



Build on the Rock

Doctrinal Lesson
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Lesson 17:

"Spirit Baptism and the Counterfeit"



There is a wonderful gift that God would have all people receive called the Holy Ghost. This gift is only given to those who believe in Jesus and are willing to follow His Word. Who is the Holy Ghost and do we have to be baptized by the Spirit to be saved? What is the true Baptism of the Holy Ghost and what are it's results? Could there possibly be a counterfeit baptism of the Holy Ghost? All these questions will be answered as you use the KJV Bible to complete the lessons!

1) What did Jesus promise His disciples they would experience not many days after His ascension to heaven? -Acts 1:4, 5.

1 - The disciples would be "b__pt__zed w__th the H__ly Gh__st."

2) When is the Spirit of God first mentioned in the Bible and who is Holy Spirit? -Genesis 1:1, 2; 1 John 5:7.

1 - The "Spir__t of G__d moved upon the f__ce of the w__ters" in the "beg__nning."

2 - "There are thr__e that b__ar record in he__ven." The "H__ly Gh__st" is one of the three person Godhead.



*Note: In the very beginning of the world, the Spirit of God, also known as the Holy Ghost, was present, taking part in the work of creation. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit all work together harmoniously as one and are known as the Godhead body. (See Colossians 2:9) The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead.

3) Were God's Old Testament prophets filled with the Holy Ghost? -2 Peter 1:21.

1 - Yes. God's prophets "sp__ke as they were moved by the H__ly Gh__st."

*Note: Some mistakenly believe that the Holy Ghost was only given to the New Testament church, but the Bible makes it clear that the Holy Spirit has existed from the very beginning and was given to the Old Testament prophets in the Bible.

4) Though the Holy Spirit had been given to His prophets in the Old Testament, what special promise is given in the New Testament and for what purpose? -John 16:7; 14:26; Acts 1:8.

1 - Jesus promised His disciples to send "the Comforter" after his death.

2 - The "Comforter is the Holy Ghost."

3 - This special outpouring of the Spirit gave the church "power" to be "witnesses" in "Jerusalem, in Judea and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

*Note: God's Spirit had been given to His people from the beginning, but for the first time in history, God would empower His church to preach the gospel to every creature on earth. This was the primary purpose of the Comforter that was given on and after the Day of Pentecost. It was a special outpouring of the Holy Ghost, which Jesus referred to as the "Baptism of the Holy Ghost" that would equip the church to do this great work.



5) What were the results of the great outpouring of the Holy Ghost? -Acts 2:38-47

1 - As a result of the outpouring of Holy Ghost and the preaching of the Apostles, many were "baptized", and "there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

2 - Many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles."

3 - Many "sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men as every man had need."

6) What supernatural gift was given on the Day of Pentecost? What were the people of different nationalities and languages able to understand as a result of this gift? -Acts 2:1-8

1 - God gave the Apostles the gift to "speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

2 - People from all over the world "heard them speak in their own language."

*Note: The gift of tongues given on the Day of Pentecost was for the purpose of spreading the gospel to the heathen nations who did NOT speak the Hebrew language. Every nationality miraculously heard the gospel in their own language. This was quite DIFFERENT than the tongue speaking that goes on in charismatic churches, today. The tongues that many Christians experience in our present time is a gibberish tongue that no man can understand and it is NOT beneficial to the mission of the gospel. This is NOT the tongues that the Apostles experienced, but is a COUNTERFEIT!



Beware of counterfeit tongue speaking in churches!

7) What does the Bible say about speaking in tongues in church?
-1 Corinthians 14:11-13, 19, 28.

1 - If we speak a tongue that no man can understand, we will be as a "b_rbarian."

2 - Those who speak in an unknown "tong_e" must "pr_y that he may "interpr_t."

3 - It is better to speak "f_ve words" with "underst_nding" than "t_n thousand words in an unknown t_ngue."

4 - If there is "no int_rpreter, let him ke_p silence in the ch_rch."



*Note: The speaking in gibberish tongue is what many Christians believe to be the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This is Satan's counterfeit because the Bible says that if the people don't get understanding through interpretation, it profits no one and the tongue speaker should keep silent in the church! 1 Timothy 4:1 warns of "seducing spirits" that will come into the church and bring about strange spiritual manifestations in the last days.

