



I WANT MORE: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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Acts 2:1-4 NLT

1. Jesus Endorsed the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.

Mark 16:17 NLT

“And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

Luke 24:49 NLT

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 NLT

2. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit Is for Everyone

¹⁷ “‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy.’”

Acts 2:17-18 NLT

³⁸ Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

Acts 2:38-39 NLT

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1 Corinthians 14:5 NLT

3. The Church Was Born in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

Acts 2:41 NLT

Then he said to me, "This is what the Lord says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

Zechariah 4:6 NLT

4. Tongues Have a Biblical Purpose

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Acts 2:4 NLT

He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.

1 Corinthians 12:10 NLT

²For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious. ³But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. ⁴A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church. ⁵I wish you could all speak in tongues, but even more I wish you could all prophesy. For prophecy is greater than speaking in tongues, unless someone interprets what you are saying so that the whole church will be strengthened.

1 Corinthians 14:2-5 NLT

So anyone who speaks in tongues should pray also for the ability to interpret what has been said.

1 Corinthians 14:13 NLT

5. The Enemy Fights What Has Power

²⁶ And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

Romans 8:26-27 NLT

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Ephesians 6:18 NLT

But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jude 20 NLT

6. Being Filled Is a Lifestyle

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 NLT

How Do We Receive?

1. Recognize the Baptism of the Holy Spirit Is a Gift

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Acts 2:38 NLT

2. **Seek the Giver, Not Just the Experience**

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 6:33 NLT

3. **Respond When the Spirit Prompts**

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Galatians 5:25 NLT