

The Holy Spirit: Before And After Pentecost

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I. Introduction

Ps. 139:1–12—God is everywhere (omnipresent) and knows everything (omniscient) through His Spirit

II. The Spirit Of God Before Pentecost

- A. Gen. 1:2—God’s Word and God’s Spirit worked together to bring about *creation* (compare Heb. 11:3)
- B. Ex. 31:3—*Bezaleel* is the only man recorded in the Old Testament being filled with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit filled him for a very practical ministry so that he could engrave, cut jewels, embroider, supervise, etc.
- C. Deut. 34:9—*Joshua* was full of the Spirit of wisdom which he received by Moses laying hands on him so that he could lead God’s people.
- D. Judges 6:34—Every *judge* of Israel operated in the knowledge and power of the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit clothed *Gideon*, he became the acknowledged leader.
- E. 2 Sam. 23:2—God’s Spirit spoke by *David* in the Psalms.
- F. Ps. 51:11—*David* knew that the whole secret of his success and blessedness was in the Holy Spirit.
- G. 2 Pet. 1:21—The *Prophets* spoke as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.
- H. Luke 1:15, 41–42, 67—Three members of the same family were filled with the Holy Spirit: *Zacharias*, *Elizabeth* and *John*, who was filled from the time of his birth.

III. The Preparation For Pentecost

- A. John 1:31—John introduces Jesus as the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.
- B. John 7:37–39—Jesus promises that the Spirit will be made available to all believers (after Jesus has been glorified).
- C. John 14:15–18—To those who love Him and keep His commandments, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as Comforter (Advocate).
- D. John 14:25–26—Two great ministries of the Holy Spirit are promised: Teacher and Remembrancer.
- E. John 16:5–7—An exchange of Persons: first, Jesus must go; then the Holy Spirit will come in His place.
- F. John 16:12–15—The Holy Spirit as a Person reveals the counsel of the Godhead and administers our inheritance in Christ on our behalf.
- G. John. 20:19–22—In receiving “Holy Breath” these disciples were *regenerated*.
- H. Luke 24:49—Although they had received the regenerated life through the Holy Spirit, the baptism with power was yet to come. (See also Acts 1: 5, 8.)

IV. The Baptism In The Holy Spirit

- A. Acts 2:1–4—Here we have the fulfillment of the promise in three phases:
 - 1. An immersion
 - 2. An infilling
 - 3. An outflow
 - 4. Together they constitute the complete New Testament experience of the

Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

- B. Acts 2:32–33—After death, burial and resurrection, Jesus, glorified at God’s right hand, received and poured out the Holy Spirit (compare John 7:39). The result could be *seen and heard*.
- C. Titus 3:5–6—First, *regeneration*: the resurrected Christ, the inbreathed Spirit, received as life. Then, *baptism*: the glorified Christ, the outpoured Spirit, received as Lord (compare Rom. 8:10)
 - 1. Tongues unify, but anything that unifies also divides.
 - 2. It unites all those who want what God has and divides them from all those who don’t.

V. The Holy Spirit After Pentecost

- A. 1 Cor. 3:16–17—All believers together constitute the collective dwelling place of God. Ever since the Day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God, as a Person, as Lord (2 Cor. 3:17), has indwelt the temple, which is the body of Christ, all true believers.
- B. 1 Cor. 6:19–20—The body of every believer is redeemed by the blood of Jesus for one supreme purpose: to become the individual temple of the Holy Spirit.

VI. Conditions For Receiving The Baptism In The Holy Spirit (John 7:37–39)

- A. You must *thirst*—i.e., long for more of God than you already have.
- B. You must *come to Jesus*, as Baptizer in the Spirit.
- C. You must open your mouth and *drink*. Then, as you cooperate with the Holy Spirit, the supernatural outflow will follow.