

Baptism with the Holy Spirit- Who, what, why, when & how (2)

Much prayer and preaching is wonderfully devoted to the salvation of new souls, and many are being saved, although not as many as there could be. Very little prayer and hardly any preaching is devoted to the Baptism with the Holy Spirit therefore very few Christians are Baptized with the Holy Spirit which is why, as will be seen below, far less are being won to Christ than could be if this truth were widely proclaimed:

Rom 10:14 **...And how shall they hear without a preacher?**

Why do we Christians desperately need the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is when a believer in Jesus Christ advances from merely having been purchased by God through Christ's blood and becomes fully God's possession to do with as He wills. It is the end of the self dominated life and the beginning of Christ now increasingly living His marvelous life in me and through me (it is called sanctification and means Christification). It cannot happen without a full surrender of life and will to God. With such a surrender and God's Spirit now taking over control, Jesus is no longer just my Savior, He has now become truly my Lord.

2 Cor 5:15 **He died for all so that all who live-having received eternal life from Him-might live no longer for themselves, to please themselves, but to spend their lives pleasing Christ who died and rose again for them.** TLB

1 Cor 12:3 **...no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.**

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Assurance of Salvation Still troubled with doubts

The assurance of God's Spirit

1 John 3:24 **...And by this we know that He (Jesus) abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.**

Commissioned into God's service

Not yet

Yes

Acts 1:8 **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...**

Anointed to preach

Not yet

Yes

Luke 4:18 **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me, to preach,..**

1 Joh 2:27 **But the anointing which you have received from Him...**

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Love for souls Often more out of duty

An increasing passion for the lost

**Approach to
The Bible** With the intellect

With the heart (1 Cor. 2:14)

Bible seen as A book of rules

Words when made living by the Spirit contain the nature of Christ

2 Peter 1:4 **by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises (God's words), that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature,**

Spiritual Growth Has stopped

Is active and healthy (1 Pet. 2:2)

Prayer life Is limited & mostly mental

Is becoming inspired by the Spirit

Rom 8:26 **...For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us...**

**Controlling will
In my life** My own will

God's will

Dead to Self No

Increasingly

**Knowledge of
God's will** Little to none

Growing thru continued revelation of God's word by His Spirit

Eph 1:17 **that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, ...may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,**

**Victory over
Sin** Very limited

Progressively overcoming sin

Rom 7:17 **But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me**
Rom 6:7 **For he who has died (to self, in Christ) has been freed from sin**

Pride level High
(Humility level) (low)

Decreasing
(increasing)

John 3:30 **He must increase , but I must decrease**

**Level of trust
or faith in God** Extremely limited

Growing as God's Spirit breathed words are heard in the heart

John 5:44 (Jesus) **How can you believe , who receive honor from one**

another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

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Understanding of spiritual things Very foggy

Getting clearer and clearer

Matt 13:16 **But blessed are your eyes , for they see: and your ears, for they hear.**

Knowledge of Satan's works Minimal & often in denial

Advancing & hence less deceived

2 Cor 2:11 **lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.**

Vulnerability to false doctrine Very vulnerable

Decreasingly at risk

2 Tim 2:15 **Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

Analogy to Old Testament Israel Still in the wilderness

In the promised land – the land of the promises of God – in Christ

2 Cor 1:20 **For all the promises of God in Him (Christ) are Yes, and in Him (Christ) Amen, to the glory of God through us**

Type of Son Or daughter A prodigal son or daughter living spiritually apart from God

An abiding son or daughter who stays spiritually connected to God

Rom 8:14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, those are (living as) the sons of God**

Beloved Christian, in all honesty which of the above two columns best describes your relationship and walk with God? Is Jesus Christ your Savior but not yet your Lord? Would you like for Him to be? Would you be willing to give up your right to be self-ruled in order for Him, by the Holy Spirit, to take over the reins of your life? Are you willing to ask Him for the Holy Spirit and to believe that He has answered your prayer?

Luke 11:13 **...How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those (of His children) who ask Him**