The Baptism with the Holy Spirit gives believers the ability to work until Jesus comes or we complete our race on earth!

Those Who Can Receive the Holy Spirit!

Every Christian!

Those Who Can Receive…

- **The baptism with the Holy Spirit was intended to be the normal, divine provision for every believer!**
  - **But that is no longer the case!**
  - **Now it is for every believer who will receive Him!**
  - **Never intended to be for a special class or group of people!**
  - **Always for "as many as the Lord calls!"**

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  - **"Repent, be baptized every one of you in Jesus name for the remission of sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. *For the promise is to you, yours, and all that are afar off, as many as the Lord will call!"* Acts 2.38,39**
  - **No time limit; no early-age designation!**

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  - As long as people are being saved; should be getting baptized w/the Holy Spirit!
  - As long as there is a mission…people should be receiving the Baptism!
  - As long as there is call to holy living we will need the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and the power He brings!

Those Who Can Receive…

- Some believe the Holy Spirit is just for ministers, especially missionaries, or special people for special service!
  - Every Christian is called to special service to the Lord!
  - There are no greater or lessor important ones in the Body of Christ!
    - All parts have equal importance!
    - All of us need Him for our assignments!

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  - "Then Peter said, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that fears God and works righteousness is accepted with Him!" Acts 10.34,35
  - "while he was speaking the Holy Spirit fell on them all…" v44-48
  - He is the promised gift to all who believe!

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is not to increase the believers prestige, but the quality of their service!

Those Who Can Receive…

- **Some believe the baptism with the Holy Spirit requires time and maturity!**
  - **Jesus said, "Wait for the promise…"**
  - **Waiting happened 2000 years ago… and He came… and He never went away!**
  - **The only wait time we have now is the time it takes to understand the promise!**
  - **"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? We haven't heard…" Acts 19.2ff**

Conditions for those who want to receive the Holy Spirit!

Conditions…

- **Salvation!**
  - **“Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit!” A2.37ff**
    - **Baptism in water is not a prerequisite, Acts 9.17,18 10.44-48 but not being willing to obey (Mt3) can be a hindrance!**
  - **“Heavenly *Father (at adoption)* gives the Spirit to those who ask.” Luke 11.13**

Conditions…

- **A sense of need!**
  - **"I cannot do this without power and ability beyond my own!"**
  - **"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; they will be filled!" Matthew 5.6**
  - **"If anyone thirsts let him come to Me and drink… speaking of the Holy Spirit!" J7.37**

Conditions…

- **Surrender!**
  - **We can be saved without having the baptism with the Holy Spirit!**
    - **People who think about that most often are the ones who struggle to receive!**
  - **But there are many who ‘want more/all’ and they seek, and yield and receive!**
    - **Because they want all of God’s will!**

How to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit!

How to receive…

- Not one way!
  - God uses many ways… and no two people are the same in their discernment and reception of spiritual things!
- But all the ways begin with: FAITH!
  - "We receive the promise of the Spirit through faith…" Galatians 3.14
  - "He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive…" John 7.37

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  - "God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him…" Hebrews 11.6
  - Not feelings, but faith in His promises… and that He will do what He says He will! 2Corinthians 1.20 Luke 11.11-13

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  - Faith to believe ‘promise is for all…’
    - Not some, not special, but for believers!
  - Faith to believe “God is no respecter…’
    - “if He did it for you, He will do it for me!”

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  - Persistent faith!
    - There may be hindrances to receiving…
    - But that's on our side, not His…
    - So we endure!

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- **But all the ways begin with: FAITH!**
  - **We wait in praise and thanksgiving!**
  - **Praise is a manifestation of faith in God!**
  - **A ‘manifesting trust’ that He will follow up and fulfill His promises!**

How to receive…

- By fully yielding to the Holy Spirit!
  - You can realize your need for the Baptism…
  - You can want the Baptism…
  - You can ask for the Baptism…
  - And you can still struggle to have the full experience because it's easier for us to handle things than receive them!
- This baptism, by Jesus Matt 3.11 Mark 1.8 Luke 3.16 needs to be yielded to!

Asides…

- How much do you have to ‘handle’ Water Baptism?
  - You hear that you need to be baptized and you yield yourself to the baptizer!
  - You trust the one baptizing you to dunk you and bring you up!
- Why so different w/Holy Spirit baptism?
  - You hear and you weigh in…
  - You pray and you receive, or stall…

How to receive…

- **“This Jesus, being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear!” Acts 2.32,33**
  - **God will not give you a counterfeit!**
  - **Jesus is faithful and true and trustworthy!**
  - **And yielding for baptism is the intent of salvation and baptism altogether!**

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- **“This Jesus, being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear!” Acts 2.32,33**
  - **Every phase of holy living/wielding power is the result of yielding to the Holy Spirit!**
  - **God teaches believers, from the start, the secret of success, yielding to Him!**

Asides…

- **Yielding is virtually impossible to tell another person how to do!**
  - **People have gone years trying to find out why they were never ‘baptized…’**
  - **Only to finally say, “If I had only known how to yield I would have received years ago!”**
  - **But every believer needs to discover this pathway to surrender for themselves!**

