



KNOWING MORE OF THE SPIRIT

When Jesus left this earth He promised that He and His Father would send the Holy Spirit to those who believed in Him. Jesus said He would send someone **just like Him** to live in them and give them power to be witnesses for Him. That promise was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost just 10 days after Jesus had gone back to Heaven.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE EARLY CHURCH

✠ What happened when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples?

Acts 2:1-4 _____

✠ What difference did this experience make in the lives of these disciples?

Acts 4:13, 31, 33 _____

Acts 2:43; 5:16 _____

✠ How many came to believe in Jesus because of the testimony and witness of the disciples?

Acts 2:41, 47; 5:14, 6:7 _____

Just as Jesus had begun to teach with authority and heal the sick after the Holy Spirit came upon Him, we now see the same in the life of the disciples. They became powerful witnesses to the Lord Jesus. This was the beginning of the Church!

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

Often the Bible uses different words to tell us about the same thing. This is also true when we read about the coming of the Holy Spirit.

✠ What are some of the different words that are used in these verses?

Acts 1:5, 8, 2:4,17, 10:44 _____

🧠 Why do you think the Bible explains things in different ways?

In some verses the coming of the Holy Spirit on the believers is called the 'baptism with the Holy Spirit'. Why does it use these words? When a person is baptized in water they go under the water and every part of their body gets wet. That is what happens when a person is baptized in the Spirit. They are filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit and He is totally in control of their life – even their tongue!

✠ How did Peter know the Gentiles had also received the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Acts 10:44-46 _____

✠ What happened when Paul prayed for the believers in Ephesus?

Acts 19:5-6 _____

Often when people are baptized in the Holy Spirit they speak in a new language which is called 'tongues' or some refer to it as a 'love language'. Paul said he spoke in tongues more than others and wished that everyone did! (1 Corinthians 14:5, 18) Why did Paul say this?

✝ How can this gift of speaking in a new language or tongues help us in our Christian life?

1 Corinthians 14:2, 4, 15 _____

God often gives this gift when a person is baptized or filled with the Holy Spirit, to help them live in the power of the Spirit. This is why Paul said he used this gift so often.

(There is also the gift of speaking in tongues which is used in the church to bring a message from God to his people, but we will learn about that another time.)

HOW CAN WE RECEIVE?



If the early disciples needed the power of the Holy Spirit, then we do too! What should we do?

✝ How was Paul filled with the Holy Spirit?

Acts 9:17 _____

✝ Who is the One who fills or baptizes with the Holy Spirit?

John 1:32-34 _____

✝ What do we need to do to receive this baptism with the Holy Spirit?

Luke 11:13 _____ 1 Corinthians 14:1 _____

When we come to believe in Jesus the Holy Spirit begins to work in our lives, but God wants us to be baptized or filled to overflowing with His Spirit. He wants us to receive His power, just as Jesus and the disciples did, so we will be witnesses for Him. It may help you to have someone pray for you.

Come to Jesus and ask Him to fill you, and then receive from Him in faith. Ask, if you would like to, for that new language to help you worship God and walk in his power. Remember this is just the beginning – we need to live day by day filled with the Holy Spirit. A great man of God, Dwight Moody, once said; "I need to be filled with the Holy Spirit every day because I leak." And so do you!



What do you want the Holy Spirit to do in your life?
Share and pray for one another.

Memory Verse

"Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life.
Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you."

Ephesians 5:18