



## LESSON 42

# Foundations Curriculum

## Baptism with the Holy Spirit

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### Introduction

#### Baptism with the Holy Spirit

In this forty-second lesson, we will speak about baptism with the Holy Spirit. We will consider the importance the apostles placed on it, what is necessary to receive it, how we can know that the Holy Spirit has been poured out, and why baptism with the Holy Spirit is still for us today.

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We find the Holy Spirit's participation throughout all of Scripture, from beginning to end. The first words of the Bible, in Genesis, mention the Holy Spirit. And so do the last words in the book of Revelation. Genesis 1:2 says, "the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters"... Revelation 22:17 says, "the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!'" And throughout the whole Bible we will see the Holy Spirit's participation.

Yet it is striking how the Holy Spirit is set aside — how the person of the Holy Spirit is unknown and disregarded, how He has been ignored in an astonishing way. And I believe we are living in days when the Holy Spirit has been forgotten as never before. People do not speak of Him, do not know Him, know almost nothing about the Holy Spirit — about His dwelling in us, His gifts, His fruit, His moving, His voice, His function, His power, His person. The Holy Spirit is a Person! The Holy Spirit is God Himself. Jesus is God with us. The Holy Spirit is God in us!

There was a promise. Let us see what the Word tells us.

*And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."*

John 1:32–34 (NKJV)

*On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the*

*Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

John 7:37–39

*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

John 14:16–17

*Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.*

John 16:7

*And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

Acts 1:4–5

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

Acts 1:8

Before going out, they were to wait for the promise: the Holy Spirit. This waiting was filled with prayer. Every day they gathered in the same place to pray, and probably said, “Father, send Your Spirit upon us.” Until then they remained hidden; they did not go out into the streets. They were waiting to receive power to testify. They had walked with Jesus, but they did not dare go out until they received the power from on high, the promise of the Father.

And the good news is that the promise was fulfilled for them, just as it is written:

*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Acts 2:1–4

They began to speak in tongues and to declare the wonderful works of God! Until then they had been hidden, but now they began to speak, to testify, because they had been filled with the Holy Spirit.

As is recorded in Acts 2:14, “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, ‘Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.’”

Only a short time before, Peter had denied Jesus and had remained hidden, but suddenly he stands up and begins to speak, to testify. What caused such a difference? The Holy Spirit. The Bible reports that many of the disciples were unlearned. Yet Peter quoted five verses in which he had been catechized, which were brought to his memory at that moment by the Holy Spirit, moving Peter to proclaim with power.

In verse 33 of Acts 2, what did they see? What did they hear? They saw men who were very ordinary, speaking in their own language, and they heard about the wonderful works of God. They stood before witnesses of Christ who were filled with the main Witness, who is the Holy Spirit. What mattered most was to be full of the Spirit.

*Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.*

Acts 4:29–31

They did not ask the Lord to avenge them, but they understood that the threats could produce a fear that would make them return to hiding. Once again, the Lord poured out His Spirit upon them. What matters, what should strike us in this passage, is not that the place was shaken, but that they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

We should not pray for the place to shake, but rather to proclaim the Word with boldness. Let us remember that the Lord gives the Spirit to those who ask.

*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!*

Luke 11:13

We believe the Lord will answer our request. As soon as we ask, He will say, “Behold, My Spirit is upon you.” And He will breathe His Spirit upon us, and we will be filled. Hallelujah! As soon as we lift up our hearts to the Lord and ask, “fill me,” we will immediately be filled. The Lord said, “I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.” If you are flesh, then the promise is for you. Jesus has already been glorified, and for that reason the Spirit has already been poured out. It is not something that takes long. It is immediate, right after Baptism in Christ; it is at the entrance door. Jesus fulfilled the promise for the apostles, and He will fulfill it for us as well.

*For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.*

Acts 2:39

John the Baptist had a promise, the apostles had a promise, we have a promise. The promise given to John the Baptist was fulfilled; the promise given to the apostles was fulfilled — will the promise given to us not be fulfilled?! Of course it will, for all the promises of the Lord find their yes in Him. Hallelujah! The Lord wants a people full of His power. A bold people.

**What is boldness?**

It is breaking with fear; it is tearing through fear and passing beyond it; it is breaking with timidity. When they were baptized with the Holy Spirit, some were timid, fearful. But they tore through fear, and some began to cry out the wonderful works of God.

What happened to them after they received the Holy Spirit?

