

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

God's desire is for every believer in Jesus Christ to receive the promise of the fullness, which is the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

The Holy Spirit was given to empower the believers to be faithful and effectual witnesses of Jesus Christ.

[38] "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

[39] "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." (Acts 2:38-39)

In Scripture the baptism of the Holy Spirit fell upon people by the preaching of the Word of God and through the laying on of hands by Spirit-filled believers.

[15] "Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:"

[16] "(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)"

[17] "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." (Acts 8:15-17)

And:

[44] "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word."

[45] "And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost."

[46] "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God..." (Acts 10:44-46)

As seen in the previous scripture, the evidence that people had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit was the act of speaking in tongues.

“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;” (Mark 16:17)

One must be born-again to see and enter the kingdom of God which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost (Rom. 14:17).

[3] “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

[4] “Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?”

[5] “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3-5)

The word “see” according to Strong’s Concordance is to know, be aware, and understand. The word “enter” is to arise, and come in.

One cannot know, understand, or come into the fullness of the kingdom of God without being born of the Spirit through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Through receiving Jesus Christ you have been reconciled to the Father and initiate conversion through repentance, which means to turn away from your sin unto Jesus Christ. We also need the regeneration by the Holy Spirit to fully come to the renewal of our spirit and soul by receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:9-11; Tit. 3:5).