The Holy Spirit -- A Gift Worth Waiting For!

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(Acts 1:4-8 NIV) On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. (5) For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (6) So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (7) He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. (8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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(Acts 2:1-4 NIV) When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. (2) Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. (3) They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. (4) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

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Until He Returns... We Have To Wait!

Q. What Are We Supposed To Be Doing While We Wait?

A. Jesus Wanted His Disciples To "Wait On A Gift Especially For Them "The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit


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• Scripture Uses Different Terms To Describe Believers Who Are Baptized With The Holy Spirit

• Examples:
  ◦ The Spirit “Falling Upon”
  ◦ The Spirit “Coming Upon”
  ◦ The Spirit Being “Poured Out Upon”
• **In Water Baptism** -- Our Bodies Are Immersed In The Water

• **In Holy Spirit Baptism** -- Our Spirits Are Immersed In The Holy Spirit

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• A Gift With A Promise

• A Gift Is: “something voluntarily transferred by one person to another without compensation”

The Baptism With The Holy Spirit Is A Gift

• It Is Free
• It Cannot Be Worked For
• It Cannot Be Merited Or Deserved In Any Way

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The “Promise Of The Father” Is To Be Fulfilled By **Immersion In The Spirit**

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The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit Comes In Power

• It Is A Transforming Power

• After Their Spirit Baptism The Disciples Would Not Run Away -- They Stood Up For Christ

• God By His Spirit -- Can Transform Us!

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- The Purpose And Necessity Of The Baptism With The Holy Spirit = Power!
- Power For Service
- Power For Spiritual Warfare
- Power For “Witness”
- Power For Divine Ability
How To Receive The Baptism With The Holy Spirit

• **By Faith**
  ◦ Faith In The Promise Of God
  ◦ Faith That The Promise Is For You
  ◦ A Persistency Of Faith That Will Not Be Denied
  ◦ Faith Will Be Manifest In Praise And Thanksgiving

• **By Fully Yielding Yourself So That The Holy Spirit Might Have His Own Way**
  ◦ There Must Be A Baptizer In Order For There To Be A Baptism
  ◦ When We Are Baptized In The Holy Spirit -- We Must Yield Ourselves Completely To Jesus -- The Baptizer

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