

The Spirit and The Glory Study Guide

here is a God-designed, vibrant pathway of life intended for every one of His beloved children — a way of:

- *Fullness* (overflowing of the Spirit)
- Fruitfulness (service to others), and
- *Fulfillment* (joy through relationship)

THE PATHWAY...

once you know Jesus, the pathway to a life in the fullness of the Holy Spirit is open. It is important that we each discover what that life is and how we can walk forward in it. Let's hear Jesus' instruction:

Luke 24:49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."



It all began on the **Church's birthday**—the Day of Pentecost—in Jerusalem (30 AD). To see this promise for ourselves today, first look at how it was first given and fulfilled.

JESUS PROMISED:

- "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1:5b
- "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..." Acts 1:8a

Acts 2:1-4 shows how Jesus' promise was fulfilled:

- Sound rushing wind indicated sovereign power;
- Sign tongues of flame indicated glory-presence;
- Fullness they were all Spirit-filled;
- Gift all received a new capacity in a language of worship to God. Those who heard them said, "We hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God" (Acts 2:11).

PART I: Defining the Spirit-Filled Life

It is possible to know an intimate, continuing relationship with God through His Holy Spirit!

[4] Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (Jn. 14:6).

Jesus is the One who has broken the power of sin through His Resurrection, and as the Second Adam, restores us to a right relationship with God the Father (Rom. 5:14-15; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 45-48).

- **A.** <u>Before the Fall</u>, mankind enjoyed a special relationship with God through:
 - 1. A Special *Perspective* "clarity"
 - 2. A Distinct Ability "dominion"
 - 3. Unique *Communion* "daily talks" (See accompanying chart as a study aid.)
- Genesis 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over...all the earth..." So God created man in His own image...male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over...every living thing that moves on the earth."
- **B.** After the Fall, mankind experienced devastation. The *fruitfulness*, *fulfillment*, and *fullness* intended, were lost. Now, following new birth, the Spiritfilled life makes possible the reintroduction of those things lost, through:
 - Realizing who we were meant to be in His will, which brings clarity of perspective.
 - Seeing His way with clarity, which causes a willingness to walk with Him in obedience; and
 - Restored worship and joy in our witness (our lives evidencing the life of Christ).

Defining The Spirit-Filled Life In Christ

LOST

Unfallen Man as Created

(as the Father designed us to be)

When humankind were created, before the Fall, they enjoyed an unbroken fellowship with God, including:

- 1. A Clarity of *Perspective* to see God's will and understand His heart and mind; to be informed of God's will because His nature is seen without the clouding effect of doubt or fear.
- **2.** A Distinct *Ability* Gen. 1:26 They were placed in a realm of rule and privileged authority:
 - <u>Dominion</u> in the ability to control their environment without "things" dominating them; duty and service/responsibility.
 - Fruitfulness as enterprise/efforts become productive.
 - Multiplication as joys of domestic life/ family relationships are unhindered.
- **3.** Unique *Communion* daily relationship with God in communication; "daily talks" living in an abiding worship (gratitude for blessings and worship with transparency).

Questions for group discussion or personal study:

1. Is it necessary to "tarry" or wait for a long time to receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit?

To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to live in the relationship and resource of the Creator's original intention for humankind.

RESTORED

Spirit-Filled Life Potential

(as the new creation increases through us)

To see a reinstitution of life in the relationship and resource of the Creator's original intention for humankind:

- **1.** New *Perspective* The dreams and visions (Joel 2:28-32) are a point of renewed clarity of sight. The Word of God also becomes freshly alive (Eph. 1:17-18).
- **2.** New *Ability* Receive power (Gk., <u>dunamis</u> means ability); the Fruit of the Spirit give us power to live a Christlike life (Gal. 5:22-23):
 - Realm of responsibility is served with love and grace.
 - Productivity and responsiveness; faithfulness in our tasks.
- Relating to people with the grace of God in our relationships and multiplied joys of domestic potential.
- **3.** New *Communion*: Speaking in tongues a supernatural capacity for an intimate communion with God that transcends our human intellect; a resource to worship God and have greater intimacy in prayer.

2.	Describe the Spirit-filled utilizing the chart above:		your	own	words,
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Review of Part I:

Defining the meaning of "Spirit-fullness":

- Seeing (clarity of perspective)
- Serving (dominion in life)
- Seeking (communion in worship)

PART II:

Why has this experience become so important today?

The Spirit at Work in Your Own Life:

Acts 19:2 "Did you receive the Holy Spirit since you believed?"

The Apostle Paul was concerned that people not only know the marvelous blessing of God's forgiveness (being born by the Spirit); he also wanted them to know the fullness that could enhance every dimension of life.

