

CHAPTER 3

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Mark 1: 7 And he preached saying: "He is coming after me who is mightier than I, who I am not worthy to untie, stooping, the strap of his shoes.

Mark 1: 8 I have baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit. "

INTRODUCTION

It is our Lord Jesus Christ who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. When the Lord was resurrected, he only presented himself to his own and ordered them to wait for the promise of the Father.

Acts 1: 3 To these he was also presented alive, after having suffered, with much convincing evidence. For forty days he made himself visible to them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God. 4 And being together, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to await the fulfillment of the Father's promise, "of which you heard me speak. 5 for John, indeed, baptized in water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit after not many days. "

We understand then that this promise is only for those who belong to Christ. Of the more than 500 to whom the risen Lord appeared.

KJV 1 Corinthians 15: 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at the same time, many of whom are still living; and others are already sleeping.

Only the 120 in the upper room received the baptism of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

KJV Acts 1:15 In those days Peter got up in the midst of the brothers, who gathered together were about one hundred and twenty people...

Acts 2: 1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all gathered in one place.

Acts 2: 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them to speak.

They stood with one accord in prayer and supplication, obedient to the Lord's command and earnestly awaiting fulfillment of his promise. This baptism is different from that of water because it is not a command, it is not a step of obedience, but it is a gift, a product of obedience.

I- WHAT IS THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The baptism with the Holy Spirit consists of the manifestation of the power received from on high, which allows us to effectively witness the Lord's work in our lives. It is a different event than the filling of the Holy Spirit, which is received after believing.

II- WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM WITH THE SPIRIT HOLY?

It is necessary to receive power from on high so that we can truly be witnesses of the Lord wherever we are.

Acts 1: 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

The Lord Jesus ordered his disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they were endowed with power from on high, since they were witnesses of his sufferings, death and resurrection, and that it was necessary that they preach in his name the repentance and forgiveness of sins in all nations.

Luke 24:45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

Luke 24:46 And he said to them: "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day;

Luke 24:47 and that repentance and the remission of sins should be preached in his name to all nations,

beginning in Jerusalem.

Luke 24:48 And you are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:49 Behold, I will send the fulfillment of my Father's promise upon you. But you stay in the city until you are invested with power from on high.

It is well known that first it was necessary to open their understanding about scripture, so that later the Baptism of the Holy Spirit could come. It was like this that on the day of Pentecost, all were filled with the Holy Spirit and Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and spoke to the Jews who then lived in Jerusalem, moving them to repentance for the forgiveness of their sins, testifying of the Lord Jesus Christ and exhorting them, saying **be saved from this wicked generation.** (Acts 2: 1-47). That day about three thousand people received the Lord.

It is necessary to receive the Holy Spirit because he will guide us into all truth.

John 16:13 And when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak by himself, but whatever he hears he will speak and will let you know what is to come.

John 14: 6 Jesus said to him: - I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me

The Holy Spirit will guide us to Christ and reveal his word to us. Christ in turn, will lead us to the knowledge of the Father, because only He can make it known.

John 1:18 Nobody ever saw God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

The knowledge of God is what will give us eternal life.

John 17: 3 And this is eternal life; that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

It is necessary to receive the Holy Spirit because he will lead us to conquer the unsundered areas of our soul, which prevent us from living an abundant life.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. I have come so that they have life, and that they have it in abundance.

The abundant life is one that is filled with the fruits of the Spirit and to achieve it it is necessary to be guided by the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5: 16-25).

Galatians 5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and thus you will never satisfy the evil desires of the flesh. 17 Because the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. Both oppose each other, so that you do not do what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:25 Now that we live in the Spirit, let's walk in the Spirit.

III- WHAT IS NEEDED TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM WITH THE SPIRITHOLY?

A) You need to have Christ dwelling in you.

