

## Baptism of the Holy Spirit

### A. Why You Should Receive the Holy Spirit

1. All power given to Jesus; you go in His name. Matt 28:18-20
2. You receive power, when you receive the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8
  - Disciples born again. John 20:21-22
  - Disciples baptized in the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:1-4
3. Example of Jesus
  - God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and power. Acts 10:38
  - Jesus baptized in water and the Holy Ghost. Luke 3:16; 21-22; 4:1

### B. Who Should Receive the Holy Spirit

1. The believer should receive the Holy Spirit. John 7:37-39
2. You can be a believer and not be filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 19:2-6
3. You can be water baptized and not filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 8:12-16  
(see footnote #1)

### C. How You Receive the Holy Spirit

1. You receive the Holy Spirit when you ask. Luke 11:9-13
2. Believe you received when you prayed (words and actions). Mark 11:24
3. With prayer & the laying of hands, they received the Holy Ghost. Acts 8:17-18; 19:6

### D. How You Know When You Have Received the Holy Spirit

1. They spoke in tongues, when they received the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:4  
(see footnote #2)
2. They knew that they were filled because of hearing them speak in tongues. Acts 10:45-46

**Note:** Tongues as a result: Acts 2:4; 8:17-18 (implied); 10:44-46; 19:6

### E. Operating in the Power of the Holy Spirit upon You

1. With boldness. Acts 4:29; 2 Tim 1:7
2. With signs and wonders. Acts 4:30; Rom 15:19
3. Using the gifts of the Spirit. 1 Cor 12: 1-11
4. Keep being filled. Eph 5:18
  - Confess sins regularly. 1 John 1:9
  - Ask the Holy Spirit to fall fresh on you. Isa 11:2
  - Live in the Kingdom of God. Rom 14:17

### Footnotes:

1. When you become born again, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in you. And He will never leave you nor forsake you. However, being baptized (i.e., filled) with the Holy Ghost is different from having Him live in you. The Holy Spirit **in** you is to help mature you (in the fruit of the Spirit); the Holy Spirit **on** you is for ministry to others and for **power in your prayers**. Note that Jesus did not do any miracles until He had the Holy Spirit descend upon Him.
2. Note that they do the speaking but they trust the Holy Spirit to guide the utterance (i.e., the sounds). God does not force anybody to do anything. By faith, you must do the speaking and believe that God will keep His Word to fill you with the Holy Spirit. If you continue in tongues by faith, eventually the anointing will come over you, as you speak in tongues. Some people do get their tongues in a miraculous manner with an immediate manifestation of the anointing. However, in my experience this is most common with baby (young) believers.