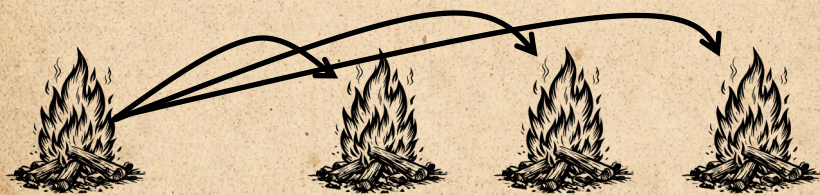


How to Pray for Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- Make sure the individual has given their life to the Lord.
- A full surrender to the Lord is important.
- Ask, and then lay hands on them (normally the shoulder or head).
- You can invite them to personally ask the Lord to be baptized in the Spirit.
- Pray for God to fully saturate them with the Spirit of God.
- Praying in tongues can help.
- Encourage the individual to rest, trust, and not strive.
- The primary actor here is the Holy Spirit. There is no need for pushing or forcing.
- Pray that the Lord would release gifts.
- You can encourage them to express any gift that may be beginning to manifest.



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LUKE 3:16

John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

All four Gospels record Jesus promising a baptism—not only of water, but also of the Holy Spirit. It is essential that we not only know how to evangelize, but also how to pray for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This baptism empowers believers to fulfill the Great Commission and advance the Kingdom through the fire, presence, and gifts of the Holy Spirit of God.

Key Scriptures

Joel 2:28-29 (NAS) ²⁸"And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹"And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days."

Mark 1:8 (NAS) "I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Ephesians 5:18 (NAS) And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

Matthew 7:11 (NAS) "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!"

Holy Spirit Baptism in Acts

Acts 2	On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fell on the Church.
Acts 8:14-17	Samaritans baptized in Jesus (water), but not yet the Spirit.
Acts 10:44-48	Holy Spirit falls on Gentiles before baptism in water.
Acts 19:3-6	Ephesians had baptism of John, but not Jesus or Spirit.

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- We are all given a measure of the Holy Spirit when we come to know Jesus.
- To "Baptize" (Greek, "Baptizo") is to fully immerse and saturate an item in a solution.
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the full saturation of the Spirit in the life of a believer to empower them to fulfill God's calling. (Acts 1:8)
- While there is an initial Baptism in the Holy Spirit, there are also subsequent fillings of the Spirit as well.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Gifts (1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12)

Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Faith, Gifts of Healing, Miracles, Prophecy, Distinguishing Spirits, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, Administration, Service, Leading, Teaching, Exhortation, Giving, and Mercy.

- Some gifts, like tongues and prophecy, may manifest at the moment of Baptism in the Spirit (Acts 2:4, 10:46, 19:6).
- All gifts take time to develop.
- Sometimes tongues can manifest as a prophetic word (1 Corinthians 14:5, 27).
- Sometimes tongues are expressed as a prayer language (1 Corinthians 14:14, Jude 1:20).