

1 The baptism of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ **For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”**

➔ Water Baptism is the act by which a person who has repented of their sins, through water baptism, dies to their old self and makes a commitment of faith to walk in a new life with Jesus as their Lord.

➔ The Baptism of the Holy Spirit New Covenant The Fulfillment of God’s Promises in the Old Testament

Jer 31:31 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant though I was a husband to^[a] them,^[l] declares the Lord.³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Eze 11:19 I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

Joel 2:28 “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

The Promise of the New Covenant

1. Israel Under the Abrahamic Covenant

a) They abandoned the Law, worshiped idols, turned their backs on God, and failed to keep the covenant.

b) As God had foretold in His covenant, they were exiled from Jerusalem. [Exile]

2. The Prophecy of the New Covenant

a) A new heart (removing the heart of stone) and the outpouring of a new spirit [The Holy Spirit]

b) God will dwell with His people [They will become a temple of the Holy Spirit]

c) God’s people will come to know God from the heart and do His will [through the Holy Spirit, Helper]

a) They will be able to fulfill the will of God

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

b) The disciples were waiting upon the Holy Spirit thru prayer

Acts 1:14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

c) The fulfillment of the promise, 【Acts 2】

Acts 2:1 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.

d) New life of the saints after receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ **Everyone was filled with awe** at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and **had everything in common**. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together **with glad and sincere hearts**,

→ The Birth of the Early Church **Who?**

- 1) People who repented of their sins after hearing Peter's sermon [Acts 2:36–41]
- 2) 3,000 people were added to the number of disciples [those who repented of their sins and were baptized]

→ Church Life in the Early Church

When? Every day

How? With one heart, with joy and sincerity, with reverence for God, and with a spirit of self-sacrifice

Where? They gathered at the temple and in their homes

What?

- 1) They steadfastly followed the apostles' teaching [obeyed and put the Word into practice]
- 2) They shared with one another [koinonia: sharing]—fellowship, mutual support, and sharing of time and possessions
- 3) They broke bread [the Lord's Supper and meals]
- 4) They prayed and sang hymns

1. Let us earnestly seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

2. Those who have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit should follow the example of the believers in the early church described in the Book of Acts.

3. Let's pray our church will become like the early church.

1. Have you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

2. It is a promise given to everyone. It is essential to the life of faith.

3. The baptism of the Holy Spirit enables us to receive God's Spirit, walk with Him.

4. Christianity is not a religion [consisting of rituals and rules], but a relationship with Jesus. It is about walking with the Holy Spirit, our Helper.

5. Those who seek the Holy Spirit will surely receive Him. This is the Father's promise. [Acts 2:38]

6. Walk with the Holy Spirit.

Even if you have received the Holy Spirit, there will be no spiritual growth if it remains a one-time spiritual experience. The Holy Spirit is your Helper and Guide. You must listen to the Holy Spirit and walk with Him in your daily life. Don't listen to your own thoughts and ideas, or to the ideas of AI, the world, your family, or other people—listen to the Holy Spirit first.

7. Let's learn from the church life of the early believers in the Book of Acts.

→ Whose voice are you listening to? Your own? An AI's? Other people's?