the labor of those who completed the spring grain harvests in ancient Israel.
  - **FEAST OF HARVEST – purpose is to reach people!!**

**Jesus tells his disciples to wait for power – “Spirit come up on you” and “filled with the Holy Spirit” – phrases that are interchangeable with “receive the Spirit” and “the baptism in the HS”**

Look at **FIVE separate NT narratives**: Baptism in the Holy Spirit

### **3 times speaking in tongues is mentioned explicitly**

**1) Acts 2 – Pentecost – John 20:22** (Disciples have already received the Holy Spirit)

#### **2) Acts 10 - Cornelius' house**

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, 47 “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. **They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.**” 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days. Acts 10

#### **3) Acts 19 (Ephesus)**

1 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, **“Did you**

receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. 4 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. Acts 19

## 2 times speaking in tongues is referenced implicitly

### 1) Acts 8

14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. 15 When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come (**FALLEN**) on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.** 18 When Simon **saw** that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money 19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." Acts 8

**Tongues is not mentioned**, but since the language is the same as at Cornelius's house (fallen Acts 8:16; fell Acts 10:44), it's likely the Samaritans spoke in tongues, too. – John Piper

### 2) PAUL

(Acts 9:17 – Ananias) (1 Cor. 14:18 – I speak in tongues more than you all)

In the NT narrative, men like **Peter and Paul certainly seemed to recognize speaking in tongues is the physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit**

That's why some denominations and churches – including the AG – **teach that speaking in tongues is still the initial physical evidence.**

**Not everyone agrees with that view, but what everyone agrees on is this:**

**THE PURPOSE IS ALWAYS mission** – people on Pentecost hear the gospel in their own language...**always the advance of the Gospel**

Those people that **day represent areas** of the world that TO THIS DAY **are** **unreached, antagonistic to the gospel**, natural/spiritual/political enemies of the Jewish people – **GOD WANTED THEM TO HEAR!!!** **POWER WITH PURPOSE**

## What are some misconceptions about the baptism in the HS?

- **Necessary for salvation** or the dividing line between which Christians that have the HS
  - *Water baptism – baptized by a person IN water*
  - *At conversion – baptized BY the Spirit into the body of Christ*
  - *This baptism – baptized by Jesus in the Holy Spirit*
- Something we can **LEARN** or **MAKE HAPPEN**
- A sign of **God's approval** – settled at the **CROSS!**
  - Don't turn speaking in tongues into an idol
- The **only way** the Spirit prays through us
  - Our words, no words, his words
- A reason to **feel superior** to others – **1 Cor. 13:1 (not more important than the fruit of the Spirit!)**
  - There are OTHER views – we can partner with them for the sake of the gospel
- The **finish line...**

## Our ultimate hope is not in speaking in tongues.

Our ultimate hope is in the person and work of Jesus.

HAVING SAID THAT...The baptism is a gift that God gives, AS He wants and WHEN He wants. **The baptism in the Holy Spirit matters and it has great value.**

## The importance of the baptism in the HS and the beauty of praying in a heavenly language

- 1) The **baptism in the Holy Spirit is called the promise of the father** (Luke

24:49, Acts 2:33). This is something the Father has for us and wants for us.

- a. Not an easy day for everyone – **Hotchkiss, Houghtons, Al**
- 2) **Jesus told his disciples to wait for it** (Acts 1:4). If they needed it – WE NEED IT!
- 3) Jesus is the baptizer. **You may be unsure about the gift, but you can always be sure about the gift giver!** **CHEF – uses BEETS, I will eat it**
- 4) There is a **connection between the baptism in the Holy Spirit and boldness to be a witness for Jesus** (Acts 1:4-8).
- 5) Speaking in tongues...Helps **us pray when we don't have words...**
- 6) Speaking in tongues...We **pray God's perfect will** – in consensus with heaven
- 7) Speaking in tongues...**We build ourselves up (1 Cor. 14:4)**

## HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE BAPTISM???

### **There's no set formula for receiving the baptism.**

- In Scripture, it was received only by **Christians**
- Sometimes it involved **people praying** for each other
- **Being open to what** God wants to do in you, and through you, is a great spiritual attitude to have. IF IT'S FROM YOU – I WANT IT!! **John Piper**
- Everything thing we do as Christians and every gift we receive from **God is by faith**. According to Acts 2:4, the Spirit gives the utterance (the heavenly prayer language) and we, by faith, speak out those words up to Him in worship and prayer.
- Have a heart to live on mission – **why do you need the baptism if you aren't being his witness??**

### **Not looking for those who want to speak in tongues.**

**Looking for those that KNOW THEY NEED the Holy Spirit to help them live on mission – to be a witness for Jesus!**

### **Who needs/wants the power to be Jesus' witnesses?**