

Pentecostalism . . . Holy Spirit Baptism

I. Holy Spirit is a Person

Holy Spirit has . . .

- **Ro.8:27, mind:** Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession
- **Ro.15:30, love:** Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me.
- **1 Co.2:11, Knowledge:** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

Holy Spirit . . .

- **1 Tim.4:1, speaks:** the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith...
- **Jn.14:26, teaches:** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
- **Hb.10:29, can be insulted:** Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

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**II. Holy Spirit Baptism:
what is the Issue?**

Holy Spirit baptism: the issue is not . . .

- Question of God's power. (Not power, but will). Nu.17:... Hb.9:4
- If Holy Spirit baptism was promised to some. Ac.8
- Did apostles (and Cornelius / household) receive it.
- Do believers today receive the Holy Spirit?

The issue is . . .

- Do believers today receive Holy Spirit baptism as apostles did (Ac.2)?
 - “I know what I’ve experienced”
 - But we don’t know this. Prove it.
 - Ac.2 – not for benefit of apostles, but audience. (Ac.3 . . . 5, etc.)
 - “May as well say I’m not wearing this watch...”
 - We can see your watch... Can you show us the proof of apostles (Ac.2)??

The issue is . . .

- Mere claims without proof, prove nothing
 - Psychics ... Hospital ... Elvis
- Jn.3¹ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, Rabbi, **we know** that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do **these signs that You do** unless God is with him.

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- **Holy Spirit baptism** (Ac.1:5). Also called ...
- **Endued** (clothed upon) with power from on high – Lk.24⁴⁹ Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.
- **Filled** Ac.2⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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- “**Filled**” is not always Holy Spirit baptism
 - Lk.1:15, For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb (also vv. 41, 67)
 - Ep.5:18, And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit. [Cf. Col.3:16]

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Purpose: to complete God's revelation

- John 14²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
- John 16¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come
- Man preaches Jesus; how to know he speaks truth, without mistakes? (Ac.26:24)

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- Hb.2³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, ⁴ God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?
- 2 Co.12¹² ...signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

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- Man preaches Jesus; but anyone can make claims. **How to know...?**
- Apostles establish a church; leave to establish another...
 - Only 12 apostles; no written NT

Signs convince
unbelievers, 1 Co.14:22

Prophecy ... edifies
believers, 1 Co.14:3-5

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- Prophets spoke by **inspiration**, 1 Co.14:6, 29-31 (2 Tim.3)
- We speak by **perspiration** (study): Ep.3:3-4
- Same process in giving ten commandments, old law, etc. Mk.12:26.

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Acts 1:2-8

- Promise and Pronoun evidence . . .
Specific:
 - **Persons, 2-3**
 - **Place, 4**
 - **Period, 5**
 - **Purpose, 8**
- Apostles enabled to speak truth, no error.
 - Contrast Mt.16:....21-23 and Jn.16:13.
 - Inspiration did not prevent sin (1 Jn.1:8);
did prevent errors in teaching. Jn.16:13.

Acts 10-11

- Cornelius proved Gentiles could become Christians without becoming Jews
- The exception proves the rule –
 - Apostles to receive Holy Spirit baptism, Jn.14-16; Ac.1-2.
 - Gentiles, Ac.10-11?? –shock treatment