John 7:39 This he said about the Spirit that those who believed in him were to receive, for the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Only Christ can receive and contain the Holy Spirit. Our spirit cannot contain it, because it is like pouring new wine into old wineskins that break and spill it. Christ is our new wineskin, and the new wine of the Holy Spirit can be contained within Him without spilling. The Lord was first born in Bethlehem and then filled with the Holy Spirit in the Jordan. Thus, in us there must first be a new birth so that later we can receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

B) We must earnestly long for the promise of the Father to be fulfilled in us
• (Acts 1: 4-5). The Lord said:

KJV John 7:37 But on the last and great day of the feast, Jesus stood up and raised his voice saying, `` If anyone is thirsty, come to me and drink.

We also read in:

KJV 1 Corinthians 10: 4 They all drank the same spiritual drink, because they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them; and the rock was Christ.

Christ is the rock, and the water that flowed from it is the Holy Spirit. However, it is necessary to be thirsty and get close to the rock in order to drink the living water that flows from it.

IV-WHAT MANIFESTATION IS RECEIVED BY BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRITHOLY?

The only external manifestation of having received the baptism with the Holy Spirit is speaking in other languages, and the only internal one is fire.

Acts 2: 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them to speak.

Acts 10:45 And the believers of the circumcision who had come with Peter were astonished, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was also poured out on the Gentiles; 46 for they heard them speak in tongues and glorify God. 47 Then Peter answered, "Can anyone deny the water, lest these who have received the Holy Spirit be baptized, just like us?"

It is very important that we clarify that the Holy Spirit is a gentleman, and just like when Jesus Christ saved us, he first knocked on the door of our heart, and he entered when we opened it he did not force entry. Likewise, the Holy Spirit does not force anyone, he waits for the door to be opened and then he begins to work.

There are some manifestations that occur when the Holy Spirit is present, and that do not appear in the Bible, but that do exist, among the most common are: a chill that runs down the spine, a tingling that invades the whole body, electricity running through the body and some others.

It is important that we make it clear that these sensations are not inherent to the Holy Spirit, that is, it is not an obligation of the Holy Spirit to manifest himself in this way, for that reason we emphasize, the only Biblical manifestations are speaking in tongues and fire.

The Holy Spirit and the Gospel itself have been criticized and belittled for exaggerated practices and out of doctrinal context that some groups have tried to turn into characteristics of the Holy Spirit, for example, in addition to the sensations that we already mentioned, the beginning to shout and screaming uncontrollably, shaking the body as if not having control of it, falling to the ground shaking uncontrollably, are just some of these exaggerations, why? It is very simple, the Holy Spirit DOES NOT POSSESS people, it only covers and fills them, which is very different, because the one who is possessed loses control of his body and his being, but the one who is baptized continues to have control of his body and his being at all times, with the difference that he experiences how the internal emptiness begins to be filled, and how loneliness begins to disappear.

It is undoubted that at some point the Holy Spirit in his mercy has wanted to show himself to some unbelievers with these demonstrations of power so that when they feel they believe, but feeling is not a general rule, these are exceptions.

In most cases, ignorance, and the lack of the gift of discernment of Spirits in some churches has contributed to the demonic manifestations being confused with the Holy Spirit. May God rebuke the Devil for that, since they do not differ from each other. That is why it is important that we do not look for the signs, but rather, that we look for the Lord who does the signs.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Only the Lord Jesus Christ can Baptize us with the Holy Spirit
2. Baptism with the Holy Spirit consists of receiving the power from on high so our testimonies can be effective.
3. It is necessary to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit because we need power from on high to be true witnesses of the Lord. It will also guide us to the whole truth and lead us towards an abundant life.
4. To receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, it is necessary to have Christ dwelling in you, yearning for and earnestly waiting for the fulfillment of the promise of the Father in us.
5. The only outward manifestation of having received the baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues.
6. The Holy Spirit does not possess anyone, nor does he deprive anyone of their mental and motor faculties. The Holy Spirit enters, fills us and guides us, but it is our choice whether to obey Him or not.

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