



## DISCIPLESHIP MATERIAL

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### Introduction

There are 3 main Holy Spirit experiences that every believer must have. They are;

1. Holy Spirit Baptism
2. Holy Spirit Infilling, and,
3. Holy Spirit Indwelling

Today we will look at the Holy Spirit Baptism. In the future we will consider the other two experiences.

### What is Baptism

From our previous study, we learnt that *baptism* means immersion or submersion. The word baptism comes from the Greek word *baptizo* which means to immerse in a fluid until fully covered.

### Who is the Holy Spirit?

The following are some of the attributes or characteristics of the Holy Spirit:

1. He is a spirit so He has no flesh and blood (Luke 24:39)
2. He hears and speaks (John 16:13; Rev 2:7; Acts 10:19-20; Matthew 10:20)
3. He leads and gives commands (Matthew 4:1; Romans 8:14; Acts 8:29)
4. He guides and comforts us (John 16:12,13; Acts 9:31)
5. He appoints people for God's work (Acts 13:2-4; Acts 20:28)

6. He testifies of Jesus (John 15:26; Acts 5:32; Hebrew 2:4; Hebrews 10:15; Romans 8:16; Romans 9:1; 1 John 5:6-8)
7. He teaches believers and reveals things to them (John 14:26; Luke 12:12; 1 Corinthians 1:10)
8. He has emotions, He can be grieved and vexed, or pleased (Isaiah 63:10; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 15:28)
9. He helps us, intercedes for us and has a mind and a will (Romans 8:26,27)10. He can be insulted or blasphemed (Matthew 12:31, 32, Hebrew 10:29)
10. He can be lied to, tempted and resisted (Acts 5:3, 4, 9; Acts 7:51)
11. He gives power (Acts 1:8; Acts 10:38; Luke 4:14; Matthew 12:28)
12. He is a divine personality. The Holy Spirit is a person, not a force or thing.

There are scriptures in the Bible that affirm that the Holy Spirit is a divine personality. The personality of the Holy Spirit is affirmed in the Word of God by His attributes, by His works, and by the use of personal pronouns in relation to Him. (1 Corinthians 12:11; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; Zechariah 4:6; Isaiah 48:16; John 15:26; John 16:13-14)

## What is Holy Spirit Baptism?

In Christian theology, baptism with/of the Holy Spirit, also called baptism in the Holy Spirit or baptism in the Holy Ghost, is frequently associated with;

1. incorporation into the Christian Church (1 Corinthians 12:13)
2. the bestowal of spiritual gifts, and (1 Corinthians 12:4)
3. empowerment for Christian ministry. Holy Spirit baptism has been defined as that which empowers a person for Christian life and service. The term *baptism with the Holy Spirit* originates in the New Testament, (Zechariah 4:6; Acts 1:8)

## The Divinity of the Holy Spirit?

Here, we discuss the attributes of the Holy Spirit which shows or makes Him divine. Read the following passages to identify these attributes and write them in the spaces provided.

1. Acts 5:3, 4; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 19

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2. Matthew 28:19, 20; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

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3. Hebrews 9:14

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4. Luke 1:35

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5. 1 Corinthians 2:10, 11

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6. Psalm 139:7-10

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7. Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4

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8. John 3:5-8

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9. Romans 8:11

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## **What do we mean by Baptism in the Holy Spirit?**

The term is used seven times in the Bible:

1. By John the Baptist (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:35)
2. By the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 1:5)
3. By Peter the Apostle (Acts 11:15)
4. By Paul the Apostle (1 Corinthians 12:15)

It is the *in-filling* to overflowing of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit when He comes to dwell personally and permanently in the believer in Jesus Christ. This is the same experience as the *outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the gift of Holy Spirit, etc.*

1. The Holy Spirit Baptism is the special promise of the Father to us believers (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4; Acts 2:33, 38, 39; Galatians 3:14; Acts 1:16-18)
2. The Holy Spirit Baptism is a separate and different experience from water baptism or even conversion/new birth.
  - 2.1. Acts 2:1-4; Apostles were born again and baptized in water but it was on Pentecost day that they were baptized in the Spirit.
  - 2.2. Acts 8:14-17; Believers in Samaria were born again and baptized in water but it was only after Peter and John came and prayed for them that they were baptized in the Spirit.
  - 2.3. Acts 10:44-48; Cornelius and his household were born again and baptized in the Spirit but Peter commanded them to be baptized in water.
  - 2.4. Acts 9:17, 18; Paul (Saul) was born again and Spirit baptized before he was baptized in water.
  - 2.5. Acts 19:1-7; These Ephesian believers were born again and Spirit baptized before he was baptized in water.

All are important valid Christian experiences; none excludes the other.

## The Purpose of the Holy Spirit Baptism

Read the following passages to identify these purposes and write them in the spaces provided.

1. Acts 1:8; Luke 4:14; Matthew 12:28; Luke 24:4-8; Romans 15:13, 19; John 1:12

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2. Romans 8:26,27; 1 Corinthians 14:14,15; Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20

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3. (Romans 5:5, Romans 15:30

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4. Luke 4:18; 1 John 2:20, 27; Acts 10:38; 2 Corinthians 1:21

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5. Ephesians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 4:30

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6. Matthew 10:20; John 16:12, 13, Acts 4:8, 31; Acts 7:55-60

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7. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Hebrews 6:4; and revelations, 1 Corinthians 2:13

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8. Luke 12:12; John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:13

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9. John 14:16,17; Acts 9:31

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10. 2 Corinthians 1:22; 2 Corinthians 5:5; Ephesians 1:13, 14

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11. Luke 4:1; Romans 8:14,16; Romans 9:1; Acts 16:6-10

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12. Romans 8:11

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13. Romans 15:16; 1 Corinthians 6:11,19; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 3:16

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14. John 16:14; John 7:39; John 15:26; Acts 2:32-35

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15. John 14:16, 17; 1 John 2:27; Luke 12:12

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16. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 1:5

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17. 2 Peter 1:20, 21

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18. Revelation 19:10

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19. John 16:7-10

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## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the Holy Spirit is the most important personality you need in your life in order to succeed and live well as a Christian. Without Him, you do not have a real relationship with the Father or the Son. He reveals them to us. Get to know Him and your life will never be the same.

## **Student Response**

1. Are you baptized in the Holy Spirit?
2. What gifts of the Spirit do you have?
3. Are you using the gift the Spirit gave you?