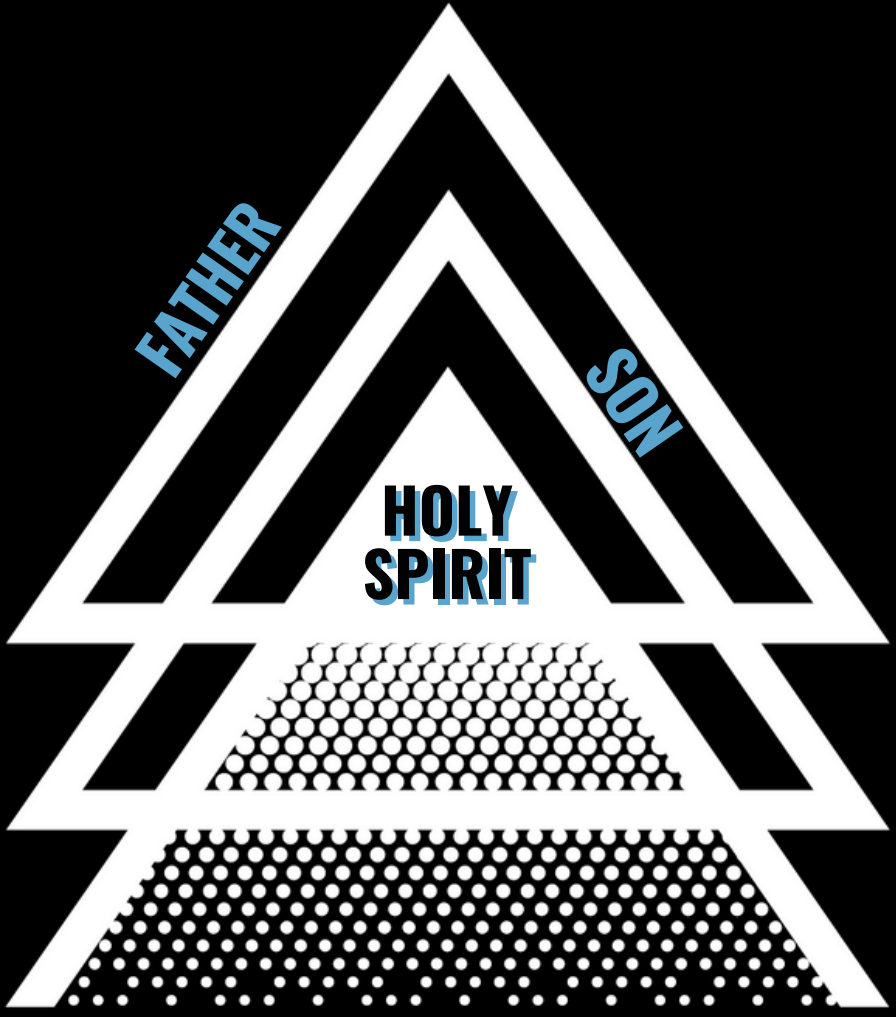


THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Whether you have just received salvation or been saved for years, there is more for you. In addition to becoming saved, God wants you to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit! We are not talking about water baptism (there is more than one kind of baptism according to Hebrews 6:2). We are talking about a baptism that does not involve water at all. Let me explain.

In Mark 1:8, here we read about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Rest assured, when someone gets saved, the Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit moves in (Romans 8:9). If you are a believer, the Holy Spirit already lives in you (1 Corinthians 6:19)! But while at salvation, the Holy Spirit moves in you and in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, He comes upon you! He is in you for you, but He comes upon you for others. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a different experience from the Holy Spirit moving into you through salvation, just like jumping in a pool is different from drinking a cup of water.



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Salvation vs. Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Now there are many scriptures that show us that these two things are different experiences:

For example, in John 20:22, Jesus breathed on His disciples, and they received the Holy Spirit **before** He ascended to Heaven. Then in Acts 2:4 they received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost **after** Jesus had already ascended to Heaven. This is because they received the Holy Spirit in them through salvation in John 20:22, and they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:4.

Additionally, in Acts 19:2, Paul asked some disciples, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" He would not have asked this question if the baptism of the Holy Spirit was received simultaneously with salvation. That would make this statement redundant if that were so.



