

As a summary list, on how to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit:

- a. Be converted to Jesus Christ, *Ac 3:19*
- b. Confess and repent of all sin, and be cleansed in the Blood of Christ, *Rev 1:5; 1Jn 1:7*.
- c. Fully surrender to the Lord Jesus, *Lk 9:23*.
- d. Receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit as a free gift from God by faith, with thanksgiving, *Lk 11:13*

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CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS COURSE

Study Five: Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Purpose of this Baptism

The purpose of this baptism experience is to give every believer the **POWER** to live effectively as Christians and to help us share Jesus with others successfully.

What did Jesus tell His disciples to wait for, before preaching the Gospel? *Ac 1:4,5*

Why was it necessary for the disciples to receive this baptism? *Ac 1:8* _____

What is one of the main reasons for receiving this baptism with the Holy Spirit? *Ac 1:8*

What is to be the extent of our witnessing to Jesus Christ? *Ac 1:8*. _____

Who promised to send the baptism with the Holy Spirit? *Ac 1:4,5* _____

The impact of this wonderful experience is dynamically illustrated by the tremendous transformation in the lives of the apostles. Even though the disciples had been with Jesus for over three years, what were they like before they were filled with the Holy Spirit? *Mat26:56* _____

After Jesus' death on the cross, how secure and confident were His followers? *Jn 20:19*

What happened on the day of Pentecost? *Ac 2:1-4* _____

How many disciples were waiting for God's promise? *Ac 1:15* _____

But after the day of Pentecost, in *Ac2:1-4*, when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, what were some of the noticeable changes seen in *Ac 2:14* _____

Read *Ac 2:6-8,11*. Where were the 120 now? What were they doing? _____

How would you describe Peter's words on *Ac 2:36*? _____

What was the result? *Ac 2:37* _____

Whose power was at work? _____

As a result of the boldness and power of the preaching and miracles by the disciples, the religious leaders became angry, *Ac 4:1-13*. What was it that so impressed them? *Ac 4:13*

When they were told to stop it, *v18*, what was the reply by Peter and John? *Ac 4:19,20*

A Promise for Every Believer

The fulness and the baptism with the Holy Spirit is not reserved for the apostles or some elite Christians. God has no favourites! It is available to every believer. God had promised it to His people some 900 years before Christ came. According to *Joel 2:28-32* who can expect to be filled with the Holy Spirit? _____

The promise in *Joel 2:28-32* was initially experienced and partially fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost, *Ac 2:1-4*. According to Apostle Peter in *Ac 2:37-39* who else can claim this promise? _____

What was apostle Paul's desire for, and command to, every believer in *Eph 5:18*?

Evidence of this Experience

When a believer is filled with God's Holy Spirit something wonderful happens! Some supernatural signs are usually evident. Sometimes they happen instantaneously and at other times they come gradually. From the following passages what are some of the signs we can expect after we have been filled with the Holy Spirit?

Ac 1:8 _____

Ac 2:4 _____

Mk 16:17,18 _____

Ac 10:44-46 _____

Ac 19:5,6 _____

Ac 4:13 _____

Ac 4:20 _____

1Cor 12:7-11 _____

Hindrances to this Experience

Sometimes the sins of our former life can block us from fully and freely experiencing the fulness of the Holy Spirit in our life. Our past involvement with false religions or the occult can be a real blockage. This is usually due to demonic oppression which can only be dealt with through a sincere repentance, confession and renouncing them. For further help study the lesson on "Spiritual Warfare" and seek counsel from the leadership in your church.

Simon the sorcerer, *Ac 8:9*, believed in Jesus, *v13*, through Philip's ministry. However some of his past involvement in the occult continued to be a hindrance to his right relationship to the Holy Spirit, *v18-24*. What was the possible cause of this blockage? *Ac 8:20-24* _____

How to be Filled with the Holy Spirit

The Lord Jesus Christ is the only one who can baptise you with His Holy Spirit. *Mat 3:11*

What is the first step towards being made alive in the Holy Spirit? *Jn 3:3,5*

What is the gift that Jesus offers us? *Jn 4:10,14* _____

If we are thirsty and dry like it says in *Is 44:3,14*, what does Jesus offer to us? *Jn 7:37-39*

What is God the Father more willing to give us, than we are willing to give to those we love? *Lk 11:13* _____

How do we receive the Spirit of God? *Gal 3:2,14*. _____

How can other believers and ministries help us to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit? *Ac 8:14-17; 9:17; 19:6*. _____