

Lesson 15
Ministering the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *King James Version*.

- I. There are many times that I've prayed with a person and didn't see immediate results. I switched over and started sharing with them about the power of the Holy Spirit. When they opened up and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, it released the power of God into their lives.
 - A. Jesus was speaking to His eleven apostles just moments before He was taken back into heaven. They thought that they were going to see the physical kingdom of God established on this earth, but He told them to wait.

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Acts 1:4-7, KJV

- B. Right here, Jesus made it very clear that power for the Christian life comes through receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8, KJV

- C. The disciples had already been born again. After the resurrection of Jesus, He appeared unto these disciples. They all confessed Him as Lord. They were saved, but they had not yet received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:9, KJV

- II. One of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is to give you revelation knowledge and remembrance of what God has spoken.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 16:13, KJV

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:26, KJV

- A. The spirit is the part of you that is completely changed, and it is now as complete and perfect as Jesus is. The spirit part of you is awesome. It's the same as it's ever going to be in eternity.
- B. You get what's in your spirit out into your mind and into your body when you pray in tongues because your spirit prays. When you pray in tongues, pray that you interpret. And you can literally start speaking in tongues and draw out this wisdom that is in your spirit.

Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

1 Corinthians 14:13-14, KJV

- C. You have the mind of Christ. Not in your physical mind, but in your spirit, you have the mind of Christ.

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16, KJV

- III. There is a difference between the Holy Spirit being involved in the process of being born again and having the Holy Spirit come and fill you and indwell you.
- A. Philip made it very clear that you had to believe on the Lord Jesus with all of your heart before you could be baptized (Acts 8:35–38). In Acts 8:12–15, the people in Samaria believed and were baptized, yet they hadn't received the Holy Spirit. So, Peter and John came down and prayed for them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
 - B. In Acts 10:38–46, the people believed and received the Holy Spirit at the same time. It's important to bring this out because in Acts 1:8, they had already been born again, but they hadn't received the power from on high. It was a separate experience.
 - C. These people had believed because they heard Apollos teach. They had believed on Jesus, but they hadn't received the Holy Spirit.

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Acts 19:1–2, KJV

- IV. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a separate experience. It doesn't have to be separated by a large period of time, but it is a separate experience from being born again: guaranteed a ticket to heaven. Your spirit's been changed. But there is a difference when the baptism of the Holy Spirit comes.
- A. Jesus was Lord at His birth. He didn't grow into becoming God. He was God that came and inhabited a physical body, and He was Christ the Lord at birth. Jesus didn't do one miracle, didn't start His ministry, and didn't do anything recorded in Scripture until He received the baptism of the Holy Spirit—when the Holy Spirit descended on Him in a bodily shape as a dove.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son,

in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:16-17, KJV

Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Luke 3:21-22, KJV

- B. Just because the Holy Spirit comes and makes this available doesn't mean that everybody truly draws on it. There are a lot of people who were filled with the Holy Spirit twenty years ago, but they haven't been full of the Holy Spirit a day since. They haven't yielded to the Holy Spirit.

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

Jude 20, KJV

- C. You can't do what the Word of God teaches us that we're supposed to do without the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Specifically, you can't minister healing to other people out of your own physical power. You need the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the power of the Holy Spirit, operating on the inside of you in order to be effective.
- D. Jesus promised to send another Comforter and that He will be with you forever. Jesus lives in us through the power of the Holy Spirit, and you need the baptism of the Holy Spirit in order to minister to people.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.

John 14:16, KJV

- V. You need to start with this premise that God said, "Just ask." He will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask.
- A. God created us to be a temple. That's a dwelling place. This means that God wants us to have the power of His Holy Spirit more than we want to have it.

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Corinthians 3:17, KJV

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1 Corinthians 6:19, KJV

- B. You know our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, so we have to open up the doors of our temple and invite the Holy Spirit to come in.
 - C. You have to be willing to let Him dominate you. Now, you don't have to commit, "I'm never going to do anything wrong and from this time on I'll be perfect," because you can't keep a commitment like that. But you do have to be willing to say, "Holy Spirit I want You to come in. I want You to take control."
- VI. I don't believe you have to speak in tongues when you receive the Holy Spirit. I believe you get to speak in tongues.
- A. The baptism of the Holy Spirit comes with speaking in tongues.
- VII. One of the reasons speaking in tongues is so important is because the Scripture says that when you speak in tongues, it's your spirit praying—the part of you that's been made identical to Jesus. You have the same power that raised Christ from the dead, but your understanding is unfruitful.
- A. One of the biggest problems in the Christian life is that we lean unto our own understanding instead of letting God guide us. When you speak in tongues, you are speaking by faith out of your spirit. Your understanding is not benefitting from it, but it pushes you beyond just the natural realm in which we live and puts you into a realm of faith.
 - B. When you are praying in the Holy Spirit, when you're praying in tongues, it is building you up in your most holy faith. Your mind says, "This is crazy. It doesn't make any sense." If you persist to speak in tongues, you have to start speaking by faith.

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Jude 21, KJV

- C. Praying in tongues is one of the most important things that you can do.
- D. It dawned on me that “they” spoke. It wasn’t the Holy Spirit speaking. It was them speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:4, KJV

- E. God doesn’t force you to speak in tongues. It isn’t something that happens automatically. You are speaking by faith, and that’s the reason you build yourself up in your most holy faith when you’re speaking in tongues. It takes faith to do it.

And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

1 Corinthians 14:32, KJV

- F. When I finally started speaking in tongues, it radically revolutionized my life. The power of God began to start flowing.

VIII. When you pray in tongues, pray also that you interpret. If you read the context of 1 Corinthians 14:13, it’s talking specifically about how the gift of speaking in tongues should operate in a church service.

- A. In a church service, if there are other people around, and if you’re speaking in tongues—at the most two or three people should speak—there has to be an interpretation to go along with it. If there isn’t an interpretation, so that people can benefit in a known language, Paul said not to speak in tongues like that.

If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

1 Corinthians 14:27, KJV

- B. There are differences between a private gift of speaking in tongues that you use for personal edification and a gift of speaking in tongues that is like a gift of teaching.
- C. When you allow the Holy Spirit to flow through you and you ask Him for wisdom, God knows the person that you’re praying for frontwards and backwards. If you will operate in the power of the Holy Spirit, He will show you things that will allow you

to minister to them. He will give you words of wisdom and words of knowledge that will allow you to bypass whatever blockage is there and get to the root of the problem.

- D. The true preaching of the Word needs to have miraculous power, which Jesus said is received after the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You need the power of the Holy Spirit flowing through you and into the people to whom you are ministering.

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Mark 16:20, KJV

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