

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Key Verse: Joel 2:28, Acts 1:5

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is an empowering for service that takes place in the life of the Christian ([Acts 1:5,8](#)). In it we are immersed in the Spirit's life and power.

To illustrate, if we drank water from a glass, then the water would be inside us. However, if we went to the beach and stepped into the ocean, then we would be in the water. We receive, as it were, a drink of the Holy Spirit when we are saved, but when we are baptized in the Spirit, it is as if that initial drink becomes an ocean that completely surrounds us.

Just as the indwelling Spirit that Christians receive when they are saved reproduces the life of Jesus, so the outpoured, or baptizing, Spirit reproduces the ministry of Jesus, including miracles and healings.

Discussion Points

1 Why do we need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit?

Acts 1:8, Acts 19:13-16, Eph 5:18, Gal 5:16.

2. When may I receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Acts 10:44-46, 11:15-16. Acts 8:12-17

3 How do I receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Rom 6:13, Psalm 40:8; Matthew 5:6; Luke 11:13; Acts 19:2-6

4. What have you learnt today and how will you use the knowledge?