Asides²…

- **Yielding does not mean losing yourself, personality, control of self.**
  - **This is not movie screen possession!**
  - **He does not say, "yield…" and then OVERTAKE!**
  - **He sets us on fire! He shines God's glory through us!**
  - **We yield! We pray! We shine!**

Asides³…

- **We receive when we are ready to yield!**
  - **Only the early disciples had to wait, to tarry, for the Holy Spirit…**
    - **"For the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified!" John 7.37-39**
    - **And then Jesus ascended and the Holy Spirit descended on us! Acts 2.1ff……**

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  - **Only the early disciples had to wait, to tarry, for the Holy Spirit…**
    - **We do not ‘tarry,’ we receive!**
    - **And thinking that we have to wait for anything other than salvation as a prerequisite…**
    - **Opens us to struggling for reception!**

Asides³…

- We receive when we are ready to yield!
  - Only the early disciples had to wait, to tarry, for the Holy Spirit…
  - Believers are not waiting for God to do something…
  - God is waiting for the believer to be ready!
    - And various believers receive in various ways!

How to receive…

- **Laying on of hands and prayer!**
  - **“Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John, who when they came prayed for them to receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had not fallen on them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they laid hands on them and they received!” Acts 8.14-17**

How to receive…

- **Laying on of hands and prayer!**
  - **For some, it is the "point of contact" with God, like the sick woman in the crowd…**
    - **"a woman, diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole." Matthew 9.20**

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- Laying on of hands and prayer!
  - For some, it is the “point of contact” with God, like the multitudes…
    - “When they knew He was near, they sent out word to those round about, and brought to him all that were diseased; And asked that they might only touch the hem of His garment: and as many as touched it were made perfectly whole.” Matthew 14.35,36

How to receive…

- **Laying on of hands and prayer!**
  - **For some, it is the "point of contact" with God, like the multitudes…**
  - **They placed their faith in that point of contact with Jesus… and their faith made them whole!**
  - **"If someone lays hands on me and prays, then I will receive the Holy Spirit!"**

Asides…

- **Who do so many have to wait, tarry, pray for the Holy Spirit to come?**
  - **Possibly, simply, mistaught!**
    - **Not one case in the Bible of 'required tarrying' after Pentecost!**
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    - **Faith was high back then… teachings were uniform… men of great faith and power created environment of faith!**

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    - **Not always the case for us… but Jesus, the Baptizer is the same yesterday, today and forever! Hebrews 13.8**

Asides…

- **Who do so many have to wait, tarry, pray for the Holy Spirit to come?**
  - **Weak faith! *Knowledge!***
  - **Unholy living! *A mind to depart from evil!***
  - **Lack of surrender! *Ownership issues!***
  - **Self-centered motives! *Status!***
  - **Fear and mistrust of God! *Daddy issues!***
    - **Transference of human failures to God!**

How to receive…

- During personal prayer! Luke 11.1-13
- Suddenly, while expecting! Acts 2.1ff
- Through prayer and the laying on of hands! Acts 8.14ff, 9.17, 19.6
- While listening to the Word! Acts 10.44ff
- Following water baptism! Acts 19.6
- “Worship-full surrender!”

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  - Assuring us of new presence, abilities, etc.
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  - Day of Pentecost: heteros-glossa/idios dialektos. Acts 2.4
  - Other times: glossa-laleoo A10.44-46 19.6

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  - **The Jews that came w/Peter to Cornelius home heard them *speak* with *languages!***
  - **Not in *their* language, but in languages!**

Asides…

- Not told that Jesus was baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoke with tongues…
  - "For He whom God sent speaks the words of God: for God gave Him the Spirit without measure!" John 3.34
- Not told when Paul was baptized and spoke in tongues… but he said:
  - "I thank God that I speak with tongues more than you all!" 1Corinthians 14.8

Asides…

- **The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Samaritans, Acts 8, doesn't mention that they spoke in tongues… but…**
  - **Simon was willing to pay for the power to impart the gift of the Spirit…**
  - **Something audible and visible was was happening for him to see and want!**
- ***BELIEVERS DO NOT SEEK THE GIFT BUT HE SPIRIT HIMSELF!***

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Asides…

- **Words of Wisdom: Joshua, Solomon**
- **Word of knowledge: Bezalel**
- **Faith of Abraham: legendary**
- **Gift of healing: Elijah, Elisha**
- **Work'g of miracles: Elijah, Elisha, Moses**
- **Prophecy: Isaiah, David, Balaam**
- **Discerning of spirits: Ahijah, Moses**
- ***New thing at Pentecost!***

Asides…

- But speaking in tongues is not the Baptism with the Holy Spirit!
  - It is an evidence of it!
  - We do not seek tongues but the Spirit Himself!
    - Who gives us utterance…
    - Who gives us a public exhortation…
    - And ability to interpret it!

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- **And *essential* to Spirit-full life!**

Essential…

- **“He that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no man understands what he is saying, but, in the spirit he is speaking mysteries… I would that you all spoke w/tongues!” 1Corinthians 14.2,5**
- **“If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays but my understanding is unfruitful!” v14**

Essential…

- **“What is it then? I will pray with the spirit and the understanding; I will sing with the spirit and the understanding…” v15**
- **“I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all, yet in church I would rather speak five words with my understanding than a thousand words in an unknown tongue!” v18,19**

Essential…

- **“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!” Ephesians 5.18-20**