

What is Spirit Baptism?
Power for Life – Part 2
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Acts 1:8a (ESV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you

Acts 1:5 (ESV) for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

Acts 2:38 (ESV) And Peter said to them, “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.”

Romans 16:17 (ESV) I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

1. Spirit baptism in the life of _____

A. Jesus was _____ with the Holy Spirit

Luke 1:35 (ESV) And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”

B. Jesus was _____ baptized

Luke 3:21 (ESV) Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened,

C. Jesus was _____ baptized

Luke 3:22 (ESV) and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

2. Spirit baptism in the _____

A. The apostles were _____

John 20:22 (ESV) And when he [Jesus] had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

B. The _____ were Spirit baptized

Acts 2:4 (ESV) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit ...

C. The apostles spoke in _____

Acts 2:4 (ESV) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

3. Spirit baptism of the _____

A. The Samaritans _____ the Gospel

Acts 8:12 (ESV) But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ ...

B. The Samaritans were _____ baptized

Acts 8:12b (ESV) ... they were baptized, both men and women.

C. The Samaritans were _____ baptized

Acts 8:14-16 (ESV) Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 8:17-18 (ESV) Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money,

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading (1-2 chapters in Acts) & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Read 2-3 chapters of the book Power for Life this week.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. What is significant about the fact that Acts 1:8 records the very last words of Jesus on the earth?

Why was it so important for the disciples to receive the Spirit's power (Acts 1:8)?

What would you say to someone who said that Acts was simply a historical record of the early church with no application to today (Acts 1:1)?

In what ways are Peter's words in Acts 2:38-39 the command of God for all people?

How has Satan attacked each of the three aspects of Acts 2:38 through denominational traditions?

Why is correct doctrine on these three essentials of the faith imperative (Romans 16:17)? How has God recovered the truth of these three essentials through church history?

1A. How was the Holy Spirit involved in Jesus' birth (Luke 1:35)?

1B. Why was Jesus water baptized (Luke 3:21, Matthew 3:14-15)?

1C. What were the results of Jesus being Spirit baptized (Luke 3:22, 4:1, 4:14)?

1D. How does Jesus' example help you understand Acts 2:38 better?

2A. What happened to the disciples in John 20:22 (John 14:16-17)?

2B. What aspects of Pentecost were one-time and which were a pattern for the rest of Acts (Acts 2:1-4)?

2C. In Acts 2:4, what did the disciples do and what did the Spirit do?

3A. What aspects of Philip's ministry helped the Samaritans get saved (Acts 8:5-7, 12)?

3B. What does Acts 8:14-16 tell you about Spirit baptism and the apostles' understanding of it?

3C. How did Simon see that the Spirit was given (Acts 8:17-18)?

3D. Are you ready to seek more of the Spirit's power in your life? Why?