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The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

What is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit ?

The BHS is a separate work of God wherein a believer is filled and emerged in the Holy Spirit by Jesus. The BHS is one of three (3) baptisms. (see Heb. 6:1-2)

1. We are baptized into the body of Christ by the Spirit when we are saved. (1 Cor 12:13)
2. After we are saved we are commanded to be baptized in water as an identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20) (Rom 6:1-6).
3. We are commanded to be baptized in the Holy Spirit after we are saved and water baptized (Acts 1: 4,5, Math 28: 18- 20 , Heb 6: 1-2, Eph 5:18)

What does the BHS do for the believer?

The BHS gives the believer power from heaven (Acts 1:8) The Greek word power (Acts 1:8-"ye shall receive power...") is the Greek word Dunamis (Strong's concordance) - Miraculous ,power, ability, might, strength, violence, mighty wonderful work. This is the word that dynamite was taken from. The word "zeal" could also apply. The Greek for zeal is "zelos" which means to be hot, glow, fervent! The BHS gives the believer the potential for greater wisdom, love, and spiritual power (2Tim 1: 6-7). The BHS opens the believer up to the gifts of the Spirit listed in 1 Cor 12: 7-10. Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit before he ministered.(Mat 3: 16-17) (Acts 10:38)

How does the BHS manifest itself ?

The BHS manifest itself through speaking in other (unknown) tongues. The believer is able to speak in a heavenly language to God as the Spirit gives the utterance (Acts 2:1-4) The language that the Spirit speaks through the believer is unknown (or not to be understood) by the believer but by God. (1 Cor 14:2,14) Paul said "I thank God I pray more than you all in tongues" (Paul wrote 2/3 of the New Testament)

Can Every Believer Receive The BHS ?

Yes! Every believer can receive the BHS ! Luke 11: 13 says " If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts to y our children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to Them that ask Him ? "

(Math 28:18- The Great Commission) Jesus told the disciples to teach the nations (us) to obey (observe) all things whatsoever he had commanded them. He commanded them in Acts 1:4, 5 not to depart from Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the BHS. See also Acts 2:38, 39.

How Does A Believer Receive The BHS ?

The BHS is received by faith! Just as salvation is received by faith, the BHS is received by FAITH! and not by a believers works. The BHS with the evidence of speaking in other (unknown) tongues is also referred to in Acts 2:28, Acts 10:44, 45 and Acts 11:15-17 as the Gift of the Holy Ghost. Notice gift and not works! Acts 1:4 and Acts 2:39 call the BHS a promise of the Father. All of the promises of God are received by faith to EVERY BELIEVER. Rom 4:16 says "It is by faith, that it might be by grace so that the promises might be to all the seed".

In Gal. 3:2 Paul ask the question, "Receive ye the Spirit by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith ?" The answer, of course, is by the hearing of faith. Rom. 10:17 says, "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

The believer is told by Paul in 1 cor. 14:1 to desire spiritual gifts ! The Greek word desire here is the same word for zeal, (to be hot, fervent, etc.) for spiritual gifts. Your faith coupled with a burning desire for the BHS will bring the manifestation in your life. God said in Matt. 5:6 that those that are hungry He would fill.

When we truly believe and desire that Jesus would baptize us in the Holy Spirit, we can then ask the Father (Luke11:13) and begin to worship Jesus and thank him for it! Remember, the bible says in Acts 2:4 that "they Spoke as the Spirit gave the utterance." This is of the utmost importance!!! The key is to begin to worship Jesus and give your voice to the Holy Spirit by faith.

The BHS will fall on believers in several ways, as it did on believers in the early church in Acts. (I) THE LAYING ON OF HANDS and prayer of a minister or another believer. This is seen in Acts 8:14-18, 2 Tim. 1:6,7, and Acts 9:17-18. (II) DURING PRAYER OR PRAISE & WORSHIP as

seen in Acts 2:1-4. (III) WHEN YOU THINK NOT as in Acts 10:44-46. This occurs to many believers in cars, showers, mowing lawns, hearing God's word, even coming up out of the water in water baptism!

Remember, the important thing is to know that (1) Jesus wants to fill you with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

(2) Ask Jesus in faith to Baptize you in the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13) *"If you then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask"*.

(3) Begin to worship Jesus and give your voice to the Holy Spirit by faith! Paul told Timothy in 2 Tim. 1:6,7 to *"stir up that gift that came on you by the laying on of my hands, for you have not been given the spirit of fear but the Spirit of love, power and a sound mind"*.

