

## The Holy Spirit Is On You For Transformation

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[Act 19:1-7 NASB95] 1 It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. 2 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they [said] to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they [began] speaking with tongues and prophesying. 7 There were in all about twelve men.

- "Focusing on the Holy Spirit, particularly the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, is unimportant." Is this statement from a pastor the correct response? No. However, observing the landscape of Western churches (America) reveals that this attitude is prevalent.
- We have churches that preach a Gospel that brings people Christ and repentance but pushes the baptism to the Holy Spirit aside as an unnecessary and unimportant aspect of the Gospel.
- In Acts 19, we see an example of how the apostles dealt with people who became believers but had never heard of what happened at Pentecost (Acts 2.)
- Acts 19:1 summary.
  - V. 1 – They were believers. FF Bruce: Clearly true believers in Christ.
  - V. 2 – Paul did not question the fact that they were believers. He accepted it. He brought the reality of the next step. (Since, when, after you believed...) They were not taught about the Holy Spirit, only Jesus and repentance.
  - V. 3-4 – John's baptism was repentance to Jesus.
  - V. 5-6 – They rebaptized in Jesus' Name. (Saved now?) Paul laid his hand on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. Did Paul distribute salvation? They spoke with tongues and prophesied.

**What does this passage teach us about the Holy Spirit being on us?**

**There are three things that this passage teaches us about the Holy Spirit being on us?**

### **I. The Holy Spirit on you is after conversion and vitally important.**

- a. This is not a conversion experience but an enduement of Spirit's power.
- b. In the Greek, there is a three-fold experience with the Holy Spirit. (Mountain Spring Church)
  - i. Para – with. [Jhn 14:26 NASB95] 26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
  - ii. En – in. [Rom 8:9 NASB95] 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.
  - iii. Epi – on. [Act 1:8 NASB95] 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
- c. We see this in John 20:22 (breathed on them, converted) and then in Acts 2 – empowered.
- d. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a distinct experience following conversion.
- e. We need to stop treating the baptism with the Holy Spirit differently than the Apostles dealt with it. Stop treating it like it is unimportant. It is vital!

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- f. After being converted, we must seek the next step of being empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is necessary for us. It is necessary for those we led to Jesus.

**II. The Holy Spirit on you comes from a desire that results from teaching on the Holy Spirit.**

- a. Asked about them about the Holy Spirit.
- b. "We have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."
- c. Jesus taught about the Holy Spirit, particularly in John 14-17. He instructed them not just about Him, but how to receive Him (Luke 24, Acts 1)
- d. We need to talk about the Holy Spirit. We need to be taught about the Holy Spirit. We need to teach about the Holy Spirit.
- e. People do not seek Him because they have not been taught to seek Him.
- f. The Holy Spirit comes upon those who receive Him from a desire to be filled by Him.

**III. The Holy Spirit on you will always have evidence, i.e. speaking/praying in tongues.**

- a. There was always evidence when someone was baptized in the Holy Spirit.
    - i. Acts 2, 10, and 19. Specifically spoke in tongues.
    - ii. Acts 8 – Simon saw something.
    - iii. Acts 9 – Saul/Paul. There is no mention in Acts 9, but he said he spoke with tongues. (I Cor. 14:18)
  - b. We need it in our lives. In our families. In our churches. Is it just for the prayer closet? Were they out of order in Acts 2, 10, 19 because they spoke in tongues openly in public?
  - c. We don't seek tongues but desire everything from Him. If it is from God, why would we not want it?
  - d. Yield your tongue. You must speak only one language at a time.
  - e. Be converted to Jesus. Ask for the Holy Spirit. Yield your tongue to Jesus.
- **God wants us to seek for the Holy Spirit to come on us after we receive Jesus as Lord of our lives.**