

Doctrine of Baptisms 5

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You Shall Receive Power – Acts 1:8

Today is Your Day

Overcoming Doubt & Taking a Step of Faith

- You need as much of the Holy Spirit as you can get
- Deal with the hindrances
- Develop your ability to receive

Receiving the Baptism of Power

Blockages to Speaking in Tongues – In Your Mind

- **Fear**
 - Of losing it, and make a fool of yourself or revealing some hidden things
 - The Holy Spirit will not embarrass you –
 - He is your advocate, not your accuser – (Gk. Paracletos)
 - Of being disappointed – God will not disappoint you -
 - Of being deceived – Enough Scriptures to overcome doubt
- **False teaching**
 - Tongues is of the devil
 - The disciples were not under demonic influence
 - **Lk.11:9-11-13** – The Father will not give you a serpent
 - Tongues and the gifts were for the early church
 - Jesus has not changed, He is the same – **Heb.13:8**
 - All the gifts are for today (For your children and as many are far off)
- **Lack of Understanding**
 - I don't deserve it – It is not because of your good works, but it will help you to do good works
 - Expecting that the Holy Spirit is going to speak through you and you doing nothing
 - You do the speaking, not the Holy Spirit – **Act.19:6** – They spoke
- **Pride – Self centered**
 - Nobody tells me what to do
 - They are not better than me
 - I don't need it
 - I would look stupid

How to Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the Evidence

- **YOU MUST UNDERSTAND**
 - **Act.8:14-23** – In Samaria they were Baptized into Jesus but not in the Holy Spirit
 - Received (Grk. dechomai = passively receive) the Word
 - Had not received (lambano = ACTIVELY TAKE HOLD) the Holy Spirit because they had not been taught
 - ✦ You cannot appropriate what you don't know is yours
 - When they prayed and laid hands on them, they received power –
 - ✦ The evidence was that they spoke in tongues
 - But must have the right motivation (love, not ambition)
- **YOU MUST WANT IT**
 - Jesus wants you to have it - **Act.1:4**
 - **DECIDE** it is for you and **YOU WANT IT** – **1Cor,14:1**
 - Desire (Grk. Zeloo = be zealous) about spiritual gifts
 - But you must be **MOTIVATED** by love, not like Simon the sorcerer in **Act.8**
 - ✦ Because you want to serve and please God
 - ✦ If you are motivated by selfish ambition it will not profit you or others
- **YOU MUST APPROPRIATE (TAKE) IT BY FAITH**

- **Gal.3:14** – Receiving the promise of the Spirit by faith
- The Holy Spirit never makes you do anything
 - He is our helper, not our controller – **Jn.14:16-18**
 - You must speak in faith
- Doubt you doubts and release your faith in what the Word says
- Some pray but do not receive (lambano) it because they are not confident and do not exercise their faith
- **YOU MUST TRUST GOD**
 - **Heb.11:6** – Without faith it is impossible to please God
 - Experience the validity of **Mk:11:24**
- **THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO RECEIVE**
 - Pray, get prayed for, accept the Word – But it is always an act of faith

Questions to Consider

1. Receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is like receiving anything else from the Lord. Please explain how we can position ourselves to receive from God.
2. Please identify what are your major hindrances to receive from God as you can determine from your experience.
3. How can you overcome your hindrances?
4. What areas of your life do you find more easily and more difficult to receive?
5. What difference would it make in your life if you would be more filled with the Holy Spirit?
6. What can you do to make this happen?