Questions Often Asked About The BHS

(1) Is the BHS a separate experience from salvation?

Yes! In John 20:21,22 Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost", yet the last thing he said to the disciples before he ascended into heaven was in Acts 1:4. He said "Don't depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days from hence."

Acts 8:14 states how when the apostles heard that in Samaria they had received the word of God, they went down to minister the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They had only been baptized in the name of The Lord Jesus (water baptized). They laid hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost.

(2) Can Satan get involved with speaking in other tongues?

No! Luke 11:9-13 "If a son ask for bread of any of you that is a Father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask for fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he ask for egg will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give you the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

(3) What is the difference between the Gift of the Holy Spirit and The Ministry gift of tongues?

The ministry gift of tongues is not given to everyone except the Holy Spirit Wills. This is the gift whereby a believer is prompted by the Spirit to give a message in tongues and then someone in the assembly would

interpret the unknown tongue in a known (English, etc.) language. The gift of the Holy Ghost is the ability of every Spirit Baptized believer to pray in unknown tongues at any time. See Eph 6: 18, Jude 20, 21, 1 Cor. 14. The Gift of tongues mentioned in 1 Cor. 14 is to be exercised in the assembly of believers and must be accompanied by an interpretation of that tongue.

(4) Jesus told the disciples to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit. Do we now have to "Tarry" or wait for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as they did in Acts 1:4?

No! This is the only reference to "waiting" mentioned in God's word. After the Holy Spirit fell on the 120 in Acts 2, believers received the Holy Spirit immediately when hands were laid upon them or when they heard and believed. (See Acts 8:14-18, Acts 9:17, Acts 10:44-46, Acts 19:1-7, 2 Tim. 1:6)

WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO FOR ME TO PRAY IN TONGUES?

(1.) It edifies or builds us up in the Spirit!

(See 1 Cor. 14:4, Jude 20-22, Eph. 3:20) We need recharging every day! Praying in tongues gives us POWER to live by faith in the word! (Acts 1:8)

(2.) It is a heavenly language that God alone understands, therefore Satan can't understand or get involved in our prayers or plans!

(See 1 Cor. 14:2, Isa. 28:11, Rom 8:26-28)

(3.) The Holy Spirit knows how to pray and what to pray for, therefore praying in tongues (praying in the Spirit-1 Cor 14:14-15, Jude 20) allows the Holy Spirit to help us pray according to the will of God!

(See Rom. 8:26-28, 1 John 5:14, 1 Cor. 14:2)

(4.) Praying in tongues allows God to impart wisdom, understanding and direction, which has been deposited in our Spirit through hearing God's word and seeking Him!

(See Prov. 20:5, Isa 28:9-12, 1 Cor. 14:2)

(5) Praying in tongues allows the Holy Spirit to help us overcome the "sins and weights that so easily beset us."

(See Rom. 8:26, "*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities*")

(weaknesses, faults, flaws, sins) Jude 20-21 says it puts us "In The Spirit." Heb 4:15-16 says, "*For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities (weaknesses); but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come*

boldly To the throne of grace that we might receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

(6) Praying in tongues gives us "Rest and Refreshing" as Paul points out as he quotes Isa 28:12 in 1 Cor. 14:21.

Jude 20-23 states that praying in the Holy Ghost "keeps (guards) us in the love of God." Isa 28:12 says "This is the rest wherein ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

(7) Praying in tongues ushers us into the "Gifts of the Spirit" listed in 1 Cor. 12: 1-12.

These gifts are the MANIFESTATION of the Spirit to bless and minister to the body of Christ. The gifts include ,the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, the gift of faith, the gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, divers kinds of tongues (ministry tongues to the body assembled) and the interpretation of tongues.

(8) Praying in tongues (in the Spirit) and singing in tongues (in the Spirit) will aid us in worship and magnifying God through us.

Jesus said in John 4:23-24, "But the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Acts 2:11 says, "we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God." Acts 10:46 says, "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God."

1 Cor. 14:15, Paul says, "What is it then? I will pray in the Spirit, and I will pray in the understanding also: I will sing in the Spirit and I will sing in the understanding." (the language he understood or knew)

(9) Praying in tongues allows the Holy Spirit to pray with us and pray the will of God for us and bypass our intellect or limited knowledge.

1 Cor. 14:2 " He that speaks in an unknown tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no man understands him, however in the spirit he speaks mysteres."

Rom 8:26-28 " Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weakness. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings (inarticulate speech) which cannot be uttered. Now He that searches the heart knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose."