

XIV. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

LESSON FOURTEEN

...THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this lesson is to know and understand that nothing happens between God and man unless it happens through the Holy Spirit. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is more than a one time experience. It is an ongoing lifestyle of being filled, moved, motivated, directed and controlled by the Holy Spirit. The terms "Holy Spirit" and "Holy Ghost" refer to the same person and will be called the Holy Spirit in this lesson.

PROPHECY REGARDING THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ezekiel 36:26,27

Joel 2:28,29

Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:4,5

Acts 2:1-4; Acts 2:39

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that in both the Old and New Testament the out-pouring/Baptism with the Holy Spirit is foretold by prophecy. These prophecies were fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost and were for the Believers of that time and Believers of successive generations to come.

THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Baptism with the Holy Spirit versus The New Birth

2 Corinthians 1:22 (Ephesians 1:13-14) & 2 Corinthians 5:5 with Acts 4:31

John 4:14 with John 7:38,39 (John 3:34)

John 20:22 with Acts 2:2,4

Ezekiel 36:24-26 with Ezekiel 36:27

John 1:12 with Acts 1:8

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that in both the new birth and the Baptism with the Holy Spirit there is a receiving of the Holy Spirit. However, when one is born again he receives the deposit (a limited measure) of the Holy Spirit which seals/guarantees to him eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whereas, in the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, which is a separate experience, one receives an unlimited measure of the Holy Spirit.

B. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

According to the following Scriptures, what are some of the different aspects of the ministry of the Holy Spirit?

1 Corinthians 12:13

John 14:16-17

John 15:26

John 16:8-14. According to verse 8

Verse 13; John 14:26

Verse 14

John 3:3-5; Titus 3:5

1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:9; John 14:17

Ephesians 1:13, 14; 4:30

Acts 2:4; Ephesians 5:18

Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:16

Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 8:2, Acts 1:8

Romans 8:26-27

Acts 13:2

Romans 15:16

I Corinthians 2:10

1 Corinthians 12:11

C. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Speaking in Tongues

Acts 2:1-13 (4)

Acts 8:5-24 (18)

Acts 9:1-18 (17-18) cf. 1 Corinthians 14:18

Acts 10:34-48 (46)

Acts 19:1-7 (6)

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that normally when one receives the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, it is evidenced by speaking in tongues. Three of the above five instances of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts, specifically states, they spoke in tongues. In a fourth instance there was some physical evidence of the Baptism with the

Holy Spirit. In the fifth instance where Paul receives the Holy Spirit Baptism, even though it doesn't mention that he spoke in tongues, Paul in his letter to the Corinthian Church states that he spoke in tongues more than all of them.

D. How Does One Receives The Baptism With The Holy Spirit?

1. The heart must be prepared by repentance toward God. (Acts 2:38)
2. One must arrive at Biblical conclusions about the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.
 - a. It is Biblical. (Acts 1:8)
 - b. It is necessary for abundant Christian living. (Ephesians 5:17,18)
 - c. It is applicable for today. (Acts 2:38,39)
 - d. It is an experience beyond salvation. (Acts 9:17)
 - e. It is marked by praise. (Acts 2:11; 10:44-46) f. It is beneficial to the believer. (Romans 8:26,27)
3. One must hunger for the Spirit.(Matthew 5:6)
4. Ask to receive. (Luke 11:13)
5. Expect to receive. (Luke 11:13)
6. Believe you have received. (Mark 11:24, Gal. 3:14)

RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH

1. Have you received the Holy Spirit Baptism since you believed? If not, what hinders your asking for and receiving this gift from God?
2. Is the Holy Spirit Baptism an on going lifestyle for you or only a one time experience? What prevents it from being a lifestyle?