

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

Part 6

XI. The Baptism In The Holy Spirit—Distinctive Names And Description

A. Salvation Described by Different Terms

1. Born again (John 3:3)(NLT2)

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

2. Converted (Matthew 18:3) (NKJV)

and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."

3. Saved (Mark 16:16) (NLT2)

Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

4. Letting Jesus come into the door of our heart (Revelation 3:20) (NLT2)

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."

B. The Spirit's Coming Described

1. Baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5) (NLT2)

John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

2. Filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) (NLT2)

And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

3. Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38) (NLT2)

Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins, turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ to show that you have received

forgiveness for your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

4. The Holy Spirit fell on them (**Acts 10:44**) (**NLT2**)
Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message.
5. Anointed with the Holy Spirit (**2 Corinthians 1:21-22**) (**NKJV**)
²¹Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,
²²who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
6. Sealed with the Holy Spirit (**2 Corinthians 1:21-22**) (**NKJV**)
7. The Earnest of the Holy Spirit (**2 Corinthians 1:21-22**) (**NKJV**)

C. Different Terms for One Experience

1. Receiving the Spirit
 - a. This phrase occurs 11 times in the New Testament.
 - 1.) It was used by Peter on the day of Pentecost in his assurance to his audience that they too might receive the same wonderful experience which the 120 disciples has just received.
 - 2.) Peter and John, in **Acts 8**, came down to Samaria and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.
 - 3.) Paul inquired of the Ephesians if they had received the Holy Spirit since they believed. (**Acts 19:2**)
 - 4.) Paul told the Galatian church that the means by which they could receive the promise of the Spirit was through faith.
 - a.) -not by works of righteousness which

- we have done
 - b.) -not by our own holiness or merit
 - c.) -not as a reward for any fasting and prayer
 - d.) -not as payment to us in any way whatsoever
 - e.) -totally as a sheer gift of His infinite grace and love
 - b. He is offered to us freely without money and without price.
- 2. Falling Upon Them
 - a. Scriptural Occurrences—10 times
 - 1.) Samaritan experience **Acts 8:16 (NKJV)**
For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
 - 2.) Cornelious' household **Acts 10:44 (NKJV)**
While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.
 - 3.) Ephesus **Acts 19:6 (NLT2)**
Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied.
 - b. These expression indicate a descent of the Holy Spirit from.
 - 1.) He comes as a mighty torrent, being poured out upon waiting believers.
 - 2.) He falls upon them.
 - 3.) He comes upon them as dew from on high.
- 3. The Figure of Baptism
 - a. This is used 6 times in the New Testament
 - 1.) **Luke 3:16 (NLT2)**

John answered their questions by saying, “I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

- b. Characteristics of an individual being baptized
 - 1.) The candidate is completely submerged out of sight under the water.
 - 2.) There must be a perfect yieldedness on the part of the candidate. Cooperation by active participation does not assist, but rather hinders the one who is baptizing.
 - 3.) There must be complete relaxation and surrender into the control of the individual who is baptizing.
 - 4.) Baptism is submersion and is not complete until every portion of the body of the one baptized is completely out of sight under the water.
 - 5.) He is then raised up and comes out of the water, literally drenched and dripping with the element in which he was baptized.

4. Filled

- a. This represents a condition and a state of becoming filled and remaining filled with the Divine Power of the Holy Spirit.
- b. Scriptural Accounts
 - 1.) The Day of Pentecost **Acts 2:4 (NLT2)**
And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

2.) Paul's defense before the Sanhedrin **Acts 4:8 (NLT2)**

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of our people,

3.) The deacons who were chosen **Acts 6:3, 5 (NLT2)**

³And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility.

⁵Everyone liked this idea, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit), Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch (an earlier convert to the Jewish faith).

4.) Stephen in his martyrdom **Acts 7:55 (NLT2)**

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand.

5. Paul's missionary ministry **Acts 13:6, 9 (NLT2)**

⁶Afterward they traveled from town to town across the entire island until finally they reached Paphos, where they met a Jewish sorcerer, a false prophet named Bar-Jesus.

⁹Saul, also known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he looked the sorcerer in the eye.

XI. The Baptism In The Holy Spirit—Symbols Describing It

A. Anointing

1. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is sometimes referred to as an anointing. (**2 Corinthians 1:21; 1 John 2:27; Acts 10:38**)
2. An anointing represents a divine dedication and a consecration to a holy office.
 - a. The priesthood (**Exodus 30:30; Leviticus 8:12**)
 - b. The kingship (**1 Samuel 10:1; 16:13**)
 - c. The prophet (**1 Kings 19:16**)
3. Jesus' Anointing
 - a. **Luke 4:18** cf. **Isaiah 61**
 - b. The anointing which came on Christ flows down to the remotest member of His body who will accept the precious ointment.
4. Our Anointing
 - a. As prophets we are anointed to preach, teach, and tell the good news.
 - b. As priests we are anointed to make intercession for all men.
 - c. As kings we are anointed to reign in life now and to share the throne with Jesus Christ our Lord.

B. Sealing

1. To be sealed with the Holy Spirit is to have Him come upon us in the capacity of shutting us in with God. (**2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30**)
2. He constitutes a seal between us and the world.
3. Our lives are covered over with the Holy Spirit seal to keep out the evil influences of this impure world.
4. As long as this seal remains unbroken, we are preserved blameless in spirit, soul and body unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NLT2)**
Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul

and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

5. Christ's Sealing and Ours

- a. Jesus, our Head and Example, was sealed by God the Father. **John 6:27c (NLT2)**

... For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval."

- b. The sealing of Christ by the Father is the communication of the Holy Spirit in fullness to Him, authorizing Him unto and acting His divine power in all the acts and duties of His office, so as to evidence the Presence of God with Him and approbation of Him.

- c. God's sealing of believers then is His gracious communication of the Holy Spirit unto them so as to act His divine power in them as to enable them unto all the duties of their holy calling, evidencing them to be accepted with Him both for themselves and others, and asserting their preservation unto eternal life. (John Owen, D.D., Discourse Concerning the Spirit as quoted in A.J. Gordon, The Ministry of the Holy Spirit)

- d. The seal encompasses both ownership and preservation from evil. **2 Timothy 2:19 (NLT2)**

But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The LORD knows those who are his," and "All who belong to the LORD must turn away from evil."

- e. The duration of this seal is until the day of redemption. **Ephesians 4:30 (NLT2)**

And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

C. An Earnest

1. Three times in the New Testament it is stated that the experience of the Holy Spirit coming upon us is the earnest of our inheritance. (**2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5; Ephesians 1:14**)
2. This is a reference to the Old Testament practice of receiving a very small portion of that which has been purchased or promised as a token and pledge that the full purchase will be delivered in due time.
3. Therefore, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is but a sample and a foretaste of that brilliant radiance of glory which will be ours at the coming of our Lord.

D. Fire (Associated with the Holy Spirit in general and not just for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit)

1. The children of Israel were preceded through the wilderness by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (**Exodus 13:21-22**).
2. John the Baptist said “He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire He will thoroughly purge His floor and . . . burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire (**Matthew 3:11-12; Luke 3:16-17**).
3. On the day of Pentecost tongues like as of fire sat upon each of them (**Acts 2:3**).
4. Our God is a consuming fire (**Hebrews 12:29**).
5. All dross and impurities are burned out by His purging Presence, and the soul is set afire with a flaming zeal and burning passion for God and His service. Also the fire of persecution awaits those who yield themselves to this baptism.

E. Wind (Associated with the Holy Spirit in general and not just for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit)

1. Jesus said to Nicodemus, “The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t

explain how people are born of the Spirit” (**John 3:8)(NLT2)**

2. The very word *pneuma* which, as it refers to the Holy Spirit, is translated “spirit,” is in reality the ordinary Greek word for “wind” or “air.”
3. Jehovah *breathed* upon Adam and he became a living soul. Christ *breathed* upon His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (**John 20:22**).
4. On the day of Pentecost there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

F. Water (Associated with the Holy Spirit in general and not just for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit)

1. Jesus told the woman at the Samaritan well that “those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”²⁴For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” **John 4:14, 24 (NLT2)**

2. **John 7:37-39 (NLT2)**

³⁷*On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!*

³⁸*Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’”*

³⁹*(When he said “living water,” he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)*

3. **Isaiah 44:3 (NLT2)**

For I will pour out water to quench your thirst and to irrigate your parched fields. And I will

pour out my Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your children.

4. Water is absolutely essential to all physical life.
 - a. Water washes, and so does the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Water refreshes, and so does the Holy Spirit.
 - c. The Holy Spirit is represented in the eternal state as the River of Life that flows out from under the throne of God and of the Lamb, the Life of the heavenly city. He is the River of Life now to thirsty souls.
 5. Rain and Dew
- G. The Dove
1. John saw the Holy Spirit like a dove descending and remaining upon Jesus (**John 1:32**).
 2. He is tender, gentle, pure and harmless.
 3. Like a dove, the Holy Spirit is easily frightened or grieved.
 4. And as the dove is a universal symbol of peace, so the Holy Spirit is God's agent to bring peace to the human heart.