

Lesson 14

Christianity based on the Power of the Holy Spirit

I. If we are to walk in victory, we must experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- A. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was important enough for the early believers that Jesus instructed them _____ on their mission until they received it (Acts 1:4, 8).
- B. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is referred to as _____ of the Father (Acts 1:4).
- C. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an endowment _____ to do the commands of Christ (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8).
- D. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a _____ experience of which we can know that we have or have not received (Acts 19:2).
- E. The baptism of the Holy Spirit takes place at a given point in _____ (Acts 1:5).
- F. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an operation of the Spirit distinct from and _____ the conversion experience (Acts 8:12, 15-16; 19:1-2).
- G. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is part of the proper Christian _____ and separation from the old life (Acts 2:38-39).

II. If we are to walk in victory, we must utilize our spiritual language.

- A. Praying or speaking in tongues is the same as praying in _____ (I Cor. 14:14-15).
- B. Praying or speaking in tongues offers many _____.
 - 1. When you pray in tongues, you _____ in your faith (I Cor. 14:4; Jude 20).
 - 2. When you pray in tongues, your spirit connects _____ with God's Spirit (I Cor. 14:2, 14-15).
 - 3. When you pray in tongues, you _____ created by Satan's lies (Eph. 6:17-18).
 - 4. When you pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit _____ to pray when you do not know what to pray (Rom. 8:26).
 - 5. When you pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit helps you to pray according to the _____ (Rom. 8:27).

III. If we are to walk in victory, we must be continually filled with the Holy Spirit.

A. The believer has _____ significant encounters with the Holy Spirit that all help the believer to achieve destiny.

1. The believer is to be _____ the Spirit.

Being born of the Spirit is a _____ experience.

- a. It is necessary for entrance into the Kingdom of God (John 3:5).
- b. It is associated with the new or spiritual birth (John 3:3).
- c. It occurs when we repent of our sins and acknowledge the lordship of Christ (Rom. 10:8-13).
- d. In it the Holy Spirit is joined to our human spirit and we become a child of God and the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 3:16-17; 6:17; II Cor. 6:16).
- e. The evidence that we have been born of the Spirit is the inner witness of the Spirit that we are the children of God (Rom. 8:16).
- f. The outcome or fruit of this experience is the fruit of the Spirit functioning in our lives.

Being born of the Spirit has the primary focus on the _____ of Christ.

2. The believer is to be _____ with or in the Spirit (Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5).

Being baptized in or with the Spirit is also a _____ experience with the primary focus being the ability or _____ of Christ.

3. The believer is to be _____ the Spirit (Eph. 5:18-19)

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord...

- a. Being filled is a _____.
- b. Being filled is to be _____.
- c. It parallels the oil in relation to the lampstand in the Tabernacle of Moses (Ex. 25:31-40; 35:14; 39:37).

B. The only one of these three encounters that is meant to be an ongoing experience

is that of being _____ the Holy Spirit.

1. It has been confused with the baptism of the Spirit because it is often mentioned in the same context.
2. It is available to anyone who is in covenant relationship with God in both the Old and New Testaments (Ex. 38:3; Luke 1:15, 41).
3. It involves the Holy Spirit filling the heart and mind of the believer so that every thought, determination and action is under the pervading influence and direction of the Holy Spirit.
4. It is to be a continual and daily experience of the believer (Eph. 5:18-19).
5. The fruit of this experience is peace and joy in the Holy Ghost (Rom. 14:17; Acts 6:15; 7:55).

Being filled with the Spirit has the primary focus of providing the fuel for long-term _____

C. The believer needs to be filled with the Spirit to walk in complete victory.

Why we need to believe for this?

1. The routines of life can _____ of spiritual vitality and energy.
2. The attacks of the enemy can _____ us.
3. The special challenges that each day holds can _____ us.
4. The opposition from unbelievers can _____ us (Acts 4:23ff.).

D. There are many marks of a believer who has been filled with the Holy Spirit.

1. There is a greater _____ in your witness (Acts. 4:31; 11:24).
2. There is a heightened _____ operating in the gifts of the Spirit (Acts 6:8).
3. There is a fuller release of _____ from you to others (Eph. 4:18-19).
4. There is a greater _____ in all of your work (Acts 6:3, 5).
5. There is greater _____ and liberty in the Holy Spirit (II Cor. 3:17).
6. There is more _____ to challenge the works of darkness (Acts. 13:9).
7. There is a greater ease in fulfilling Christian _____ (Acts 7:55-60).

E. What is the path to the continual filling of the Holy Spirit?

1. We must recognize that we have a _____ (Mt. 5:3; Acts 4:29).
2. We must take the _____ (Eph. 5:18-19).
3. We must _____ and thirst (Ps. 107:9; Mt. 5:6).
4. We must _____ for it (Luke 11:13).
5. We must do this _____ (Eph. 5:18-19).