Purpose: to expand and multiply the *life* of Christ through them (being baptized with the Spirit), as surely as the *love* of Christ had come to them.

Romans 8:9 A person's salvation is worked by the power of the Holy Spirit.

These references emphasize that the Holy Spirit <u>does</u> dwell in each person who has received Jesus as Savior. However, there's a difference between knowing the *blessing of God's salvation to you*, and knowing the *dynamic as it begins to flow through you*.

This is why Paul asked the question. He then instructed and prayed for them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Notice that they also experienced the same supernatural sign of speaking in tongues as at Pentecost (Acts 19:6; 2:4).

I. BASIC TERMINOLOGY

"Baptism with the Holy Spirit": John the Baptist introduces this term. In his Gospel, John shows Jesus as both:

- The Lamb of God (Savior), bringing forgiveness of sin and eternal life (John 1:29); and as
- The Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, bringing fullness of power for life and service (John 1:33).

II. TIME & TERMS

"Since (when) you believed" (KJV/NKJV). The older translation helps us note what the text clearly indicates — i.e., the difference between the *indwelling* of the Spirit (when Jesus is received as Savior) and the *over-flowing* of the Spirit (when Jesus does His work as Baptizer with the Spirit).

Note the biblical difference between:

A. Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

Everyone experiences this at the time of salvation — 1 Corinthians 12:13 "By one Spirit were we all baptized into one Body." The Holy Spirit is referred to as the One doing this "baptism."

- He first convicts us as God draws us to Jesus (John 16:7-11). Then,
- He is the One who immerses us (baptizes us) into Christ's Body (Ephesians 1:4-11; Romans 3:21-26; 5:1-2).

[Take special note of Pastor Hayford's illustration of who the agent is in each case: (i) the <u>Holy Spirit's</u> baptizing a believer into *Jesus Christ*; (ii) a <u>pastor/elder</u> baptizing a believer in *water*; and (iii) the <u>Lord Jesus Christ</u> baptizing the believer in the *Holy Spirit*.]

Separate from our new birth and entry into Christ's Body, there follows the promise of—

B. Baptism with the Holy Spirit:

This is the overflowing and empowering of the Spirit subsequent to salvation (John 1:29, 33). Here, <u>Jesus</u> is the One who is the Baptizer.

Acts 1:5 "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

- ☐ John 7:38-39a: "Out of his heart will flow rivers (Gk., Potamoi) of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive."
- Example of subsequent experience: Acts 8:14-17 Peter and John lay hands on the Samaritans and they receive the Holy Spirit after Philip led them to salvation.

III. DISTINGUISHING TWO PROMISES

Begin by seeing the contrast between "a well" and "rivers" in John's record of Jesus' ministry and teaching.

A. The <u>indwelling</u> joy of salvation:
Jesus promises "a well" of <u>indwelling</u> grace to satisfy you when you come to know Him as Savior —
"But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain (Gk., <u>pege</u>) of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).



B. The overflowing power of the Holy Spirit:

Jesus promises *rivers of grace* to flow out from you to others (John 7:37-39). With the <u>overflowing</u> of the Spirit, there are distinct qualities that have proven to take place in the experience of many:

- New <u>power</u> to serve/witness "You shall be witnesses" (Acts 1:8)
- New <u>pursuit</u> for growth in the Word The Scriptures become more precious; "The Comforter will show you..." (John 14:26); "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Ephesians 1:17-18).
- New <u>potency</u> in prayer "Praying in the Spirit" (Eph. 6:18); "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us" (Rom. 8:26).
- New <u>passion</u> for worship desire to worship from inner being. 1 Cor. 14:15 "pray with the spirit ... sing with the spirit" refers to intimacy and release in worship. (See also 1 Cor. 14:1; Phil. 3:3; Acts 2:11b.)

C. Maintain Spirit-fullness:



There is one "baptism with the Spirit," but we are called to many, ongoing refillings. [Example: See Peter "baptized in the Spirit" (Acts 2:1-4), and see him "re-filled" Acts 4:8.]

Ephesians 5:18-20 points the way to keep the fountain flowing by singing and worshiping!

1.	Are people who have not yet received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit still Christians?
2. _	List several things that we are "in Christ" (Eph. 1:4-11; Rom 3:21-26; 5:1-2).
3.	What is the difference between the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" and the "Baptism with the Holy Spirit"?

Questions for group discussion or personal study:

4. Is "being filled with the Spirit" only a one-time

event?

PART III:

When and How Is a Person to Receive This From God?

