

## “Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?” Acts 19:2

**John 1:29-34** - The message of John the Baptist

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

“This is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.”

### **Fluid Theological Terminology of Luke and Apostle Paul Regarding the Holy Spirit: *Synonym Phrases***

Indued (Clothed) With Power From On High	Luke 24: 49
The Baptism In (With) The Holy Spirit	Acts 1:5
Filled With The Holy Spirit	Acts 2:4; 9: 17
Receive(ing) The Holy Spirit	Acts 8:17; 19: 2
The Holy Spirit Fell Upon Them	Acts 10: 44
The Holy Spirit Had Been Poured Out On Them	Acts 10: 45
The Holy Spirit Came Upon Them	Acts 19: 6

### **Matthew 3:13-17 - Jesus is our Example**

Jesus is water baptized

Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit

### **Acts 2 - The Day of Pentecost**

Believers in Jesus gather at His final command to seek God

They wait “to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, not many days from now.”

“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues”

### **Acts 8 - Samaria receives the Word of God from Evangelist Philip**

Christ preached	Signs performed
Unclean spirits cast out	Paralyzed & lame healed
Joy of the Lord present	Occult leader converted
Many water baptized	Miracles continue to happen

**Samaria receives the Holy Spirit from Apostles Peter and John**

Some observable evidence occurs, probably like Pentecost, Acts 10 or Acts 19

### **Acts 9 - Paul converted to Christ on the Damascus road**

Paul healed and filled with the Holy Spirit under the ministry of the disciple, Ananias (1 Corinthians 14:18... “I speak in tongues more than you all.”)

### **Acts 10 - Gentile centurion, Cornelius, receives vision to send for Peter who will preach salvation**

Peter preaches forgiveness for sins through faith in Jesus

Holy Spirit “fell upon all those who were listening to the message.”

They begin speaking in tongues and exalting God

(Acts 15:7-9... sequence of events in the hearts of those at Cornelius house)

### **Acts 19 - At Ephesus, Paul assumes some disciples of John the Baptist to be Christians.**

Paul asks “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

Paul preaches Jesus to them and they undergo Christian water baptism

Paul laid his hands on them, “the Holy Spirit came on them, they began speaking with tongues...”

(Eph. 1:13...Paul reminds them of being “sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.”)

## God's Desire for You

This baptism is a Gift from God to His children. Acts 2:38-39

The Gift is available to all who believe in Jesus Christ. Acts 2:38-39

Our Heavenly Father wants to give this gift to you. Luke 11:11

Jesus told His disciples to receive this gift. Acts 1:4-8

## The Baptism in the Holy Spirit..... It's "A Package Deal"

Due to a fuller measure of the Holy Spirit in your life, you will receive:

- More Scriptural Insights (Bible was written by men move by the Holy Spiirt)
- Greater Boldness To Witness (After the Spirit comes on you, you shall be My witnesses)
- More Frequent Conviction Of Sin (The Spirit convicts of sin, righteousness and judgment)
- Deeper Of Fellowship of the Saints (True fellowship is of the Spirit)
- The Ability to Speak in Tongues (see 1 Corinthians 14)

## 1 Corinthians 14

Definition of tongues (verses 2, 4, 14, 15, 16)

Public use of tongues has limitations (verses 6-11)

Approval of tongues (verses 5, 39)

Public use of tongues for edification of others (verses 12-25)

## How to receive the Holy Spirit & speak in tongues!

1. Repent of all known sin Acts 2:38
2. Be certain you are a child of God through faith in Jesus Luke 11:13
3. Ask in faith for Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Spirit & believe it is done Luke 11:13; James 1:6
4. Understand the principle of divine/human cooperation Matt. 14:24f; John 2
5. Begin to speak and worship God in tongues, without doubting Acts 2:4