HOW TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



After you have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, you became a brand new creation (2 Cor. 5:17). The next important step for a victorious life is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. If you are not experiencing the victorious Christian life promised you in the Word, open your heart to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit!

A dramatic change occurred in the disciples when they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. After running and hiding from their persecutors, they went out into the public as powerful, bold witnesses (Acts 3:1-6). Peter's shadow would heal the people as he passed by (Acts 5:15). In 2 Peter 1:1, Peter said that you have the same precious faith that he had. Imagine that! Start seeing yourself walking in this same precious faith and power!

Here are 4 steps to receiving this baptism:

STEP ONE: SEE IT

Imagine being baptized with the fire and power of the Holy Spirit. See yourself being filled with the Holy Spirit daily, speaking with other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives you utterance. This is what the disciples of Jesus experienced in the upper room (Acts 2:4). As you do, hope will arise in your heart, and then faith will reach out and call those things that are not as though they are (Rom. 4:17).

Heb. 11:1 says: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hope is powerful. It gives you the ability to see things—imagine things—that cannot be seen.

STEP TWO: ASK FOR IT

When you ask the Father for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, expect the power of the Holy Spirit to flow and remain in your life, just as it did for Jesus (Matt. 3:16). When Jesus was baptized, He was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. This was not a momentary thing for Jesus. Our Father wants the same for us!

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened... If ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit (good things) to them that ask Him.))

Matt. 7:8, Luke 11:13

STEP THREE: BELIEVE FOR IT

Jesus said, "Whoever believeth on Me, . . . out of his belly will flow rivers of living water (John 7:38)."

Jesus was referring to the Holy Spirit and the benefits He produces in those who believe. Set aside time to renew your mind in God's Word. Then your heart will be transformed to believe these spiritual realities (Rom 8:6).

STEP FOUR: RECEIVE IT

You will not benefit from the baptism of the Holy Spirit if you do not receive it. What if you have a treasure chest filled with great wealth buried in your back yard but you never dig it up? You will never benefit from the treasure. The Holy Spirit is an even greater treasure waiting for you. So, welcome the baptism of the Holy Spirit and receive all He has to offer you today!

Pray this prayer from your heart, and believe you will receive:

Father, I am a believer. I am your child. You are my Father, and Jesus is my Lord. I recognize my need for Your power to live as a new creation. Your Word says that if I ask, I will receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Please fill me now to overflowing with Your Holy Spirit. By faith, I accept the baptism of the Holy Spirit! I believe that I NOW receive. Thank You for baptizing me. Holy Spirit, you are welcome in my life. Now, rise up within me as I praise God! I fully expect to pray in tongues.

Congratulations! You are filled with God's supernatural power! Now open your mouth and start speaking the syllables that rise up from your heart (1 Cor. 14:14). As you speak them out loud by faith, the supernatural power you've received within you will be released, and you will be energized by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 14:4; Jude 1:20). Be excited. The Father only gives good gifts! This is something you have control over. You can turn it off and on

whenever you want. Your loving, heavenly Father wants to give you the supernatural power you need to live a victorious life.

Don't worry if you didn't feel anything when you prayed to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Why? Because if you believed in your heart that you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, then God's Word promises you did!

God always honors His Word.

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.))

Mark 11:24

Now that you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit; know that the Holy Spirit is speaking through you! Rejoice! You've got supernatural power from on high living on the inside of you!

WHAT'S NEXT?

Learn all the benefits that come from Praying In Tongues (PIT). God did not write the Bible to your brain; He wrote it to your heart! It's Spirit to spirit: your spirit communicating directly to God's spirit (1 Cor. 14:2,14).

Respond to the Holy Spirit's leading. Live with a new zeal today yielding to the Holy Spirit. You will be filled with revelation knowledge and never be the same.

INVITATION

New Identity Ministries loves you. We rejoice that you have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Contact us and let us know. Be sure to ask us about the Holy Spirit PIT Benefit Package where you will learn the powerful benefits praying in tongues (PIT) has to offer you.

We invite you to attend the Gatherings and Connect Groups at New Identity Ministries. It is important to find out more about who you are in Christ, what you have now as a new believer, and to surround yourself with others who are like minded.

