

LESSON 25

Topic: Baptism of The Holy Spirit

Text: Luke 24:49–53, Acts 1:1–5; Acts 2:1–4

Aim: To help believers understand the promise, purpose, and power of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, so that they may desire, seek, and receive the divine empowerment for victorious christian living and effective witnessing.

Introduction: The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a spiritual experience which occurs when the Spirit of God comes upon a believer. It is one of the most important promises of God to the believer. Jesus, before ascending to heaven instructed His disciples not to start the ministry until they receive the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49). This baptism is not just an experience but the supernatural infilling of the believer with the Spirit of God. It is the empowerment for life and ministry as the presence of the Spirit transforms ordinary men into extraordinary witnesses. No wonder that after the instruction, the disciples returned with joy, unity, and consistent worship conditions that prepared them to receive the Spirit. This study will explore the difference between water baptism and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the promise, the fulfilment and the empowerment of the believers by the Holy spirit.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the difference between water baptism and baptism of the Holy Spirit?
Acts 1: 5, Matt. 3:11, Acts 10:47; 19:2-6
2. Why did Jesus insist that His disciples wait for the baptism of the Holy Spirit before starting the ministry? Luke 24:49, John 16:7,13, Acts 1:8, Rom. 8:26-27
3. Who is qualified to be baptized by the Holy Spirit. Act 2:38 &39
- 4.How can one receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Luke 11:9-13, Acts 19:2-6, Acts 10:44-47
5. What are the evidence that someone has truly received the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
Rom.8:14-16, Gal.5:22-23, Acts 1:8; 2:4

Conclusion: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not a mere doctrine but a divine empowerment for Christian life and ministry. Jesus commanded His disciples to wait until they received this power, showing its necessity. At Pentecost, the Spirit came in fullness, marking the birth of the Church. Every believer needs this baptism for victorious living, bold witnessing, and effective service in God's kingdom. The Lord is the baptizer and He baptizes as many that desire Him.

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the world”