

# CT Church - New Believers

## Baptism in the Holy Spirit

### Chapter 4

#### The Holy Spirit

*"I am going to send you what my Father promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." – Luke 24:49*

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

The power spoken of here is the power that comes from the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity who exercises the power of the Father and the Son, through the saints here on earth. The Holy Spirit is the source of the power by which believers come to Christ and see with new eyes of faith.

**John 6:63** – *"The Spirit gives life..."*

**John 14:26** - *"The Holy Spirit...will teach you and remind you..."*

**Romans 8:11**- *"And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who lives in you."*

#### The Purpose of the Holy Spirit's Baptism

There is a God designed, vibrant pathway of life intended for every one of His beloved children – a way of:

- *Fullness* – an overflowing of the Spirit
- *Fruitfulness* – service to others
- *Fulfillment* – joy through relationship

Remember our study on Water Baptism? Baptism means to be immersed or submerged. Being baptized in the Holy Spirit is being immersed into the Holy Spirit's power and love.

This immersion will create a significant change within you. This inward change will also change you outwardly. His love and power will manifest Himself in all that you do so that others will see a change in you. The way you act, the way you talk and the way you think will be changed. We are all called to be changed by the power of God.

*"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." – Romans 12:2*

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This baptism of the Holy Spirit is not always an immediate or instant indwelling of power. Although it can be instantaneous it can also be a gradual process.

The opening verse (Luke 24:49) in the KJV uses the word “endue” instead of “clothed”. Endue means to endow or to supply. We are not always given our complete spiritual growth or all of our skills, gifts and or wisdom for our entire life in one experience or moment. Rather, many of us have to go through a maturing process where our strength and our gifts grow gradually.

*“Like newborn babies, crave spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.” – 1Peter 2:2*

*“Brothers I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly – mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. Indeed, you still are not ready.” – 1Corinthians 3:1*

#### The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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The power of the Holy Spirit is God’s heavenly power residing in us (1 Cor 3:16). This power of the Holy Spirit is manifested in many ways and very often through His “gifts.”

**Read:** 1Corinthians 12:1-11  
Romans 12:6-8

*“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good...and He gives them to each one, just as He determines.”*  
**1Corinthians 12:7,11**

#### The Gifts

- Word of Wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Faith
- Healing
- Miracles
- Prophecy
- Discernment
- Speaking in different Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues
- Ministry of Service
- Teaching
- Encouraging
- Leading
- Mercy

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You may have all of these gifts or you may only have one but be encouraged because all these gifts are for the common good of all (1Cor 12:7) and you are a part of the body of Christ.

*The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit, into one body...and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” – 1 Corinthians 12:12-13*

Many try to place a greater importance or value on certain gifts (usually their own) but the apostle Paul is guided to remind us that these gifts are meaningless without love.

*“And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. – 1Corinthians 13:13*

*“Follow the way of love, and eagerly desire spiritual gifts...”*  
**1Corinthians 14:1**

*“And now I will show you the most excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I am only a resounding cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all that I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.”*  
**-1Corinthians 13:1-3**

#### The Fruit of the Spirit

*“By their fruit you will recognize them...every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.” – Matthew 7:16-17*

How you live your life or what your life produces, determines where your heart is. Everyone has a spirit, whether it's Godly or not. When you are born again (John 3:3) you are given a new spirit, the Lord's spirit and this new spirit will produce good fruit.

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” - Galatians 5:22*

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The gifts of the Spirit are wondrous gifts but as we already covered in 1Corinthians 13:1-3, the gifts are meaningless without love. And what is the first characteristic of the Fruit of the Spirit that is listed...love.

#### The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

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*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” – Hebrews 13:8*

Most references to God’s Holy Spirit are found in the New Testament after the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) but His Spirit is evident and present in the Old Testament as well.

**Genesis 1:2** – *“...and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”*

**Isaiah 32:15** – *“...till the Spirit is poured upon us from on high...”*

**Numbers 27:18** – *“...Joshua...a man in whom is the Spirit...”*

**Ezekiel 2:2** – *“...the Spirit came into me and raised me...”*

**Judges 6:34** – *Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon...”*

#### The Promises of the Holy Spirit

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*“And afterward I will pour out my Spirit on all people...” - Joel 2:28*

*“...do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised...” Acts 1:5*

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...”  
-Acts 1:8*

*“I am going to send you what my Father promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” – Luke 24:49*

#### Conviction of the Holy Spirit

##### Helpful conviction

Conviction can help one stay on the path of righteousness and also serve as a reminder that He is watching out for you and still speaking to you.

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**1Thessalonians 1:5** – “...with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.”  
**John 16:8** – “...He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin...”

#### Receiving the Baptism of The Holy Spirit

There is not a set process in being baptized in the Holy Spirit, but here are 4 helpful steps that may be helpful, the 4 R's of Receiving the Holy Spirit.

Remove all barriers: Sin, unforgiveness, doctrinal hang-ups, or any unclean thing that may block you from receiving. Renounce anything in your life that may hinder you from experiencing the Holy Spirit's full power in your life.

Release: yourself from your pride and perceptions of what is acceptable behavior. If you are afraid to let go of yourself or let go from the side of the pool you will never be fully immersed. Your unwillingness to let go may be keeping you from speaking in tongues, prophesying or anyone of the other wonderful gifts the Lord has for you.

Request: Jesus said that if we ask anything in His name, He will do it (John 14:14, 16:24). Ask the Lord to baptize you in the Holy Spirit.

Receive: the gift that God so freely gives to all of those who believe in Him. Don't analyze it with your mind, but allow your spirit to receive this gift. Worship the Lord and keep your mind on Him.

In doing these things may you experience a life of fullness, fruitfulness and fulfillment.