

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Today we begin a new series on the subject of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit... this will also serve as an extension of our prayer series as we talk about the importance of prayer in the Spirit.

John 3:8 – The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. (NIV)

WHY DO WE BELIEVE IN IT?

IS IT WEIRD?

Acts 2:1-4 – On the day of **Pentecost** all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. (NLT)

The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to change the whole world from death to life, one soul at a time.

IT'S NOT SALVATION

John 20: 21-22-... ..As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven... (NLT)

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere... (NLT)

HS Inward- personal salvation...intended for us.

HS Upon... for power to be effective in spreading his Gospel... intended for the world.

Acts 19:1-6 ... Paul traveled ... he came to Ephesus, where he found several believers. ² "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when **you believed?**" "No," they replied, "we don't know what you mean...." ⁵ As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came **on them**, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied. (NLT)

Acts 8:14-17 (Samaria Phillip Preaching) ... When the apostles back in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria **had accepted God's message**, they sent Peter and John there. ¹⁵ As soon as they arrived, **they prayed for these new Christians** to receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ **The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them** ¹⁷ then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit. (NLT)

WHY DO I NEED IT?

Acts 1 :4-5- ⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (NLT)

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