8) What does the Bible say one must do to receive the true baptism of the Holy Spirit? -Luke 11:13, Acts 2:38.

1 - You must pray and "ask h_m" for the "Holy Sp_rit."

2 - You must "repent and be b_ptized" "in the name of Jesus Chr_st and ye shall receive the g_ft of the H_ly Gh_st."

*Note: Many pastors teach that you have to "tarry" to receive the Holy Ghost. Tarrying in many churches involves repetitious, rigorous chanting and even grabbing the throat. They often teach that if you don't speak in tongues that you CANNOT BE SAVED. The word tarry just means to wait. In Luke 24:49, Jesus told his disciples to tarry (wait) at Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 1:14, we are told that the disciples continued in supplication and prayer asking for God to bless them with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In their time, they were instructed to wait for the promise, but since then, there is no waiting required. If we ask for the Holy Spirit, repent of our sins and are baptized, we can receive of the Holy Ghost right now.

9) How important is it that we receive of the Holy Spirit? -John 3:3-5.

1 - It is so important to receive the Holy Spirit that Jesus said "Except a man be b_rn of the w_ter and of the Sp_rit, he cann_t enter the kin_dom of G_d."



10) What characteristics will the Holy Spirit produce in us as we receive Him into our hearts? -Galatians 5:22, 23

1 - The Holy Spirit will give us "L_ve, j_y, pea_e, longs_ffering, g_ntleness, go_dness, f_ith, me_kness and t_mperance."

***Note:** The fruit of the Holy Spirit is essentially the character of Christ. We CANNOT have all these characteristics mentioned in Galatians 5:22, 23 unless we receive of the Holy Spirit. This is the reason why it's essential to receive the Holy Spirit to be saved and ready for heaven. The more Holy Spirit that we receive into our heart, the more these characteristics will be developed in our life, which prepares us for heaven.

11) What will the comforter (Holy Spirit) do through our conscience on a day to day basis as we receive him? -John 16:7, 8.

1 - The "comfo__ter" (Holy Spirit) will "r__prove the w__rld on s__n, and of r__ghteousness and of j__dgment."



The Holy Spirit reproves us of sin, but also comforts us when we repent.

***Note:** The word "reprove" means to convict and rebuke. Before we receive the Holy Spirit, we can live comfortably in sin, but after receiving of the Holy Spirit, He convicts our conscience with guilt. This guilt is NOT for the purpose of bringing us into depression, but, rather, to lead us to Christ and to repentance. After we repent, the Holy Spirit cleanses us from "an evil conscience" and comforts us with the assurance that we are forgiven. (Hebrews 10:22)



12) How can the Holy Spirit help us overcome temptation and sin? -Galatians 5:16, Ezekiel 36:26, 27.

1 - If we "w__lk in the Sp__rit," "ye shall n__t fulfill the l__st of the fl__sh."

2 - The Holy Spirit will give you a "N__w He__rt" and will "cause you to wa__k in my st__tutes and ke__p my judgments."

***Note:** If we daily pray for the Holy Spirit and choose to yield to His lead, He will keep us from fulfilling the sinful desires of the flesh. The Holy Spirit changes us from the inside out by giving us a new heart with new desires and a disliking for sin. Naturally, we have a tendency to love sin and hate God's law, but the Holy Spirit can change us to hate sin and love God's law.

13) What spiritual gifts can the Holy Spirit give us? -1 Corinthians 12:5-10.

1 - The Holy Spirit will give us the "Wo__d of w__sdom", the "word of kn__wledge", "g__fts of he__ling", the "w__rking of mir__cles", "pr__phesy", "disc__rning of sp__rits", "dive__se kinds of t__ngues."

***Note:** Most importantly, we must have the fruit of the Holy Spirit, but God also gives us spiritual gifts. These gifts are for the purpose of building up and perfecting the church to prepare the church for heaven. (Ephesians 4:12, 13)

Appeal) Will you pray for the Holy Spirit on a daily basis that you may bear righteous fruit and be ready for heaven?_____.

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