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The Holy Spirit #3 – Is it for You?  
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The Holy Spirit was given to us from Jesus in his departure and absence.

**John 14:16-17 (KJV)**

**<sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;**

**<sup>17</sup> Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**

**1 John 2:27 (KJV)**

**<sup>27</sup> But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.**

Jesus had been with the disciples for three and half years and was preparing them for His departure and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a comforter, a parakeletos, or someone who is called to come along side and be an aid and support to us.

**John 14:26 (KJV)**

**<sup>26</sup> But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

Is the Holy Spirit for you? Was it just for the original 12 or the the 70? When do you receive it? The scriptures will show it is.

**Hebrews 6:1-3 (KJV)**

**<sup>6</sup> Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,**

**<sup>2</sup> Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.**

**<sup>3</sup> And this will we do, if God permit.**

Those scriptures indicate there is more than just the born again experience. The term baptisms is used so there is more than just one. There are three for the believer. One is of the new birth or being born again. The second is of water, and the third is of the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 3:11 (KJV)**

**<sup>11</sup> I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

That was John talking about Jesus.

**Mark 1:8 (KJV)**

***<sup>8</sup> I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.***

They understood water baptism but they needed introduced to the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 3:16 (KJV)**

***<sup>16</sup> John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:***

**John 1:33 (KJV)**

***<sup>33</sup> And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.***

**Ephesians 4:5 (KJV)**

***<sup>5</sup> One Lord, one faith, one baptism,***

**1 Corinthians 12:13 (KJV)**

***<sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.***

That is speaking of being baptized into the body of Christ and the new birth.

With respect to being baptized into the Holy Spirit it is not to be of more importance than being born again. It is the most important.

**John 4:13-14 (KJV)**

***<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:***

***<sup>14</sup> But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.***

Jesus is referring to the new birth or being born again. What he is saying is that a well sustains life. Jesus wasn't afraid to be seen with the woman at the well.

In John 3 Jesus is going to the feast of tabernacles. This is one of the main feasts.

**John 7:37-39 (KJV)**

***<sup>37</sup> In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.***

***<sup>38</sup> He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.***

***<sup>39</sup> (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)***

Jesus is instructing his followers specifically in an appearance after his resurrection.

**Luke 24:49 (KJV)**

***<sup>49</sup> And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.***

The promise of the father is the Holy Spirit. They were to wait there and then they would be equipped there. The power would be from the Holy Ghost.

**Acts 1:4-5 (KJV)**

***<sup>4</sup> And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.***

***<sup>5</sup> For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.***

There is emphasis on becoming equipped before going out into the world. Getting baptized or full of the Holy Ghost.

**Acts 2:1 (KJV)**

***<sup>2</sup> And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.***

Pentecost means 50. The day of Pentecost is 50 days after Easter. They were to go and wait until The Holy Ghost was given.

**Acts 2:11-18 (KJV)**

***<sup>11</sup> Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.***

***<sup>12</sup> And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?***

***<sup>13</sup> Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.***

***<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:***

***<sup>15</sup> For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.***

***<sup>16</sup> But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;***

***<sup>17</sup> And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:***

***<sup>18</sup> And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:***

There was a manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 2:2-4 (KJV)**

***<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.***

***<sup>3</sup> And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.***

***<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

**Acts 2:11 (KJV)**

***<sup>11</sup> Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.***

The Jews in the time of the old covenant made sacrifices and when they were acceptable to God fire would come from Heaven and consume it. They didn't understand the concept of tongues but they knew they were acceptable because of the fire coming down from heaven when they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They knew they were of God. Their behavior changed also. It was changed with their first encounter with the Holy Ghost.

In Luke 24 Jesus asked for their ears be opened to the understanding and it came to pass.

The last days started on the 50<sup>th</sup> day or the day of Pentecost.

The Holy Ghost couldn't be given until Jesus went away. This group had never met the Holy Ghost and Jesus had been trying to prepare them.

**Acts 2:32-33 (KJV)**

***<sup>32</sup> This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.***

***<sup>33</sup> Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.***

In that scripture Peter had the revelation and was preaching Jesus wasn't in the grave. Jesus was at the right hand of the Father and they had received the promise that wouldn't be given until that time. They were able to see and hear it.

The book of Act is about approximately the first 40 years of the new church. 4 references to the Holy Spirit and demonstrations of it. Specifically to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. If we are going to follow Paul's advice and instruction we are going to go on from the basic teaching of baptisms to a greater measure of maturity. We are talking about the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Is this experience for you? The following scriptures says it is for everybody. The doorway is being born again.

**Acts 2:38-39 (KJV)**

***<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.***

***<sup>39</sup> For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.***

The biblical definition of repentance.

**Mark 6:12 (AMP)**

***<sup>12</sup> So they went out and preached that men should repent [<sup>[a]</sup> that they should change their minds for the better and heartily amend their ways, with abhorrence of their past sins].***

Biblical repentance is genuine regret and abhorrence. We don't want any part of it anymore.

What are you going to do with the Holy Spirit? He is a divine person, part of the god-head. He has a mind has feelings a mind and a purpose.

Father, we worship you. We stand amazed at your goodness and kindness. We are amazed when we see in a measure the plan you have for us. You want to empower and equip them and send them into the world.