

**BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT: WALKING SOMEONE THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES:**

You already receive the Holy Spirit when you repent and believe. However, baptism in the Holy Spirit is a post-conversion experience. (Ephesians 1:13; Ephesians 4:30; II Corinthians 1:22; John 20:22; Acts 8:14-17)

The following progression of Scriptures is a suggested path of explanation when teaching someone about the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

1. Scripture #1: **John 20:20-22**
  - After Jesus's resurrection, He "breathed" on His disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit for salvation. (John 20:20-22)
2. Scripture #2: **Luke 24:49**
  - These same believers who had already received the Holy Spirit for salvation, are now told to wait in the city of Jerusalem until they are clothed with power from on high. (Luke 24:49)
3. Scripture #3: **Acts 1:5, 8**
  - Both Jesus and John the Baptist told their disciples that though they had been baptized in water, they would soon be baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Acts 1:5, Luke 3:16)
  - The Baptism in the Holy Spirit gives us power to be witnesses here on earth. (Acts 1:8; Acts 2:14)
4. After you have gone through the Scriptures above, lead them through the various accounts of believers being baptized with the Holy Spirit found in the book of Acts.
  - Acts 2:4-11 – the believers spoke in tongues and praised God for His wondrous works when they received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
  - Acts 8:14-17 – the believers in Samaria had received the Word of God (salvation), but had yet to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
  - Acts 10:44-48 – when the believers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit they spoke in tongues and were water baptized.
  - Acts 19:1-6 – when the believers in Ephesus received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

5. There are two ways we see God baptize people in the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures.
  - The disciples were baptized in the Holy Spirit as God supernaturally poured out His Spirit. (Acts 2:1-4)
  - Others received the baptism in the Holy Spirit by God’s servants laying hands on them and praying. (Acts 8:15-17)
  - The baptism in the Holy Spirit activates the spiritual gifts God gives us when we are born again.
  - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 – there are a variety of spiritual gifts, and God is the giver of them all.
  - 1 Corinthians 14:1-5 – we are to earnestly desire spiritual gifts. The Apostle Paul desires that we all speak in tongues and even more so to prophesy.
  - 1 Corinthians 14:13-15 – we are to pray with our spirit and with our minds.
  - 1 Corinthians 14:18 – the Apostle Paul praises God that he speaks in tongues.
  - Jude 20 – praying in the Holy Spirit builds up our faith.

When you are preparing to pray with someone to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, it is important to make sure they have a good understanding of being baptized in the Holy Spirit.

- You receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit by faith. (Galatians 3:2-5)
- Ask them if they are ready to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- If they say “yes,” be sure to explain that you are going to lay hands on them and pray for God to baptize them in the Holy Spirit, and that as God does baptize them, He will give them a new, heavenly language to speak in.
- Encourage them to respond in faith and speak out their new heavenly language by faith.
- If you sense that the person is too hesitant or fearful to receive, tell them to pray about it for a few days and to review the Bible verses. Then you can pray together when they are ready.