

MISSION
MESSAGE
MEANS

THE HOLY SPIRIT--WHAT, WHY, HOW

Scripture: Acts 1:4-5

Introduction

It has always been God's desire to give men and women His best blessings--spiritual, physical, financial.

Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:10

It was this desire on the part of the Father and the Son which caused them to desire to send the Holy Spirit into the world--the third Person of the Trinity to dwell in and work through the individual Christian.

- I. What is the baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - A. Separate experience requisite to salvation
 1. Follows salvation like "B" follows "A"
 2. Separate from salvation

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye shall know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you

John 14:17

- a. Spirit dwells with you at salvation
 - b. Spirit dwells in you when baptized in the Holy Spirit
 1. No longer just a companion
 2. Now a vital part of your being
 - B. Spirit dwells in you: you dwell in the Him

You shall be baptized with--placed in, introduced into--the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:5 (Amplified)

MAN WITH MEASURING LINE

EZEKIEL 47

GODS MATH MATHEMATICS INVOLVE MORE THAN 2+2=4
IN GOD'S MATH 5 LOAVES + 2 FISHES = 5000 MEN FED
PLUS WOMEN & CHILDREN & 12 BASKETS OFFERED
GATHERED UP WHEN ALL ARE FILLED

I. What is the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

C. Evidenced by speaking in an unknown tongue

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:4

1. Evidence shown either directly or by inference in the Scripture

- Acts 2:4 a. Day of Pentecost—Directly stated
Acts 8 b. Samaritan believers--inferred--Simon offered money to be able to bestow the Holy Spirit by laying on of hands
Acts 10:46 c. Cornelius house--directly stated
Acts 9:17 d. Paul--directly stated--"I speak with tongues more than ye all

I Corinthians 14:18

- Acts 19:6 e. Ephesian believers--directly stated

2. Evidence necessary

II. Why do I need the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

A. Christ commanded that you receive it

1. Commanded (Acts 1:4)--Gr. "Paraggello"

- Used 30 times
7 times in
"Commands" 20 times
a. Used in Acts 4:18--And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all or to teach in the name of Jesus.--similar to a court order

- b. Word leaves no room for personal choice

2. Experience is expedient

- a. It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

John 16:7

- b. Christ deemed it more necessary for the believer to be baptized in the Holy Spirit than to remain with the believer himself.

- c. Holy Spirit completes Jesus' work

II. Why do I need the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

B. It will empower you as a Christian

1. As a witness

Parable of man
delivered from
demon possession
Body clean, swept
garnished,
but empty

But ye shall receive power, after
that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:
and ye shall be witnesses unto me....

Acts 1:8

2. To be an overcomer

And they overcame him by the blood
of the Lamb, and by the word of their
testimony.

Revelation 12:11

3. Note that overcoming is linked to your
testimony (witnessing)

III. How may I be baptised in the Holy Spirit?

A. Salvation is a prerequisite

1. One must accept Christ as Saviour

Neither is there salvation in any
other: For there is none other name
under heaven given among men whereby
we must be saved

Acts 4:12

2. Christ is the giver of the Spirit

And I will pray the Father, and He
shall give you another Comforter, that
he may abide with you forever

John 14:16

B. Unite your will with God's will for your
life

1. They were all with one accord in
one place.

Acts 2:1

2. There must be a unity of purpose and
desire

3. Make necessary consecrations

III. How may I be baptized in the Holy Spirit?

C. Begin to praise the Lord aloud

1. O thou that inhabitest the praises
of Israel.

Psalm 22:3

2. God inhabits (lives in) your praises

D. Yield to the Spirit as he tries to take
control.

EXERCISES OF OUR INHERITANCE

EDM 12.13-14