

The Empowering of the Holy Spirit or Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Not just power but the power that enables us to do anything at all

1) The power of the Holy Spirit is not the power of man

- **Zech. 4:6**

- we are absent of power without the Holy Spirit- (2 Cor 4:7 NKJV) *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.*

2) It is the power of Almighty God, not the influence or offshoot but the actual power

- there is nothing too hard for Him to do (Jer 32:27 NKJV) *"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"*

- (Eph 3:20-21 NKJV) *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, {21} to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

3) No one can do what God can do

- especially regarding counseling-

4) that power is given through the baptism of the Holy Spirit

- not the same as regeneration or salvation- see *John 20: 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.* - post Resurrection

- not the same as His presence with or in us- see *John 14: 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- 17 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*

- not the same as becoming members of the Body- see *1 Cor. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*

- primarily boldness for gospel but also involves healing- *Luke 5: 17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them*

- it fills the believer with hope-(Rom 15:13 NKJV) *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

(Acts 1:8 NKJV) *"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."*

There are three Greek prepositions that referred to the Holy Spirit's work with us. **Para** meaning with or alongside, **en** meaning in and the last **epi** meaning upon. It is this **epi** experience that is referred to in the above passage.

Read Acts 2:1-21;

Acts 8:14-25;

Acts 9:17;

Acts 10:44-48;

Acts 19:1-7

How do we receive ?

-(Gal 3:2 NKJV) This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

- (Luke 11:9-13 NKJV) "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. {10} "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. {11} "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? {12} "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? {13} "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!"

- (John 7:37-39 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. {38} "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." {39} 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.

What is it that flows ?

(John 13:35 NKJV) "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

If the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon us is to make us witnesses and the way the world will know that we are His disciples is love, then the evidence, the flow that gushes out of our innermost being is agape love.

What the baptism/filling does in our personal lives

(Gal 5:22-25 NKJV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, {23} gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. {24} And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. {25} If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Love is the fruit, the rest are a description of that fruit and the evidences of it in our lives .

Joy

1 Peter 1:8 tells us of joy unspeakable and full of glory

Philippians 4 tells us of joy in any circumstance

Joy is the effect of love in our lives

Peace

(Phil 4:7 NKJV) and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Peace is the nature of love in our lives.

Longsuffering

The attitude of love in our lives.

Kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

These are the very nature of Jesus manifested in our lives.

Isaiah 55: 1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters;

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