

Introduction: There are three places in which the Holy Spirit resides with a believer.

1. In you - The regeneration work of the Holy Spirit at Salvation.
 - Ex: After his resurrection, Jesus breathed on his disciples and they received the Holy Spirit (John 20:22) (John 14:17)
 - At salvation the Holy Spirit dwells within a believer and becomes his/her guide into all truth and bring to your remembrance all things Jesus said to us.
2. With you - Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit will be also with us.
 - Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as “Another Comforter” (John 14:16)
 - Not only is He in us to guide us and teach us all things, he comforts us.
 - He comforts us by giving us “the peace that passes all understanding” Even through trials, persecution, and tribulation, Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit’s peace that allows us to be overcomers.
3. On you - When a believer receives the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, The Spirit comes upon you. (Rests on you) Acts 1:8

This is the focus of our teaching tonight. Let’s explore this wonderful gift of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

- A. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit. What is the Baptism with the Holy Spirit?
 1. It is a work of God that empowers us to be a witness for Jesus. We can only go so far in our walk with him.
- B. How important is the Baptism with the Spirit?
 1. Jesus said the disciples should not depart from Jerusalem to be a witness until the Holy Spirit came upon them. (Acts 1:4-5)
 2. The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus when John water baptized him. And then Jesus started his ministry.
- C. The Benefits of the Baptism
 1. Empowerment to be a witness - A trait of that empowerment is boldness
 - a. Example - Peter was afraid of being killed and denied Jesus three times that he even knew him. After Peter received the Baptism with the Spirit, he preached the gospel boldly to the very same people that he was afraid of. The

fear was gone.

- b. The overflow of signs, wonders and miracles. (Acts 5:12, 16)
 - c. Boldness to endure persecution - Peter and John were commanded not to preach Jesus anymore after they were whipped. But they went right back out to preach the gospel.
 - d. Love spread abroad in their hearts - Acts 4:31-32 The baptism brought unity in their hearts and they shared their possessions with each other.
- D. Initial evidence of Baptism is speaking in tongues
- 1. Acts 2:4-6 - This language, "tongues" can be a known or unknown language. The speaker of this language does not understand it.
- E. Why does God not want us to understand what we are saying?
- 1. I Cor. 14:2 - 4 When we pray in tongues in our private prayer life, we edify and strengthen our spirit and we speak the mysteries of God.
 - 2. There are times, when we do not know how should pray, the situation we are facing, God knows more about it than we do. And we need to pray about the particulars of the situation to which we have no knowledge of.
- F. The Spirit knows how we ought to pray.
- 1. We also prophecy our own destiny when we pray in tongues. Ex: Sid Roth prayed in tongues every day for an hour. The Lord revealed to him later that he declared his television and radio ministry in tongues and didn't know it!
 - 2. Jonathon Shuttlesworth's wife - lump on her breast that was healed by him praying in tongues over her before she even told him.

Closing:

We need this gift especially in these last days - to overcome in these difficult and challenging times.