Let us look at the accounts in Acts:

**They became witnesses of the Lord wherever they went:**

*When the church was filled with the Spirit, they proclaimed the gospel. When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place... But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words."*

Acts 2:1, 14

**They proclaimed the gospel:**

*Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

Acts 4:8–12

**Stephen was filled with the Spirit and proclaimed the gospel:**

*And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.*

Acts 6:8

**Philip, filled with the Spirit, proclaimed the gospel:**

*Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.*

Acts 8:4–5

**Paul, filled with the Spirit, proclaimed the gospel:**

*And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."... Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.*

Acts 9:17, 20

All who were filled with the Spirit testified of Christ, because the Spirit came to testify of Jesus. We too are filled with the Spirit, and we will testify of Jesus. Hallelujah!

## **How can we tell whether we are filled with the Spirit or not?**

The one who is filled with the Spirit cannot contain Him — He overflows.

He came to testify of the Lord. Everyone who is filled with the Holy Spirit testifies, and everyone who testifies becomes even more filled.

We will continue what the Lord and the apostles began; we will testify, we will bear fruit, we will bear much fruit for the glory of the Lord.

We will go out full of power. We will go with the same power that was in Christ and His apostles, for the same Spirit has been poured out upon us. Wherever the Holy Spirit is, lives will be transformed.

Let us see what these texts have in common.

*Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.*

Acts 9:31

*For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.*

Acts 11:24

These two texts show us that wherever the Holy Spirit is, lives will be transformed. And the good news is that the Holy Spirit is here to fill us, to transform us. We do not need to wait, because the Spirit has already been poured out; we only need to ask, and He fills each one of us. We must ask every day, and every time we ask, He fills us.

## **The Holy Spirit Came To:**

### **Convict of Sin**

*Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.*

John 16:7–8

### **Testify of Christ**

*But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.*

John 15:26

### **Dwell in Us**

*The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

John 14:17

## **Teach All Things and Bring to Remembrance What Jesus Taught**

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

John 14:26

## **Guide into All Truth**

*I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

John 16:12–13

## **Teach What Was to Come and Glorify Christ**

*However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.*

John 16:13–14

## **Pour Out the Love of God in Our Hearts**

*Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

Romans 5:5

## **Help Us in Our Weaknesses and Intercede for Us**

*Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

Romans 8:26

## **Comfort Us**

*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.*

John 14:16

## **Give Power**

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

Acts 1:8

## **Manifest the Gifts Through Us**

*But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:*

1 Corinthians 12:7

## Be with Us Forever

*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.*

John 14:16

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We cannot walk in the Kingdom of God without the Holy Spirit:

## Jesus Needed It and Prayed for the Spirit to Descend

*When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:21–22

## The Apostles Needed It and Waited in Jerusalem Until They Received the Holy Spirit

*Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

Acts 8:14–16

*And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."*

Acts 19:1–2

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## Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Let us highlight some important points, so that we may understand what can happen when we receive baptism with the Holy Spirit.

*While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.*

Acts 10:44–45

The text refers to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Gentiles. This was their first experience of it, just as Peter had already reported in Acts 2:38: "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

All the texts in Scripture that refer to receiving the Holy Spirit show us some kind of evidence. We do not find any account in which a person receives the Holy Spirit and does not even notice that they received Him. In every case, there is at least a certainty of having received Him. The person knew that they had received Him, and those nearby also saw some evidence — tongues, prophecies, weeping, shouting, joy, glorifying God, among other manifestations. It was an overflowing from within, as Scripture says.

*He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

John 7:38–39

Generally, when someone overflows with an emotion (joy, sadness, anger, fear), it is visible, evident. We cannot say it is impossible, but it is difficult to hold back an emotion without anyone noticing. There will always be something evident. Why would someone overflow with the Spirit and no one notice — not even the person themselves? Something is probably wrong.

**The Holy Spirit is given to us and evidenced by means of the following manifestations:**

**Fruit of the Spirit:**

perfecting our life, producing His fruit in us.

**Gifts of the Spirit:**

manifesting His gifts through us.

And many other manifestations throughout our relationship with Him. He comforts us, confronts us, teaches us, guides us, speaks to us, hears us — to name a few of the many different experiences.

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## CONCLUSION

In this forty-second lesson of the Foundations Curriculum, we studied baptism with the Holy Spirit. We learned that, upon receiving the Holy Spirit at the entrance to the Kingdom of God, we undergo a profound transformation, for we are filled with power to testify and to manifest the gifts. We were encouraged to pray, asking for a fresh filling of the Spirit.

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## CONSIDER CAREFULLY

- 01** What importance did the apostles give to baptism with the Holy Spirit?
- 02** What must we do to be baptized with the Holy Spirit?



- 03 What assurance do we have that the Holy Spirit has been poured out?
- 04 Is baptism with the Holy Spirit for today?

*having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.*

**Ephesians 2:20 (NKJV)**

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