

## Praying in the Holy Spirit

### The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Jesus said: *“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”* Acts 1:4-5

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

Being baptized in the Holy Spirit enables you to walk out who you are in Christ.

- The baptism is a gift from God available to all who believe and obey. Acts 5:32; Acts 2:1-10; Acts 2:14-39
- Tongues are a heavenly language or an earthly language unknown to you. Acts 2:5-12
- The baptism gives you power to be God’s witnesses. It also brings personal boldness and the power of the Spirit into the believer’s life. Acts 1:8-9; Acts 4:31; Acts 2:14-41; Acts 6:8; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 2:4
- It enables you to pray. Romans 8:26-27
- It builds you up in your faith. Jude 20; Ephesians 5:18-19, Ephesians 6:18
- This promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off. Acts 2:38-39, Mark 16:17-18

Other Scriptures on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

Joel 2:29-32

Matthew 3:11

Mark 1:8

Luke 3:16; Luke 11:13; Luke 24:49

John 1:33; John 7:37-39; John 14:26; John 20:22

Acts (the whole book) Acts 2:17; Acts 4:23-31

1 Corinthians 12-14

Footnote: After years of researching people who had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, it was noted: “Of all the variety of experiences with the Holy Spirit, one thing held true in every case. Whether the Baptism came quietly or with a bang, unexpectedly or after long seeking, the ultimate result was to draw the individual closer to Christ. Jesus Christ was no longer a figure on the page of a history book. Nor, even, a memory from some personal mountaintop experience. His Spirit was with the baptized believer in a present-time, minute-by-minute way, showing them at every turn the nature and personality of Jesus Christ.”