

Week 2 "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit"

1 Preparation:

* Pray from your heart. Stop and recognize that the Lord is with you. Ask for the grace to come closer to the Holy Spirit and to realize his plan for your life.

* Look up the "Focus Verse" in your Bible.

* Underline the verse in *Red = God, Trinity, Holy Spirit*

* Work to commit the verse to memory.

Focus Verse

Acts 1:5

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

2 Review of Talk:

Christianity is not the "Try Harder Religion" or the "Ultimate Self-Improvement Course". In both of these, notice the the focus is on "Self-power". Christianity is about "Holy Spirit Power" (See Ac 1:8, Lk 24:49).

The Greek word for *Power* is *Dunamis* and it is where we get the word *dynamite*.

Christianity is lived by the dynamite power of the Holy Spirit. We need the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost. Spiritually, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit looks just like when one is immersed in water for the sacrament of baptism. That person is dripping with grace.

When Jesus baptizes in the Holy Spirit the person is immersed by Jesus in the Holy Spirit and the person is dripping with the presence of the Holy Spirit. In the bible it says that there is a river flowing from the temple of God in heaven. That river is the Holy Spirit. Spiritually, when one is baptized in the Holy Spirit it is as if the Lord Jesus was laying them down, baptizing them, in the river of God, the Holy Spirit. We are then dripping with the Spirit of God.

What does Pentecost, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit look like? **Ac 10:44-48**

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ 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. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues^[a] and praising God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Here is a prayer that always will be answered - **Lk 11:9-13**

⁹ "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. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for^[a] a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ 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!"

"More of the Holy Spirit"

See What do you remember from the talk?

Judge What does this talk mean to your life?

Act How is this talk calling you to live?

Lectio Divina

Lectio (To Read) Read the passage slowly, two or three times believing that God is going to speak into your life. Notice the words or phrases that speak to you.

Meditatio (To Meditate) Allow this Word to begin to sift through your life. What is God speaking to you?

Oratio (To Speak) Now that God has spoken to you through His word, what is your response? Use the ACTS of prayer: **A**doration, **C**ontrition, **T**hanksgiving, **S**upplication? Speak to God freely.

Contemplatio (To Contemplate) Read back over the passage and review your dialogue with God. Become quiet and turn your heart to His heart for you. Is there anything that He personally wants to speak to you?

1 st Day	Mk 1:4-8
2 nd Day	Lk 24:49
3 rd Day	Ac 1:5,8
4 th Day	Ac 2:1-13
5 th Day	Lk 11:9-13
6 th Day	Jn 7:37-38
Review	

Spend a considerable amount of time praising God and praying in tongues. Write down things that come to you as you are praying in the Spirit (images, feelings, phrases, etc)