How to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit!

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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  - **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…

- **We receive when we are ready to yield!**
  - **We do not ‘tarry,’ we receive!**
    - **Salvation is a prerequisite…**
    - **But after that, we can ask and receive!**
- **Last week we began praying for the baptism with the Holy Spirit, *supernaturally, spontaneously…***
  - **You ask, you receive…**

How to receive…

- Also, 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!**
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    - **"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 in Jesus* made them whole!**
  - **"If someone lays hands on me and prays, then I will receive the Holy Spirit!"**

Asides…

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  - **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**

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- **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!”

Evidence…

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  - Assuring us of new presence, abilities, etc.
- "Speaking with other tongues…" is considered a primary evidence.
  - 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 happening for him to see and want!**
- ***BELIEVERS DO NOT SEEK THE GIFT BUT HE SPIRIT HIMSELF!***

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- **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**

Evident Essentials…

- The power to continue in the miraculous ministry of Jesus! Acts 1.8
- New clarity and power for speaking! Acts 2.14ff 4.23-31
- New understanding of Jesus! Ephesians 1.17-23
- New power in prayer and holy living! Rom 8.12,13,26 1Cor 14.2,14-17 Gal 5.16-26

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- A new way of life!
  - Once beyond the initial experience of receiving, begin to realize the transformation of His presence!