

Lesson Nine

"Holy Spirit Baptism Ministry"

Objective: To train and equip students to lead others in receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

I. The Promise of the Holy Spirit

a. The promise of the Holy Spirit is for _____.

Some people believe, and some denominations teach that the Holy Spirit passed away with original twelve disciples and is not for us today. Nothing could be farther from the truth! The Holy Spirit Baptism is for everyone until the end of the age.

<u>Acts 2:38-39</u> NKJV Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 **The promise is for** you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call."

b. The Holy Spirit is received by _____.

There are four things you need to walk in any promise, principle or prophecy.

1._____

Revelation of the truth is absolutely paramount in receiving from God because you cannot receive what you don't understand, or keep it for that matter.

<u>Matthew 13:4</u> NKJV As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

<u>Matthew 13:19</u> NKJV When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path

But if we can teach them from the Word, they can receive solid instruction that gives them victorious lasting results.

Ecc. 12:11 NKJV The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars (teachers) are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd.

2. _____

Besides the scriptural examples of people receiving the Holy Spirit that you will share with them, your own testimony of receiving the Holy Spirit will encourage their faith to receive.

If you are not baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, you cannot give what you have not received.

3. _____

The regimen is the same for anything else we receive from God:

Ask, believe, confess, receive, act on it.

4._____

The person must be committed to receive and press through any strongholds or misguided mindsets that may keep them from initially receiving.

It starts with hearing the _____ on it.

Just like any other promise we receive from God, including salvation, the Holy Spirit is received by faith through the hearing of the Word concerning it. I have heard of accounts in the Bible, where the Holy Spirit falls on a room of people and they all begin to speak in tongues. This would be a special manifestation that God chooses to do, but in my experience, people need to get a Scriptural understanding first before they can receive.

A few months after I was saved, I began to study the word extensively concerning the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. My faith was built to the point that I was ready to receive. I was home alone when I asked God to fill me and He did! So, anyone can receive the Holy Spirit that has been prepared in faith.

<u>Acts 10:44-46</u> NKJV While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon **all those** <u>who heard the word</u>. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them **speak with tongues** and **magnify God**.

<u>Gal. 3:13-14</u> NIV He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so <u>that by faith we might</u> <u>receive the promise of the Spirit.</u>

<u>Gal. 3:2-4</u> NKJV This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by <u>the hearing of faith?</u> ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

Romans 10:17 NKJV So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

My plan is to have ministry students teach the Holy Spirit class from Firm Foundation for people who are seeking the Baptism so may they receive sufficient faith and understanding for it. It can be done on Zoom or in person.

Once graduated and approved, any of our Ministry students can be scheduled to help lead someone in this class as well as pray with them to receive.

You should still have your notes from Firm Foundation that you can use to teach someone. Keep yourself familiarized with the material, so you are always ready. You can get the student sheets from Pastor Carolyn and coordinate/facilitate the Holy Spirit Ministry to seekers.

II. Leading Someone to Receive the Holy Spirit Baptism

These are the Scriptures used to prepare a person to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist told people that another baptism other than water baptism was coming. It would be a baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire.

***Memory Verse One

<u>Matt 3:11</u> NIV & MSG "I baptize you with water for repentance (MSG turning your old life in for a kingdom life) But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will **baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire**.

Fire: lightning; eternal fire

MSG He will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out.

Jesus confirmed what John said.

<u>Acts 1:5</u> NKJV ... for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

***Memory Verse 2

<u>Acts 1:8</u> NKJV But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

A sign that a believer has been filled is that they _____

***Memory Verse 3

<u>Mark 16:17-18</u> NKJV And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; **they will speak with new tongues**;18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

***Memory Verse 4

<u>Acts 2:1-4</u> NIV When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them (gave them utterance).

***Memory Verse 5

<u>Acts 19:1-6</u> NKJV And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

After reading this scripture, point out that:

1. _____ did his part by laying his hands on the believers.

- 2. The ______ did His part and filled them.
- 3. The ______ did their part and spoke with tongues.

Then you will say to them, "I am about to do my part and lay my hands on you, the Holy Spirit will do His part and fill you, and you will do your part by speaking in tongues.

III. Speaking in Tongues

God doesn't speak in tongues – you do.

God will not make you speak in tongues. He will not come and take over your body like a robot and make you do it. You cooperate with the Holy Spirit by beginning to speak, and a "river" of spiritual words will be released.

Sometimes people ask, "Well what do I say?"

I say, "just begin to speak any syllables that you feel to speak and the Holy Spriit will give you the rest!" It is an act of your faith to start!

<u>John 7:38-39</u> NKJV He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive

This will not be your mind praying, this is your spirit speaking directly to God in a heavenly language, and He understands every word. Instead of coming from your thoughts and brain, these words come directly to your mouth from your spirit!

<u>**1** Cor 14:2</u> NKJV For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

Some people have been taught that speaking in tongues is from the devil. Jesus addressed this very thought. This may be a stronghold that they have and you will need to address it. Some people may be fearful. It is up to you as a minister to settle their fears and give them truth and destroy every yoke that could keep them from receiving.

_____ that nothing spooky, or awful, or weird will happen

to them.

Luke 11:10-13 NKJV If a son asks for ^[a]bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Why should I speak in tongues?

1. Personal spiritual _____

<u>Jude 1:20</u> NKJV But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit...

2._____

When you have prayed all that you know to pray about a situation, then allow the Holy Spirit to pray according to His infinite knowledge, faith, and will of God – through you by praying in tongues.

Romans 8:26 NKJV 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 ^[a] for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Once the person has enough understanding and is ready, then it's time to lead them in prayer.

***Commit to memory

Ask them to repeat this prayer after you:

Father, I have heard Your word about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and I believe that this gift is for me. I am seeking you with all of my heart and ask you to baptize me now with the Holy Spirit and fire. I believe that when ______ lays their hands on me, that the Holy Spirit will come upon me mightily, and I promise that I will begin to speak with tongues. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Then you say this:

Father in obedience to Your word, I now lay my hands on ______ for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, In Jesus name. I declare the fire of God is filling them to overflowing now! In Jesus' name!

(You must expect that God will do His part!)

Then begin to speak in tongues enough for them to hear you and for you to still hear them. I usually will cup my hand behind their ear so that when they begin to speak, they will hear the sound of their own voice much clearer. This usually brings a tremendous joy right away! They will sometimes cry and laugh at the same time.

If they are not speaking in tongues – remind them that they promised that they would speak in tongues – and that they have to do their part. Remember – God does not speak in tongues, we do.