



## PART 2: BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

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### Sermon Notes

**Text: Acts 1:7-8, 2:1-4**

#### Introduction

“A Pentecostal is simply a Christian who believes that the book of Acts provides a model for the contemporary church.” ~William Menzies

Mark 1:7-8

#### Observations about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

##### 1. It is a subsequent experience to conversion

“Being baptized in the Holy Spirit commissions the believer for Christian service” ~Roger Stronstad

It's not a conversion experience; it's a commissioning experience.

##### 2. It's purpose is to give us power for witness

Acts 1:8

*Dynamis* = “to be able” or “to have strength”

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit helps us clear paths and break down barriers so people can hear and respond to the gospel.

##### 3. The sign of the baptism is speaking in tongues

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Throughout the scriptures there is a pattern of prophetic utterance serving as a sign of spirit empowerment (e.g. Numbers 11:25; 1 Samuel 10, 19; Joel 2).

In Acts, that prophetic utterance takes on the unique form of speaking in tongues (e.g. Acts 2:4, 10:44-46, 19:6).

### The Gift of Tongues

#### 1. What is it?

Speaking in languages you did not learn.

1 Corinthians 13:1 languages of “men and angels”

#### 2. Why do I need it?

i. For praise and worship

Acts 2:11, 1 Corinthians 14:2

ii. When you don't know what to pray for

Romans 8:26-27

iii. Personal encouragement

1 Corinthians 14:4

#### 3. How do I receive it?

If you want to receive the gift of tongues, you must cooperate with the Holy Spirit - he doesn't force himself on us!

When you've exhausted your praise in any language you know, start praising him in a language you don't know.

#### What's Really Important?

1. Ultimately, the gift we're seeking is the Holy Spirit himself

2. Speaking in tongues is not as important as character and service  
1 Corinthians 13:1

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## **Conclusion:**

The Holy Spirit is like water, and we are like a pitcher. All we need to be filled with the Spirit is to be clean and empty.

Acts 2:38

## **Life Group Discussion**

### **Warm up:**

1. Have you found anything in church (any church) to be weird? Strange? Uncomfortable? How did you react? Have you since changed your opinion about that issue? Why or why not?

### **Study & Discussion:**

1. Read Acts 2:1-18. What stands out to you about this passage? What is the connection between the Holy Spirit and prophecy/speaking in tongues this passage? What are your personal views about speaking in tongues?
2. Read Romans 8:22-27. What does this passage say about the Holy Spirit? Do you think v. 26 is talking about speaking in tongues or something else? What value do these “groans” have according to this passage?
3. Acts 1:8 clearly makes the connection between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and power to be witnesses. What does it mean to be a witness of Jesus? Considering the rest of the book of Acts (and other scriptures), what is the “power” this passage speaks about?

## **Application:**

1. How central is the Holy Spirit in your personal faith? How can you personally give greater attention to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?

## **Prayer:**

1. Spend time praying for each other to be filled with the Holy Spirit and have power for witness. If anyone wants the gift of tongues, pray for that also.
2. Other Requests
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