



The Resurrection (7)

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Ask & Keep Asking

Luke 11:5-8

5. And He said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves,
6. for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’;
7. and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’?
8. I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

Luke 11:9-13

9. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
10. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.
11. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;
12. or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?
13. If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Singular spring:

John 4:14

But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Plural rivers:

John 7:38

Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit:

John 20:22

And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Promise of the subsequent Baptism in the Holy Spirit for every believer.

We need to closely examine HOW the Baptism in the Holy Spirit can be received.

Five Conditions are stated or clearly implied.

Acts 2:38

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Condition One - Repent

Change your mind about Christ.
From Christ-denying to Christ-believing.

Condition Two - Repent

Renounce sin, all sin, every sin.

Honest, thorough heart-searching, ask God to help you.

Psalm 139:23-24

23. Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
24. And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting

Condition Three - Obedience

Acts 5:32

And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.

Obedience starts with the repentant heart that says "not my will but Yours be done" It continues with "here I am and all that I have."
"Jesus You bought me with a price and I acknowledge Your absolute ownership. Take me and all that I have and do with me whatever You will. Lord, send me where you will, use me as You will. I surrender myself and all I possess absolutely, unconditionally to You Jesus and for You Jesus, and for Your glory."

Psalm 84:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favour and honour. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Condition Four - We must ask

Luke 11:13

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is given automatically at our re-birth.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit we are to ask for.

Condition Five - An intense desire for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:13

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

In context 'ask' comes from an intense and real desire. Ask unashamedly, directively and keep on asking.

Acts 2:41

So those who received His word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Receive in the Greek = dechomai: a humble receiving of something.

Luke 11:10

For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Receive in the Greek = lambano: to take, get hold of, obtain, acquire & seize with a sense of desperation.

Acts 8:14-15

14. Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John,
15. who came down and prayed for them that they might receive (LAMBANO) the Holy Spirit.

Intensely desiring - something we can expect through faith to receive.

Isaiah 44:3

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit upon your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants.

When we are truly thirsty and we cry out from our heart, then God pours out rivers of living water into our dry and thirsty souls.

Mark 11:24

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received (LAMBANO) it, and it will be yours.

An encouraging and positive promise!

James 1:5-8

5. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
6. Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind.
7. For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord,
8. [For being as he is] a man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute), [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides].

Mark 11:24

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

1 John 5:14-15

14. And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.
15. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

Acts 2:39

For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

The promise is the very thing that we can ask the Father for!

So what I have asked for, I can receive with simple childlike faith in His Word and then I will receive it in actual experience.

If there is a true desire to be baptised in the Holy Spirit for Jesus glory and for His purposes, if these conditions have been met, then any person can ask God to baptise them in the Holy Spirit.

“My prayer has been heard, I already have what I have asked for, I have the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.”

Our Heavenly Father is faithful to give us what we need, when we need it and how we need it.

- Ask for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit the way Scripture tells us.
- Open yourself to be used by God as His witness, and step out in faith.
- Open your mouth on His behalf and then you'll see His power in action.
- When we ask, then we will receive the Promise in whatever way, fashion and form He chooses.

God says in His Word that He WILL grant the blessing of the Holy Spirit to those who shamelessly, purposefully and persistently ask.

He will pour His Spirit out on those who truly thirst.
He will empower those who confess their weakness.
He will equip those who see their need.
They will receive the blessing and He will be glorified.