

# THE BAPTISM AND FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



**We can learn about the baptism of the Holy Spirit and how the believers are filled with Him from the New Testament. Which conditions should we fulfill to receive the baptism and filling of the Holy Spirit? Which are the results?**



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**The baptism of John (water) and the baptism of Jesus (Spirit and fire) complement each other. The water baptism (repentance) usually comes before the Spirit's. Nevertheless, the Spirit's could come first sometimes.**



## Acts 2:38. Pentecost.

- 1. "Repent"**
- 2. "let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"**
- 3. "You shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"**

## Acts 10:43-48. Cornelius' house.

- 1. "whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins"**
- 2. "the Holy Spirit fell upon all"**
- 3. "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord"**

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**The receiving of the Holy Spirit and baptism belong together. They signal our new birth. In baptism we are identified with Christ, and Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit so that we can live in His power and proclaim the good news.**

**On the other hand, the baptism of the Spirit is an experience that brings the believers together, "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body." (1 Corinthians 12:13).**



**Water does not change anyone, it's just an external demonstration of our personal atonement with God. The Spirit does change our lives. How has the Holy Spirit transformed your life?**

# LIVING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

*"And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit."* (Acts 13:52)

The baptism of the Spirit must be a constant experience in our lives. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit every day, we must surrender our will to God and let Him guide us.

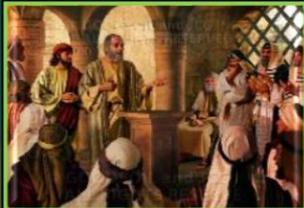
The New Testament is filled with stories of people who were either habitually or occasionally filled with the Spirit.



**Elizabeth**  
(Luke 1:41)



**Zacharias**  
(Luke 1:67)



**Peter**  
(Acts 4:8)



**Stephen**  
(Acts 6:5; 7:55)



**Barnabas**  
(Acts 11:24)



**Paul**  
(Acts 13:9)

**The Spirit will fill you every day if you humbly submit your will to Him and let Him take control of every aspect of your life.**

# CONDITIONS

What conditions must we fulfill to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- 1 Repentance (Acts 2:37-38)
- 2 Faith (Galatians 3:14)
- 3 Persistence (Luke 11:8-10, 13)
- 4 Obedience (Acts 5:32)
- 5 Leaving every uncleanness behind (Judas 18-21)



- 1 Feeling sorry about sin and desiring to change our hearts and minds completely.
- 2 Believing God's promises and trusting Him.
- 3 Praying persistently to be ready for God's blessings and to come near Him.
- 4 Showing our faith by following God's will.
- 5 Rejecting sin completely.

# RESULTS

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(Philippians 2:13)



When God helps us with fulfilling those requirements, our lives are unavoidably transformed by the Holy Spirit as we are filled by Him.

SELF-CENTERED PERSON	SPIRIT-CONTROLLED PERSON
Desires what is sinful and displeasing to God.	Desires what is spiritual and pleasing to God.
Is controlled by sinful passions.	Is controlled by the Spirit.
Misuses his/her freedom and gets enslaved in sin.	Is set free from the bondage of sin and is called to freedom in Christ.
Is disobedient to God's will.	Is obedient to God's will.
Is self-indulgent.	Is self-sacrificing.
Displays the fruit of sin.	Displays the fruit of the Spirit.
Does not recognize the need for forgiveness and is boastful of self.	Recognizes the need for forgiveness and praises Jesus for what He has done.

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**We cannot change from enjoying sin to enjoying holiness by our own strength. The things we like and the things we desire must change.**

**God is the One who help us with fulfilling the conditions to receive the Holy Spirit. He also brings the results of a transformed life.**

**He will never do that work without our cooperation. We must surrender our will to His will.**



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**“The Spirit illumines our darkness, informs our ignorance, and helps us in our manifold necessities. But the mind must be constantly going out after God. If worldliness is allowed to come in, if we have no desire to pray, no desire to commune with Him who is the source of strength and wisdom, the Spirit will not abide with us...**

**The religion of Christ means more than the forgiveness of sin; it means that sin is taken away, and that the vacuum is filled with the Spirit. It means that the mind is divinely illumined, that the heart is emptied of self, and filled with the presence of Christ. When this work is done for church members, the church will be a living, working church.”**