

Laying The Foundation
Immersion In The Spirit
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I. Holy Spirit Promised Before Pentecost

- A. In *all* four Gospels
 - 1. Matthew 3:11
 - 2. Mark 1:8
 - 3. Luke 3:16
 - 4. John 1:33
 - a. Lamb of God
 - b. Son of God
 - c. The One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit
 - 5. Promise renewed by Jesus (Acts 1:4–5)
- B. Fulfilled at Pentecost (Acts 2:1–4). In three phases:
 - 1. Baptism: Immersion from above
 - 2. Filled: Each one, individually
 - 3. Supernatural outflow: Speaking in other tongues (Matt. 12:34b)
 - a. Your heart is full when it overflows
 - b. The Holy Spirit overflows in speech
- C. Described as a seal (2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:14)
 - 1. It marks you out as His possession
 - 2. The Holy Spirit is a deposit on God's purchase of you
 - a. The seal the apostles received (Acts 2:4)
 - b. The seal which they accepted in others
 - c. They never asked for any other seal
 - d. The New Testament offers no other seal
- D. Demonstrated in the house of Cornelius (Acts 10:46, 11:15)

II. A Distinct Experience From Salvation

- A. The Samaritans (Acts 8:12–17)
- B. The conversion of Saul (Acts 9:17–18)
- C. Disciples at Ephesus (Acts 19:1–6; compare Eph. 1:13)
- D. Two ways to receive:
 - 1. Direct from God (Acts 2:1–4, 10:44–47)
 - 2. Laying on of hands (Acts 8:14–19, 9:17, 19:6)

III. Purposes Of The Baptism

- A. To receive supernatural power from God (Acts 1:8)
 - 1. For witness and service
 - a. Romans 15:18–19
 - b. 1 Cor. 2:1–5
 - c. Hebrews 2:3–4
 - 2. To make unity of the body effective (1 Cor. 12:12–14)
- B. May be accompanied by strong emotional and physical reactions
 - 1. Abraham (Gen. 17:1–3)
 - 2. Israel (Lev. 9:24)
 - 3. Joshua (Josh. 5:14)

4. Priests (2 Chron. 5:12–14)
5. Jeremiah (Jer. 20:9, 23:9)
6. Apostles (Acts 2:13)
7. John the apostle (Rev. 1:17)
8. The human body is the Spirit's temple (1 Cor. 6:19)
9. The decisive member is the tongue (James 3:4–8)
10. Designed to glorify God (Psalm 16:9; Acts 2:26)

IV. Seven Requirements For Receiving

- A. Repent (Acts 2:38)
- B. Be baptized (Acts 2:38)
- C. Thirst (John 7:37–38)
- D. Come to Jesus (John 7:37–38)
- E. Ask (Luke 11:13)
- F. Receive/drink (Acts 8:14–15; John 7:37)
- G. Yield/offer your members/organs of speech (Rom. 6:13)