

The Holy Spirit

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Introduction

- Jesus was given the Spirit in full measure, no limit..... John 3:34
- There are three measures of the Holy Spirit:
 1. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit
 2. Baptism with the Holy Spirit
 3. Miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit (from Salvation and the Spirit)

- The Holy Spirit is the power of God Genesis 1:1-3
- Received at baptism Acts 2:38
- The Spirit is in us after baptism..... John 14:16-17
 - The Spirit can be 'with' you, but the Spirit is not 'in' you until after baptism
- The Spirit keeps our hearts and consciences convicted about sin John 16:5-13
- We live by the Spirit, not by the sinful nature Romans 8:5-8
 - Living by our sinful nature is against living by the Spirit
 - Living by the Spirit, is **not** living by our own emotions, opinions or desires
- The Spirit we receive at baptism is the Spirit of Christ Romans 8:9
- The Spirit calls us to be like Jesus: "...Christ is in you" Romans 8:10
 - What would Jesus think, feel, perceive and do? Disciples live by a higher call, the general principle: *What would be in the Spirit of Christ?*
- By the Spirit, we have the power of the resurrection in us!..... Romans 8:11
- We need to be led by the Spirit, not our sinful nature Romans 8:12-14
- We have the Spirit of sonship to present us as God's children Romans 8:15-17
- The Word is the sword of the Spirit Ephesians 6:17
 - Living by the Spirit means living by God's Word
- The Holy Spirit transforms us with increasing glory 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
- After baptism, we are defined by Christ, not our sinful nature Galatians 3:26-27
- We have the Spirit of Christ in our hearts Galatians 4:6-7
- With the Spirit in our hearts, we truly desire righteousness Galatians 5:16-17
- We crucify the sinful nature in order to live by the Spirit Galatians 5:19-21, 24
- Living by the Spirit is never against living by God's law..... Galatians 5:22-26
 - Keeping in step with the Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, etc.

Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Characteristics in Acts 2 and Acts 10

- Promise (not command)..... Acts 1:4-5
- Predicted (prophesied)
- Came without warning. (People were not specifically praying for it)
- Languages
- Purpose: to usher in the Kingdom with power

Accounts of the baptism with the Holy Spirit

- To the Jews in Jerusalem Acts 2
- To the Gentiles Acts 10
- Beginning with Cornelius
- Cornelius and his household were water baptized in v. 48, saved at baptism
- Peter explained actions to the Jews Acts 11:1-18
- "At the beginning," (Acts 11:15)

Does the Baptism with the Holy Spirit still exist today?

- There is one baptism (Written about 60-62 A.D.) Ephesians 4:4-6
- Which one is it? There are three options:
 - John's baptism-passed when new covenant began Acts 19:1-5
 - The baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2 and 10). No longer present as it was a prophecy/promise that has been fulfilled. It was never a general command for all Christians
 - Baptism with water in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins to receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit
 - Jesus commanded this baptism Matthew 28:18-20
 - Refers to salvation by water baptism 1 Peter 3:21
 - This baptism is recorded all the way through the book of Acts and the epistles (also written about 62 A.D.)
 - It had to be the one baptism of Ephesians 4:4-6 as it was the only one practiced by 60-62 A.D. when Ephesians was written

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The Miraculous Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- Received by the apostles' laying on of hands
- No longer present today

Types of Miraculous Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8-10)

- Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Prophecy, Distinguishing Spirits, Tongues, Interpretation
- Drink poison or be bitten by snakes and not die(Mark 16:16-18, Acts 28:5)
- Types of "Laying on of Hands"(Acts 13:3)
 - Blessing
 - Healing(Acts 9:17-28, 28:8)
 - Ananias heals Paul's blindness
 - Paul heals Publius' father on Malta

Passing on the Miraculous Gifts

- Context is the choosing of "The Seven" Acts 6:1-8
- This is the first occasion that the gifts were passed. Stephen immediately starts to perform miraculous signs among the people with God's power (v. 8)
- The Seven could not pass on the gifts they received Acts 8:1-25
- Philip, one of the seven who had received the gifts in Acts 6:1-8, goes to Samaria. He performs many miraculous signs and healings to get people to believe and be baptized (v. 12). By becoming Christians, they received the forgiveness of sins and the gift (indwelling) of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). Simon the Sorcerer was also baptized (v. 13). When the apostles were visiting, Simon saw the Spirit's gifts were only given by apostles' laying on of hands (v. 18)
- **Note:** Simon offered the apostles money for the gifts, but he didn't ask Philip for the gifts because Philip could not pass them on. Simon is rebuked for having the wrong motivation
- *Apostles would pass on the gifts* (Acts 8:18)
- **Paul's Laying on of Hands** Acts 19:1-6
Paul finds disciples in Ephesus who didn't know who the Holy Spirit was because they only received John's baptism of repentance. Next, they were baptized into the name of Jesus Christ to receive the forgiveness of their sins and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (v.5). Then they receive the miraculous gifts of prophecy and speaking in tongues by the laying on of Paul's hands (v.6). Paul is an apostle

General Observations on the Miraculous Gifts

- Apostles were able to pass on the gifts because they were apostles..... Luke 9:1
 - The Apostles possessed the ability to perform miracles even during the ministry of Christ. This ability to pass and perform the gifts was not given at Pentecost (Luke 9:1)
- Jesus never spoke in tongues and he was accorded the full-measure of the Spirit John 3:34-36
- 1 Corinthians 12 and 14 are not the directives on how to receive tongues (the church there had already received them), but rather the correctives on how to use them because everyone was speaking at the same time and misusing the tongues
 - Shows that tongues as a gift were not given to everyone in the church 1 Corinthians 12:28-30
 - Thus the concept of a "Pentecostal church" (every member speaking in tongues) is against scripture
- "Perfection" here could not mean the coming of Christ..... 1 Corinthians 13:8-10
It is in the neuter gender in Greek, not the masculine gender. When perfection comes probably refers to the canonization of the Bible sometime after the first century. At that time, all the miraculous gifts would be gone because all the apostles and those to whom they passed the gifts would have died
- The purpose of the miraculous gifts..... 1 Corinthians 14:20-22
 - To get non-believers to believe (tongues were only to be used to bring non-believers to faith.)
 - To edify the Christians and strengthen their faith
 - Now the Bible fulfills these needs-thus the church today does not need apostles or miraculous gifts
- A person can be filled with the Spirit without speaking in tongues Ephesians 5:18-19
- There can be miracles by Satan today 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10
Satan's purpose is to deceive people about the truth, so they will not be saved. Speaking in "tongues" is common in many religions (Mormon, Catholic, Islam, etc.) because religion gets dried and staid. These are also called "ecstatic utterances"-non-understandable sounds and fragments of speech