

STEPS TO MATURITY

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# Steps to Maturity Study Guide

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## Baptism In The Holy Spirit

**Y**ou will remember from the last study (water baptism) that the ‘one baptism’ in EHP 4:5 was made up of three parts. You have already studied two of these parts and we will now look at being baptised in the Holy Spirit. Water baptism dealt mainly with your past and removing your past life (before salvation). Being baptised in the Holy Spirit deals with your present life and He (the Holy Spirit) will give you power to live your life the way God desires you to.

We all need the Holy Spirit (He is sometimes called the Holy Ghost). He is God on earth with us today. He can be your best friend and He will always point you to Jesus, who will always lead you to the Father (God).

In the book of ACTS, after Jesus had risen from the dead, He talked to His disciples. Jesus said in ACTS 1:5, “... for John truly baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now”.

1 COR 2: 11-13

“For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in Him? Even so, no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now, we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

### What Is The Baptism In The Holy Spirit?

Baptism means ‘to immerse’.

1. Any believer can baptise another believer in water. JN 1:29-34 identifies who will baptise you in the Holy Spirit.

Who is it? \_\_\_\_\_.

When you are baptised in the Holy Spirit, He will completely fill you up with His presence.

2. Read LK 11:9-13

The Holy Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_ given to those who ask.

3. Scripture describes being baptised in the Holy Spirit several ways. Read the following verses and write some of these down –

LK 24:49 \_\_\_\_\_

ACTS 1:5 \_\_\_\_\_

ACTS 1:8 \_\_\_\_\_

ACTS 2:4 \_\_\_\_\_

ACTS 2:17 \_\_\_\_\_

ACTS 10:44 \_\_\_\_\_

4. The baptism of the Holy Spirit follows conversion. Read ACTS 8:10-17 and answer the following questions –

Were the Samaritans born again believers? \_\_\_\_\_ . (Verse 12)

Had they been baptised in the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_ . (Verse 16)

When did they receive the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_ . (Verse 17)

## Who Can Receive The Baptism In The Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is given to any believer who asks the Father (God) for Him. If we simply ask Him, Jesus will baptise us.

1. There are two things you must do before you can receive the baptism. What are they?

HEB 6:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_

1. Who did Peter say the Holy Spirit was for?

ACTS 2:38-39 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Does that include you? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the blessing of Abraham that you are to receive?

GAL 3: 13-14 \_\_\_\_\_

## Purpose Of The Baptism In The Holy Spirit?

1. There are two reasons why you need to receive the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 1:8

“But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes on you”.

“And you shall be my \_\_\_\_\_”.

2. What word describes what Jesus received?

ACTS 10:38 and LK 4:1, 14

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3. The Old Testament tells us that only a few people were given the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, it is given as a free gift to anyone who will receive it.

EZ 11:19-20 “I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God”.

This is one of many prophecies in the Old Testament about a time of great outpouring and of signs and wonders. Also read IS 44:3 and JOEL 2:28-32.

4. When you gave your heart and life to Jesus, the Holy Spirit was there. He was the one who re-created your human spirit in the image of God (see study two). When you are filled with His presence He will help you live like God desires you to. He will be your teacher, your guide, and He will enable you to live an abundant life.

## How To Receive The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit?

Your salvation was a gift from God; all you had to do was receive it by faith. Because the baptism in the Holy Spirit is also a gift from God, you receive it just the same way – by faith.

You can receive the baptism without any human help. However, it is common to receive it by someone laying their hands on you (this person must have already received the Holy Spirit).

1. You must be born again
2. Ask Jesus to baptise you in the Holy Spirit
3. Receive Him (the Holy Spirit) by faith
4. Open your mouth and begin to speak in tongues. This step is important as it releases our faith. Tongues are an unknown/unlearned language that God instantly gives you when you are baptised. It helps you communicate with God on a higher level in prayer.

MK 16:17 “And these signs will follow those who believe.....they will speak with new tongues”.

1 COR 14:2 “For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God, for no one [no human] understands him; however in the spirit he speaks mysteries”.

[Words in brackets added]

1 COR 14:3 “He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself...”.

## Evidences After Baptism

1. There are five accounts in the Bible of people who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues.

ACTS 2:1-4

ACTS 19:1-7 and EPH 1:13

ACTS 8:5-24

ACTS 9:17-19

ACTS 10:44-48

2. 1 COR 14:4 and JUDE 20. Speaking or praying in tongues builds up our faith

3. Other evidences are –

ACTS 1:8

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ROM 5:5

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ACTS 4:31

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JN16:14

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## Continually Being Filled

We should allow the Holy Spirit to continually fill us and empower us.

EPH 5:18. "... but be filled with the Spirit".