

VII. THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

All believers are entitled to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, therefore expect and earnestly _____ the promise of the Father, according to the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit was the normal experience for all believers in the early Christian Church. This promise should also be the experience for the modern-day church; to believe, to be baptized in water, and to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit comes the provision of _____ and productive service for victorious day to day living. [**a believer should have continuous victory over sin**] It also provides believers with specific spiritual gifts for more effective ministry. Luke 24:49

Jesus tells his disciples not to leave because they needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:1-8
This came to pass in the day of Pentecost Acts 2:1-4

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is _____ from salvation, and _____ or it should follow the new birth experience. Acts 8:14-17

With the baptism comes:

1. Such experience as an _____ fullness of the Spirit. John 7:37-39
2. A deepened _____ for God. Hebrews 12:28-29
3. An intensified commitment to God and _____ to his work. Acts 2:42
4. A more _____ love for Christ, for his Word, and for those who have not yet known him and accepted him.

Notes: _____

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DOCTRINE

Emphasis on the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a major focus of the Pentecostal movement. Some have felt that Pentecostals stress this doctrine and the person of the Holy Spirit to the neglect of the others members of the Trinity. And of the basic doctrines of the Christian faith, such as salvation and sanctification.

We believe that the Holy Spirit comes as a helper to help us in our walk and work as a believer. To anoint us to do the work that is before us as a believer and as a church. The experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit should be experienced by every believer in Jesus Christ.

ANSWER KEY: seek, power, separate, follows, overflowing, reverence, dedication, active. (Please look up/read all scriptural references)

VIII. THERE IS AN INITIAL EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The baptism of Christians in the Holy Spirit is accompanied by the initial _____ of speaking in other _____ [unlearned languages] as the Holy Spirit gives the audible expressions. Acts 2

This form of speaking in tongues is basically the **same as the gift of tongues**. 1 Corinthians 12:4-10, 28

The _____ is the **purpose** and **use**. The manifestation, can be observed in the life of every spirit filled believer at the initial infilling [baptism of the Holy Spirit], the **audible expression** of tongues should also continue to _____ in the spirit filled believer's _____.

However, the gift of tongues operates sometimes in public, many times during worship settings. This gift should be followed by the gift of interpretation. Both are given to believers and their **purpose** is for **spiritual benefits** of the **individual** and **the church**.

Notes: _____

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DOCTRINE

Some Christians teach that a Christlike character and the fruit of the spirit are better evidence of the baptism than speaking in tongues. They believe the baptism experience occurs at the time of salvation, without the manifestation or evidence of speaking in tongues. **In view of scripture, we maintain** that speaking in tongues is the initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit and that is separate from salvation

This belief is based on the five instances of such infilling recorded in the book of Acts chapters 2,8,9,10, and 19 from these passages and personal experience our church holds firm that the biblical pattern of the baptism is a separate work following salvation. It is always accompanied initially with the audible expression of tongues. While it's true the Holy Spirit dwells in every Christian at the time of salvation to convict of sin and point a person to Christ, this work of the Holy Spirit is different from baptism. Sadly, many Christians, because of the anti-Pentecostal teaching, fear, or lack the understanding, never open themselves to receive this wonderful gift. To some Christians the idea of speaking a language one has not learned is disturbing if not frightening. But to the millions of Pentecostals who have spoken in tongues under the leading of the Holy Spirit it is a precious gift, and like a gift, it must be received before its value and usefulness is personally realized. This is only accomplished through a willing, hungry, thirsty vessel who fully yields to the Holy Spirit and seeks the Baptism of FIRE, with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues.

ANSWER KEY: physical sign, tongues, difference, function, prayer life. (Please look up/read all scriptural references)