

Sermon Series Begins: Why Do We Do That?

6/23/24 "Seek the Baptism in the Holy Spirit," Acts 1:4-5, 8, NLT

**INTRODUCTION:** Ever attempt something you just couldn't do?

At salvation, filled (**Eph. 1:13**; John 20:22; He breathed on them) vs. BofHS, immersed (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5)

*Filled with the Holy Spirit (2:4, 9:17) = received the Holy Spirit (8:17) = Holy Spirit fell upon them (10:44) = Holy Spirit had been poured out on them (10:45) = Holy Spirit came upon them (19:6)*

**MAIN IDEA: Seek all of the Holy Spirit Jesus will give.** Why? Here are four reasons.

**I. First, Jesus came to baptize in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5)**

**John 1:33, NLT:** I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' [see also Mt 3:11; Mk 1:8; Lk 3:16]

- A. every one of the gospel writers emphasize this point
- B. Jesus wanted to leave to send the Holy Spirit

**John 16:7, NLT:** But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.

- C. Jesus wants us to trust Him in receiving the baptism

**Luke 11:13, NLT:** So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him. [read Luke 11:5-13]

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**II. Second, the Father promised the Spirit to us (2:4)**

- A. in the OT (Isa 32:15; 44:3; Eze 39:29; Joel 2:28)
  - 1. to encourage, to give hope to a hard-pressed people
  - 2. one of His longtime purposes, more than salvation
  - 3. knowing how desperately we need Him
- B. in the NT (Jn 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7; Ac 1:4-8; 2:33, 38-39)... Advocate, Comforter, Encourager, Counselor
  - 1. so we will desire more of Him
  - 2. to encourage us to seek, to wait, to receive Him

**ILLUSTRATION:** Corrie Ten Boom, DL Moody

**III. Third, Jesus tells us we need the Holy Spirit's power (2:8; Luke 24:49b)**

- A. He should know
  - 1. He created the people we'll witness to
  - 2. He created the angels we'll tangle with
  - 3. He knows the situations we will face
- B. It's His power... supernatural... healing, boldness, faith, miracles, peace, truth, clarity, right words/right time
  - 1. to witness... to dead people bound by devil
  - 2. to live a holy life (Gal 5:22-23)

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**IV. Finally, God wants all His followers so empowered**

**Acts 2:39, NLT:** This promise is to you, to your children, and to those who are far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.

- A. Acts 8:14-19, **Samaria**, after believing, after being water baptized (Simon the Sorcerer, something "visible")
- B. Acts 10:44-48, Cornelius (a **gentile**), believed, Holy Spirit baptism with tongues, water baptism
- C. Acts 19:1-6, Ephesus (in modern-day Turkey), after becoming disciples, after being water baptized, with tongues

**NOTE:** We conclude that tongues is a sign

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**CONCLUSION:**

Even Jesus didn't try to minister without the power of the Holy Spirit

Do you trust Jesus? Does Jesus do anything or give anything that is not good?

**ALTAR:** Salvation? Baptism in Holy Spirit?