

**A GUIDE TO
THE BAPTISM
AND FILLING
WITH THE
HOLY
SPIRIT**

THE PURPOSE OF BEING BAPTIZED AND FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus the King wants to baptize and fill you with the person and power of the Holy Spirit to make you an effective witness for Him to everyone, everywhere. Just before Jesus was taken up into heaven, He told His disciples two very important things. The first was that they were called and commissioned to preach the gospel to everyone, everywhere and make disciples of all those who believed. (Read Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15.) The second was that they were to wait in Jerusalem until they were baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit. (Read Luke 24:49.) He told them then, and only then, would they be fully equipped to fully express His person, purpose and power.

When Jesus was still on earth He appointed, anointed and sent out His disciples. They were to go declaring, defining and defending the gospel of the kingdom and demonstrating its power by the Holy Spirit. He gave them the legal authority to speak and act in His name, as well as the dynamic power to defeat the devil and to deliver people from his hellish influence and impact. (Read Luke 9:1-6.) And so it is with us today: We need King Jesus to powerfully anoint us to go forth and advance the kingdom of God over the forces of hell and into the hearts of people. This is the purpose of being baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit.

THE PATTERN OF BEING BAPTIZED AND FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

We receive the baptism and filling with the Holy Spirit when we ask in expectant and passionate faith. If we earnestly desire to be anointed by Jesus the King, He will pour His Spirit out and into our lives. If we ask Him for the baptism and filling with the Holy Spirit, He will not deny us. (Read Luke 11:13.) Most often, it is helpful to have someone who has been baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit to agree with you in prayer, as they help to minister this life-changing empowering and anointing to you. The following will help you to believe and receive and help the person or persons ministering to you to see you through to this aspect of kingdom fullness.

THE PROCESS OF MINISTERING THE BAPTISM AND FILLING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Explain briefly the meaning and purpose of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. (Read Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8.)
- Explain to them that it is Jesus who is the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, and that it is His desire to anoint them with power for kingdom service. (Read Luke 3:16.)
- Explain to them that you are going to lay hands on them and ask Jesus to baptize them with the Holy Spirit. (Read Acts 19:6.)

- Encourage them that as you are praying for them, they should expect the Holy Spirit's power to come on them, and that they should begin to speak in a new spiritual language as the Spirit gives them the ability. (Read Acts 2:1-4.)
- Begin to pray for them, thanking Jesus for His desire to baptize them with the power of the Holy Spirit, asking Him to do just that.
- Have the person you are praying for begin to pray and speak praise asking for and thanking Jesus for baptizing them with the Holy Spirit and anointing them with power. (Read Acts 1:14; Ephesians 5:18-20.)
- Encourage them to move from speaking in their native tongue to spiritual language, speaking whatever words they sense the Spirit giving them. (Read Acts 2:4.)
- Begin yourself to pray and praise in your spiritual language, encouraging them to join their voice with yours in a language of their own.
- Continue to encourage them to speak whatever the Spirit is giving them until spiritual language begins to flow.
- Through words of encouragement, rejoice with them for receiving the Baptism and Filling with the Holy Spirit.
- If for whatever reason, they are not released in spiritual language, encourage them that the Lord does want to see them released and to continue to believe for it. Assure them that the fullness of the Holy Spirit, including spiritual language belongs to every believer earnestly desiring it. (Read 1 Corinthians 14:39.)

THE PROOFS OF THE BAPTISM AND FILLING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 AN ANOINTING WITH DYNAMIC POWER
 (Read Acts 4:1-6.) Jesus told His disciples they would be clothed with power from heaven. (Read Luke 24:49.) So, one of the proofs of being baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit is that we are anointed with the power of Christ to do His works. We, too, are called and equipped to heal the sick, hear God's voice and follow His direction. We are also anointed to cast out demons and defeat the schemes of the devil. Powerless Christianity will produce very little to advance Christ's kingdom and fulfill Christ's Great Commission. But people who know Jesus intimately and are anointed by Him powerfully will be used to carry on and carry out the mission of Jesus the King. (Read Luke 4:18-19.)

2 THE RELEASE OF SPIRITUAL LANGUAGE
 (Read Acts 2:4; 10:44-47; 19:6.) Another resource available to Spirit-filled believers is a spiritual language given by the Holy Spirit. Spiritual language or "tongues" is given for personal edification, expanded prayer beyond our own human ability, expanded praise and worship and a divine message that edifies the church and is a sign of divine demonstration to unbelievers. (Read 1 Corinthians 14.)

3 INCREASED COURAGE AND BOLDNESS
Another sign or proof of the Spirit's fullness is supernatural confidence to face whatever challenges, threats or hardships that come our way. Peter and John were threatened by religious leaders for preaching the gospel in Jesus' name. Their companions and comrades prayed for them and they were filled with holy boldness. They continued preaching and ministering to others in and by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Read Acts 4:1-31.)

4 EVANGELISTIC PASSION
After Saul of Tarsus was saved, baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit, he preached the gospel with a passion to see Jesus exalted and people come to saving faith in Him. (Read Acts 9:17-22.) People who are truly baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit will seek to see souls saved and disciples made with great zeal.

5 THE RELEASE AND OVERFLOW OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING
When someone is truly baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit, they will sing and shout for joy in the Lord Jesus. A "river" of gratitude and praise will flow freely from the hearts of those who are led by the Holy Spirit to declare the grace and greatness of God the Father and King Jesus, His Son. (Read John 7:38-39; Ephesians 5:18-20.)