



The Baptism and Filling of the Holy Spirit

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

SUNDAY: January 29

Key Passage(s): John 1:29, 31-33; Acts 2:38; 1Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5; Acts 19:1-6

1. There are two essentials in the Christian life that John proclaimed and witnessed at the baptism of Jesus. Identify these essentials of Christ's life and ours that the Holy Spirit pours out. John 1:29, 31-33

2. 50 days after Jesus resurrection what two essentials does God bestow upon those gathered in an inner room? Acts 2:38

3. What common thread do we have as a global community of believers? 1Corinthians 12:13

4. How did Paul baptize? Acts 19:4

5. (Discussion) Is there Biblical precedent for being baptized more than once and if so, how do we explain Ephesians 4:5? Acts 19:1-6

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Being Filled With the Holy Spirit

MONDAY: January 30

Key Passage(s): Ephesians 5:18; Acts 13:50-52; Romans 8:9; Titus 3:5,6

1. How does Paul admonish Christians to be? What is it contrasted with being filled with the Spirit and why? Ephesians 5:18

2. How do Paul and Barnabas illustrate what believers do who are filled with the Holy Spirit? Acts 13:50-52

3. What does being filled with the Holy Spirit say about the believer? Romans 8:9

4. What does the filling of the Holy Spirit say about God? Titus 3:5,6

5. (Discussion) What lessons can Peter teach us about being filled with the Holy Spirit?

“But the Peter who denied Christ in the hour of His greatest need was impulsive and self-confident, differing widely from the Peter who was brought before the Sanhedrin for examination. Since his fall he had been converted. He was no longer proud and boastful, but modest and self-distrustful. He was filled with the Holy Spirit, and by the help of this power he was resolved to remove the stain of his apostasy by honoring the name he had once disowned.” The Acts of the Apostles, p. 62.3

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Conditions: Part 1

TUESDAY: January 31

Key Passage(s): Acts 2:37-38; Romans 2:4; Galatians 3:14; 2Corinthians 5:7; Luke 11:8-10,13

1. What is the first step to receiving the Holy Spirit and what draws us to that first step?
Acts 2:37,38; Romans 2:4

“Must the sinner wait until he is filled with remorse for his sin before he can come to Christ? The very first step to Christ is taken through the drawing of the Spirit of God; as man responds to this drawing, he advances toward Christ in order that he may repent.” A New Life, p. 20.2

2. How do we maintain our Christian walk and receive His promises which comes from the presence of the Spirit of God? Galatians 3:14; 2Corinthians 5:7

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3. What assurance does Jesus give us concerning our Heavenly Father’s willingness to impart His Spirit? Luke 11:8-10, 13

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4. (Discussion) What is one indicator that the Spirit is present in our lives?

“He then becomes a sanctified agent that God can employ to work out his noble purposes. He then represents Christ, holding forth to the world his mercy and love. He has a testimony that he is desirous that others should hear.” Christian Education, p. 128.1

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Conditions: Part 2

WEDNESDAY: February 1

Key Passage(s): Acts 5:32; John 14:23; Jude 18-21

1. After receiving the Holy Spirit what is the condition of maintaining His presence in our lives? Acts 5:32

2. What is the motivation for maintaining the Spirit's presence through obedience? John 14:23

3. How does Jude encourage us to maintain motivation for the Spirit's presence in our lives? Jude 18-21

4. (Discussion) How can a Christian unlock his/her usefulness for God and His service? Who has to be present for maximizing our usefulness?

“He who loves Christ the most will do the greatest amount of good. There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God.” The Desire of Ages, p. 250.4

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Self-centered Living Versus Christ-centered Living

THURSDAY: February 2

Key Passage(s): 2Corinthians 5:14; Romans 1:16-17; Ephesians 2:8; Acts 13:43;
2 Peter 3:18

1. The Spirit of our Lord impresses us with two keys for a Christ-centered living. What two keys does Paul mention? 2Corinthians 5:14

2. Even though the Galatians began walking in the Spirit, what does Paul's admonishing questions reveal about Christ-centered living? Galatians 3:3

"Paul arraigned the believers in Galatia before the tribunal of their own conscience and sought to arrest them in their course. Relying on the power of God to save, and refusing to recognize the doctrines of the apostate teachers, the apostle endeavored to lead the converts to see that they had been grossly deceived, but that by returning to their former faith in the gospel they might yet defeat the purpose of Satan." The Acts of the Apostles, p. 384.2

3. We have studied the power of God, the strength of the gospel, His grace that comes by faith (Romans 1:16,17; Ephesians 2:8). What did Paul, Barnabas, and Peter encourage believers to continuously receive from the Holy Spirit? Acts 13:43; 2Peter 3:18

4. (Discussion) Growth in grace starts at home. What resolution, by the Spirit's power, can we make for ourselves and our families today?

"I must grow in grace at home and wherever I may be, in order to give moral power to all my actions. At home I must guard my spirit, my actions, my words. I must give time to personal culture, to training and educating myself in right principles. I must be an example to others. I must meditate upon the word of God night and day and bring it into my practical life. The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, is the only sword which I can safely use." The Adventist Home, p. 180.2

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