

Baptised in the Holy Spirit

We have an enemy who wants to rob and steal from us – that would nullify our usefulness in Kingdom work. Satan knows how to spoil and we need to be aware of what is ours and take hold of it.

1) Do the Scriptures teach a definite experience of the Holy Spirit, distinguishable from the New Birth, and promised to all believers without exception?

Luke 3:16 John the Baptist said, “I baptise you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the throngs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

Joel 2:28,29 “I will pour out my spirit **on all people**. Your sons and daughters will prophecy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my spirit in those days.”

Acts 1:4, 5 (Acts 2:16-18)

- a) The disciples were already born again – they belonged to Christ as branches of the Vine (**John 15:4,5**) They were converted before the Day of Pentecost.
- b) Does this pattern remain the same?
Acts 2:38 “Repent and be baptised, **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. **The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.**”
- c) **Acts 9** When was Paul converted?
Before Ananias met him (v.15)
v.17 “**Brother Saul**”
v.18 “be filled with the Holy Spirit”
v.9 tells us it was 3 days later
Becoming a Christian is good, it’s excellent, but there’s more to come.

2) As you read the N.T. you find running through it unmistakeable evidences of people having been baptised with the Holy Spirit.

John 3:16

1 John 3:14,19

Rom. 8:15, 16 “you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are children.”

Eph.1:13 “Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance....”

Howell Harris – 3 weeks after his conversion in June 1735 said, “While engaged in secret prayer I felt suddenly my heart melting within me, like wax before the fire, with love to God my Saviour. I felt not only love and peace, but longing to be dissolved and to be with Christ. There was a cry in my inmost soul which I was totally unacquainted with before. Abba, Father. I could not help calling God, my Father. I knew that I was His child and that He loved me, and heard me. My soul being filled and satiated, I cried, ‘Tis enough, I am satisfied. Give me strength and I will follow Thee through fire and water. I would say I was happy indeed. There was in me a well of water springing up to everlasting life. The love of God was shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit.”

Rom. 5:5 “God has *poured* (same verb in Acts 2:17; 10:45) out **His love into our hearts** by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.”

John 17:23 “**you have loved them** even as you have loved me”

Acts 2:46 They broke bread in their homes and ate together with **glad** and sincere hearts”

1 Thess.1:5,6 “our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message **with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.**”

1 Peter 1:8 “Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him, **and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.**”