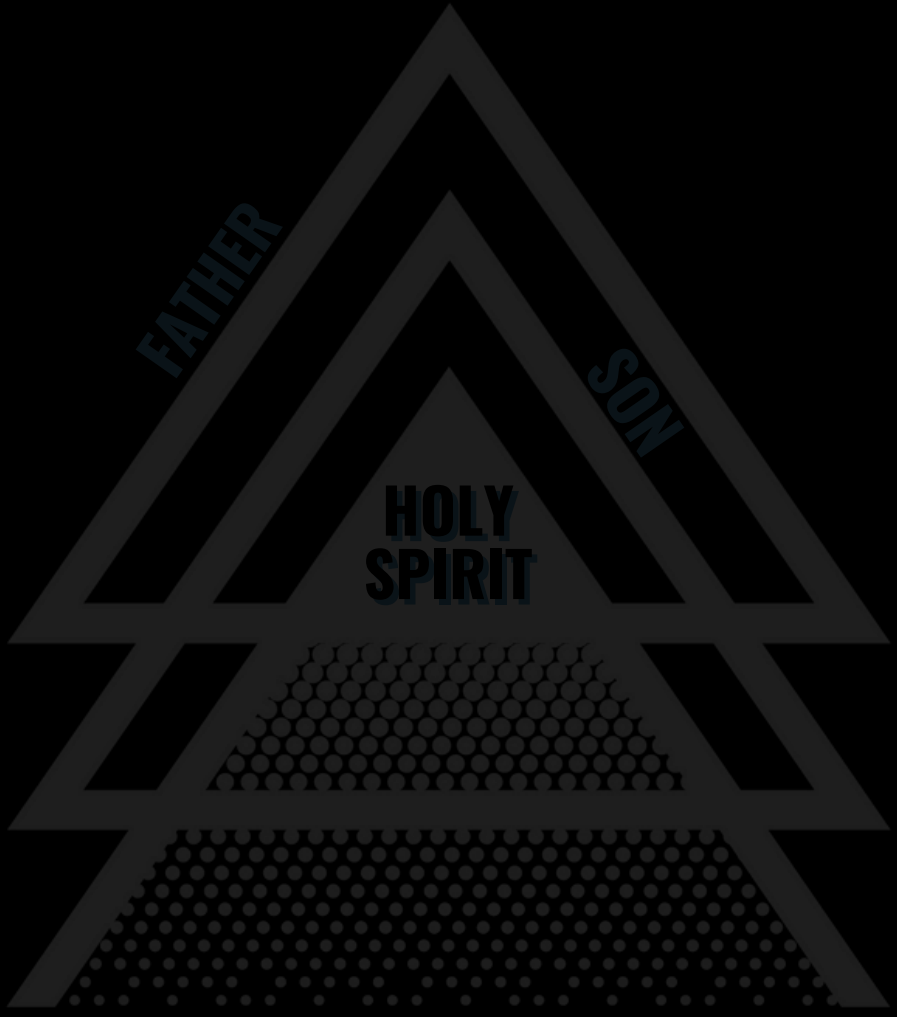
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Also we read in Acts 8 that a group of people got saved through Philip the evangelist's preaching (Acts 8:7), and yet they received the Holy Spirit later when the apostles came down (Acts 8:14-17).

Then we read how Jesus said in reference to the Holy Spirit that out of our belly would come wells of living water (John 4:14) and rivers of living water (John 7:38). Wells and rivers are two different things. I believe the wells refer to salvation and the rivers refer to the baptism of the Holy Spirit.



Why do I need Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Now what is the point of the baptism of the Holy Spirit? It empowers you to be an effective witness for Jesus (Acts 1:8).

In the New Testament, when people received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, they prophesied, spoke in tongues, and began to do many signs and wonders that are all available today. The point is something happened with their mouth! Now tongues is evidence of the Holy Spirit, and it is a gift within a gift. Tongues are not a foreign language because no one understands them unless they have the gift of interpretation (1 Cor 14:2), including the person speaking in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:14).

Speaking in tongues will edify you (1 Cor 14:14), build up your most holy faith (Jude 1:20), and help you enter rest and refreshing (Isaiah 28:11-12).



How do I receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

What must someone do to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit? “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” (Luke 11:13). You simply have to ask. Additionally the Bible says someone can receive the Holy Spirit through hearing the Gospel preached (Acts 10:43). Also, through laying on of hands (Acts 8:18). But since you are reading this, I encourage you to ask. You can pray a prayer like this,

“Father, I ask you to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Fill me with the power to live this new life. By faith I receive it now. Thank you for baptizing me. Holy Spirit, you are welcome in my life, in Jesus name Amen!”



Now, if you ask, God will give! He promises. Now you have the ability to speak in tongues. But God will not force you or make you speak in tongues (you have complete control). Go ahead and just move your tongue, voice, and mouth and surrender it to God and God will give you the ability to speak in tongues! Acts 2:4 says they spoke in new tongues as the Spirit gave them the utterance. Therefore, God gives the utterance, but you must choose to speak in tongues yourself. He does not make you do this.

Finally, don't let your head or the devil get in the way and tell you that you are just making the tongues up. The enemy wants you to doubt because he knows tongues are powerful. But if you asked in faith after being saved, you can know you are authentically speaking in tongues.

Now go practice tongues every day and witness to people for Jesus, trusting that you are empowered to see people saved through the baptism of the Holy Spirit!



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