

## BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This term describes the event that took place in the upper room, in Acts 2, when the disciples experienced the Holy Spirit come upon them and dramatically changed them. From this point on, they turned Jerusalem, and the world, upside down. In fact, Peter boldly preached and 3,000 were saved that day.

Acts 2:2-4

*“And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

*And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.*

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.”*

Jesus spoke of this in Acts 1, encouraging the disciples to wait until they received what was promised, which was the baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5).

Acts 1:8

*“but you shall 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.”*

This was the experience that was to qualify them (and us) to go do what they had been made for and what the Lord had commanded them to do (Matthew 28:18-20). They were filled with the Spirit and walked in power, which is what marked them as true witnesses. Now, they could and would do all the things Jesus did (John 14:12).

Jesus, Himself, received this baptism with the Spirit at the time He was immersed in water (water baptized) by John the Baptist in Luke 3:21-22

Luke 3:21-22

*“Now it came about when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also was baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened,*

*and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, “Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased.”*

Then, full of the Spirit, He returns from the Jordan, in Luke 4:1, and went to Galilee in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14).

The baptism of the Holy Spirit and water baptism are distinctly different, as seen in Acts 10:47-48 and Acts 8:15. Water baptism is a spiritual circumcision (Colossians 2:11-12), where the baptism of the spirit is a filling accompanied by the power of the Holy Spirit.