



‘The Squares of Foursquare’
Square Three - Jesus the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit
John 1:33; Acts 1:4

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Baptism with the Holy Spirit (different from water baptism, different than being ‘born again’)

We believe that the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is to endue the believer with power; and that His incoming is after the same manner as in Bible days (Acts 2:4). (more detailed explanation on reverse side)

1. It is the ‘Promise of the Father’ – Happy Father’s Day

A. Biblical references to God’s intents and plans...

1. Old Testament : *"And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. (Joel 2:28) (800 B.C.)*
2. Jesus made clear the importance:
 - a. *"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." (Luke 24:49) (Acts 1:4)*

B. Fulfillment began on the day of Pentecost

1. *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting... there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:2-4)*
2. And continues...*Peter said, "Repent... be baptized... and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:38-39)*

2. Identifying the ‘baptizer’ with the Holy Spirit

A. Jesus is the baptizer: *John (the Baptist) answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming (Jesus), whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Luke 3:16) (also see John 1:29-34 "this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit")*

1. ‘Everyone’ is involved – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

3. The Purpose of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit (power for witness, ministry and service)

A. *"And you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..." (Acts 1:8)*

1. As with Jesus:

a. Jesus was baptized in water, filled with the Holy Spirit, tempted in the wilderness by satan (and came thru victorious) and entered into miracle-dimension public ministry (Mat. 3:16-4:25).

2. Also with believers and followers of Jesus Christ...

a. *"Most assuredly, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father." (John 14:12)*

B. *"...and you shall be witnesses to Me..."*

1. Witnesses of Jesus’ message of ‘good news,’
2. Witnesses of the personal transforming power of God in our lives,
3. Witnesses of the love and power of God as we minister and serve others.

4. Back to ‘Square One’... again (Trust in the Lord in all things... and all will work out (Prov.3:5-6))

A. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is a foundational truth & essential experience.

1. Spiritual/physical realities: *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. (Col 3:2)*

2. Reality of the spiritual: *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:12)*

3. It takes the Holy Spirit to discern: *But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1Co 2:14)*

4. Prayer makes things ‘work.’

THIS WE BELIEVE: THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the incoming of the promised Comforter in mighty and glorious fullness to endue the believer with power from on high; to glorify and exalt the Lord Jesus; to give inspired utterance in witnessing of Him; to foster the spirit of prayer, holiness, sobriety; to equip the individual and the Church for practical, efficient, joyous, Spirit-filled soul-winning in the fields of life; and this being still the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, the believer may have every reason to expect His incoming to be after the same manner as that in which He came upon Jew and Gentile alike in Bible days, and as recorded in the Word, that it may be truly said of us as of the house of Cornelius: the Holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the beginning." (John 14:16,17; Acts 1:5,8; 2:4; 8:17; 10:44-46; 19:6, 1Cor.3:16)

(Partial notes from teaching in April 2004)

H. The Evidence and Results of Holy Spirit baptism.

1. Speaking with tongues is directly associated with the baptism (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6).
 - a. It is not viewed as a *qualification* for fullness of the Holy Spirit, but as one *indication* of that fullness.
 - b. It is said to be the 'initial physical evidence' of being filled with the Holy Spirit.
2. Other immediate evidences may include: praising God (Acts 2:11; 2:47; 10:46), an overflowing joy (Acts 2:46), a burden to tell others about Jesus (Acts 1:8; 2:14-18; 3:31; 19:6).
3. Some ongoing and permanent evidences may include:
 - 1) a deeper love for Jesus (John 14:21; 15:26),
 - 2) a deeper passion for the lost (Acts 2:14-41; 5:29-33),
 - 3) a greater power to witness (Acts 1:8; 4:19-20),
 - 4) a new power in, and spirit of, prayer (Acts 3:1; Rom.8:26; Eph.6:18),
 - 5) a deeper love for and increased insight into the Word of God (John 16:13),
 - 6) the manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit (1Cor.12:4-11),
 - 7) fruit-bearing life; the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

I. Not just a one time experience:

1. *Be (being) filled with the Spirit (Eph.5:18)* - a continuous way of life.
2. In Acts there are specific instances noted where believers were 'refilled':
 - a) For defending the faith (Acts 4:8);
 - b) for rebuking the power of the devil (Acts 13:9,10);
 - c) to give the disciples new boldness and power (Acts 4:31); and
 - d) for grace and power to endure persecutions (Acts 13:52).