- Matt. 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." Righteousness is the enablement of God to make things right; God's energizing power working in us and through us, beyond human good works or self-righteous efforts.
- Ps. 42:1-2 "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God." Be open to an ability that transcends your own capabilities!

Steps of Simple Obedience:

Remember, as you open to the baptism with the Holy Spirit:

- 1. You are seeking a biblical experience which Jesus promised.
 - Acts 2:38-39 "You shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you..."
- 2. You are coming to **Jesus Himself** He is "The Baptizer."
 - John 1:33 "...this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit."
 - Acts 8, 10, 19 Irrespective of who may pray with you, Jesus is the One to whom you are coming.
- 3. You can expect to receive the **same Spirit** and the **same benefits** biblical believers received.

They worshiped at a supernatural dimension — they received a benefit of worship in other tongues.

- [John 14:16 "He will give you <u>another</u> Comforter."
- Luke 11:11-13 "If a son asks for bread, will he give him a stone? ... how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Where does "the spiritual language" fit into this experience?

<u>Expect</u> to receive spiritual language. It is not a requirement, it is a privilege! People will normally receive this blessing unless they have been taught to doubt it or to fear it.

- Acts 10:44-48 As Peter was praying for the Gentiles, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard and they began speaking with tongues and magnifying God.
- Acts 11:15 "the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us"

Note: In Acts 11:16 Peter linked the baptism in the Spirit to the benefit of speaking in tongues.

Why you may expect to receive the beautiful, enabling grace of speaking with tongues (spiritual language):

1. Because it's *biblical*;

(We have thoroughly covered this.)

- 2. Because it's beneficial;
 - ☐ Jude 20 "praying in the Holy Spirit"
 - 1 Cor. 14:15 "pray with the spirit and I will also pray with the understanding"
 - 1 Cor. 14:18 "I speak with tongues more than you all"
 - Acts 10:46 "speak with tongues and magnify God"
 - Acts 2:11b "wonderful works of God"
 - Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16 "spiritual songs"
- 3. Because it's *blessed*.
 - □ 1 Peter 1:8 "with joy inexpressible and full of glory."

As you come to Jesus in prayer...

Begin to praise the Lord openly in your own language. Remember, when you seek Him and praise Him, you can't do anything wrong! Come to Jesus like a little child, in trust and simple faith. Believe...and receive!

It is liberating to speak and sing audible praise to God. Be unafraid to allow the new language the Spirit

Regarding the debate as to whether or not speaking in tongues is the initial physical evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, the most important issue is that its value is so great to God that the day the Church was born everyone received this resource for worship and prayer at the same time they received the fullness of power for service and witness. The spiritual language is clearly beneficial and obviously to be desired, received, and exercised.

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Questions for group discussion or personal study:

1.	What are some of the benefits of spiritual language?
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2. Review the difference between the gift of tongues as a prophetic utterance in a public worship service and spiritual language as a personal devotional resource; as a spiritual assistance in prayer, praise, worship, and warfare.

Notice that 1 Corinthians 14:5 says that tongues + interpretation is equal to prophecy.

[Help with this and related questions abounds in Dr. Hayford's book, <u>The Beauty of Spiritual Language</u> (Thomas Nelson Publishers)—may be ordered through Jack Hayford Ministries.]

PART IV:

Maintaining this blessing as a part of "An Abiding Walk in the Spirit."

The blessing of spiritual language is a resource given to become an ongoing benefit:

- Eph. 5:18 Don't seek carnal satisfaction in the world-order of things that dissipate or distract from Christlikeness. Instead, "be filled with the Spirit" (Greek verb literally says, "keep on being filled with the Spirit").
- Eph. 5:19 The pathway forward in Spirit-fullness is also assisted by daily worshiping "in the spirit" (Phil. 3:3) and singing "spiritual songs" (Greek—hodeis pneumatikais; i.e., songs begotten by the Holy Spirit).

Pray daily in <u>both</u> your native language and your spiritual language (your "mother tongue" and your "Father tongue"). With this, there are other basics to regard:

- John 15:4 Expect with this the evidence of spiritual fruit that will flow from a life of abiding in Christ.
- Galatians 5:22-23 This fruitfulness by the Holy Spirit will overcome the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21).

Note: If spiritual language seems slow in coming or is unde-
veloped, review and remember these thoughts from our
study:
1 Corinthians 14:10 — no language is without significance.
1 Corinthians 14:2 — he who speaks in a tongue speaks to
God.
Romans 5:5 — the love of God is poured forth in our
hearts by the Holy Spirit.



Questions for group discussion or personal study:

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2. What usually comes to your mind when you think of the Spirit-filled life? How has this study helped to broaden your perspective on the meaning of Spirit-filled living?

Additional Resources

Books



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