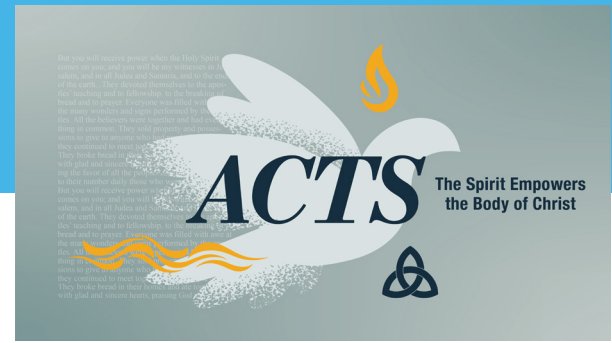


Discussion Questions

January 28, 2024

Acts: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit



1. Share any apprehension or confusion you have had regarding the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
2. Share a time where you experienced being “filled with the Holy Spirit.” What was that like? What was the fruit of it?
3. Read Acts 1:4-5 & 8.
What does Jesus state as the primary purpose of the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit?
4. We saw in the sermon that the disciples are filled over and over with the Holy Spirit empowering them in different way to do what they could not do on their own. How can we seek to be filled with the Spirit today?
5. Consider the different manifestations of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit mentioned in Acts, such as speaking in tongues, boldness to witness, healing, prophecy, encouraging words, casting out demons, divine wisdom, supernatural joy, etc. How open are you to seeking the Lord for these kinds of manifestations in your life or do you have areas of resistance?
6. Read John 7:37-39.
What does it look like today for us to have “streams of living water flowing from deep within?”
7. Prayerfully seek the Lord as to what ways He is challenging you in relation to being Filled with His spirit and share with the group.

Acts 1:1–8 (NLT)

In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 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 10:38 (NLT)

And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Luke 24:48–49 (NASB 2020)

You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.

Acts 1:8 (NASB 2020)

..but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

baptizō = Immerse, Submerge, or Saturate

It is a Gift, promised by the Father (Acts 1:4)

It will Empower them to be witnesses, telling others about Jesus (Acts 1:9)

John 14:15–17 (NIV)

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 20:20–22 (NLT)

As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again [Jesus] said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13–14 (NLT)

when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised...

Acts 2:4 (NASB 2020)

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with different tongues, as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out.

Acts 4:19–20 (NLT)

Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.

Acts 4:29 (NLT)

And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word.

Acts 4:31 (NLT)

..they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

Ephesians 5:18 (NASB 2020)

Be filled with the Spirit..

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

It is a Gift, promised by the Father (Acts 1:4)

It will Empower them to be witnesses, telling others about Jesus (Acts 1:9)

It is different from the indwelling of the Spirit at Salvation

It Is NOT a one time event. But happens continually

John 7:37–39 (CSB)

On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and drink. The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him." He said this about the Spirit. Those who believed in Jesus were going to receive the Spirit, for the Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified.