

Promise of the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. *He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.* (John the Baptist speaking)

Luke 11:11-13 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, *how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!*" (Jesus speaking)

Acts 1:4-8 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "*Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.*"

So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*"

Sending of the Holy Spirit

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Evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit

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5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because *each one heard them speaking in his own language.* 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

Acts 8:14- 19 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 *because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them;* they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and *they received the Holy Spirit.* 18 When Simon *saw that the Spirit was given* at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money 19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

Acts 9:17-18 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord--Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here--has sent me *so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.*" 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, *and he could see again.* He got up and was baptized. (Saul is Paul)

1 Corinthians 14:18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. (Paul speaking)

Acts 10:44-48 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that *the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.* 46 *For they heard them speaking in tongues* and praising God. Then Peter said, 47 "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have *received the Holy Spirit just as we have.*" 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 19:4-7 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, *the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues* and prophesied. 7 There were about twelve men in all.

Additional Relevant Scriptures

Acts 18:24-28 Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, *though he knew only the baptism of John.* 26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and *explained to him the way of God more adequately.* 27 When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. On arriving, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. 28 For he vigorously refuted the Jews in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

Romans 8:26-27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, *but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.* 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

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1Corinthians 14:39-40 Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. 40 But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

Galatians 3:14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith *we might receive the promise of the Spirit*.

Ephesians 6:18 And *pray in the Spirit on all occasions* with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Hebrews 2:4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and *gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will*.

Jude 1:20 But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and *pray in the Holy Spirit*.