

“Baptized with the Holy Spirit”
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Acts 1:1-5; 2:1-13,40-41

CORE: After we receive Jesus—His life, love and forgiveness—nothing transforms us like the on going “baptism with the Holy Spirit.”
Here are some key components of this dynamic experience:

1. PENTECOST

- **AKA the Jewish “Feast of Shavuot” (pronounced, ‘SHA—VOO—OTE’)**
- **Annual celebration of:**
 - **The giving of the TORAH**
 - **The coming HARVEST**
 - **Foreshadow of the OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
- **When the LAW was given, judgment fell on idolaters. “About 3,000 people” fell dead (Exodus 32:28).**
- **When the HOLY SPIRIT was poured out, “about 3,000 people” were saved (Acts 2:41). NOTE: (2 Cor. 3:6- “The letter of the Law kills, but the spirit of the Law gives life!”)**

2. “WAIT”

- **Lit.- “To eagerly anticipate the fulfillment of a promise” (i.e., *Christmas Eve vs. a ‘waiting room’*)**
- **Akin to “zealously desire” (1 Cor. 14:1) vs. passively “open to” (i.e., “*seek not, forbid not*” -A.B. Simpson)(“Controversy”—*prolonged debate & contention; delaying action*)**

3. GIFT OF THE H.S.

- **Pentecost was a “feast” (festival; joyful celebration)—not a mournful obligation.**
- **A Person becoming fully present to us—not an impersonal “force.”**

4. “FULLNESS”

- **God’s ultimate desires for us—that we would be “filled.”**
- **(i.e., “*life more than abundantly*”; “*pressed down and running over*”; etc.)**
- **James 4:5- “The overwhelming testimony of Scripture shouts that when the Holy Spirit lives in us—He jealously longs to make us His own!”**

5. “BAPTIZED WITH THE H.S.”

- **“BAPTIZE” describes:**
 - **A dyed cloth—every fiber changed**
 - **A sponge—fully immersed with water**
 - **A sunken ship—completely under the influence of the body of water**

- **“IN” and “UPON”:**
 - **“IN”**- *to take up residence in (Jn. 14:17- “The Spirit of truth will be IN you”)*
 - **“UPON”**- *that which is within becomes visible (i.e., chicken pox virus)*
 - **2 separate “Upper Room” experiences:** (John 20- “Receive”; Acts 2- “Filled with”)
- **“FALL UPON”:**
 - **Embrace**- Prodigal’s father (**Luke 15:20**); elders of Ephesus (**Acts 20:37**)
 - **Completely influenced by**- Zechariah gripped by fear (**Luke 1:12**)
- **“FILLED”-**
 - **Continuous active verb**- Lit.- “Filled (and continuously filled)”
 - **Continuous fillings** recorded throughout the *Book of Acts*
 - **Don’t discredit your experience via comparison w/ others (on the “manifestation scale”)**
 - **Don’t focus on the “evidence” and miss the ESSENCE (NOTE: Tongues is not the only evidence of H.S.’s fullness)**
 - **Don’t “park on” your experience (and miss subsequent encounters)**

6. **POWERFUL RESULTS:**

- **“TONGUES”**- Every nation heard “the wonders of God” declared in their own languages; God’s passion for “ALL to come”!
- **“IN JERUSALEM”**—in a crowded city; not in obscurity (“ALL to come”)
- **“WITNESSES”**- to simply tell what you have experienced (i.e., blind man)

THE ESSENCE OF THIS EXPERIENCE: An outpouring of Father’s love

Romans 5:5- “And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

“Poured out”- the One pouring *“fully expresses w/o restraint”*; the ones receiving *“fully experience (because our hearts have been made to fully experience the love of God).”*

“Drunk”- lost inhibitions (no longer hiding “for fear of the Jewish leaders”) (John 20:19)

Acts 28:31- Preached the Kingdom of God and declared the Lord Jesus “with all boldness & without hindrance.”