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Class #3

The Holy Spirit



**“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.”
(Eph. 5:18)**

- A. In the Bible, when people received the Word of God and were saved, they were then _____. (Acts 2:41; 8:12; 8:35-38; 10:47)
1. Jesus told the disciples to baptize in the name of the _____, the _____, and the _____. (Matt. 28:19)
- B. Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they _____ what the Father had promised and the power from above came upon them. (Luke 24:49)
1. The “promise of the Father” is being filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:4-8)
 2. Although the disciples had been taught by Jesus over a period of three years, had seen the resurrected Messiah in all His glory and power over a period of 40 days, and had fellowship with Him, they were not allowed to go and preach the gospel until after they had been filled with the Holy Spirit and been clothed with power from on high. Yet, many believers today attempt to go and live the gospel without this power.
 3. As we find in Acts 2:1-4, several things happened the first time that people were _____ with the Holy Spirit:
 - a. There was a noise like a strong wind that filled the whole house.
 - b. They saw what looked like tongues of fire sitting on each of them.
 - c. They were then filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
 4. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit did not take place in a small room somewhere behind a locked door. This thing was not done in a corner, but in the temple before the eyes of all Israel.
 5. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit was prophesied by Joel in the Old Testament. (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:14-21)
- C. _____ continued to receive the Holy Spirit throughout the book of Acts.
1. The believers at Samaria received the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands. (Acts 8:17)
 2. The Gentiles received the Holy Spirit as they were listening to Peter preach. (Acts 10:44,45)
 - a. Those who came with Peter knew that the Gentiles had received the Holy Spirit because they heard them speak in tongues. (Acts 10:46)
 3. The people in Ephesus were baptized and then received the Holy Spirit when Paul laid hands on them. (Acts 19:1-7)

- D. The power of the Holy Spirit is given by God to _____ you as a believer to live the _____ life God wants you to live. (John 10:10)
1. The gift of the Holy Spirit is promised to everyone throughout time that the Lord calls to Himself. (Acts 2:33,38,39)
 2. The Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who _____ Him. (Luke 11:13)
 - a. The Holy Spirit is a good gift from God. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not an option but a must to the believer who wants to fulfill God's will.
 3. The power that the Holy Spirit brings to your life enables you to be a _____ for Christ. The Greek word for "witness" is "martus", which also means "to be a record." (Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 3:3)
 - a. When you receive the Holy Spirit, you have the ability to be a walking and living document of the goodness of God.
 - b. You are the only example that some people may have of God and what He can do in someone's life.
 - c. Without the power of the Holy Spirit, your witness to others will be limited.
 - d. Why would anyone reject the power of the Holy Spirit? We all need everything God offers in order to live a successful Christian life.
- E. Why get filled with the Holy Spirit?
1. To receive _____ for living. (Acts 1:8)
 2. To receive power to pray for needs and people that you do not know how or what to pray for. (Rom. 8:26,27)
 3. To build yourself up and receive strength from God. (Jude 20)
- F. How to receive the Holy Spirit?
1. Believe the Bible.
 - a. Acts 2:4 tells us, "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."
 2. Ask your Father for the Holy Spirit. (Luke 11:13)
 3. Act in faith and begin to pray out in other tongues, using your voice and your will. (1 Cor. 14:2, 14, 15)