

I. Essential to all Believers

A. Jesus Commanded

Acts 1:4 "On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised which you heard me speak about.'"

B. Jesus Explained

Acts 1:5 "For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

"The baptism with the Holy Spirit is an operation of the Holy Spirit distinct from, subsequent, and additional to His regenerating work."-R.A. Torrey

Example: John's Baptism

C. Jesus' promise of power to witness after receiving

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

II. Evidenced by speaking in tongues

- A. Acts 2: 4 "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enable them." (NIV)
- B. Acts 8:17-18 "Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money." (NIV)
- C. Acts 9:17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord-- Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here - has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." (NIV)
- D. Acts 10:44-46 "While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God." (NIV)
- E. Acts 19:6 "When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied." (NIV)

III. Everyone may receive

Acts 2:39 "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call."

IV. Inquire of the Lord Jesus Himself

Luke 11:9-13 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who ask receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (NIV)

V. Jesus Himself explained what it feels like.

John 7:37-39 "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him. By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive." (NIV)

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