

WHY IS THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT A NECESSITY FOR EVERY BELIEVER?

Sermon 2 of 4 in the “Baptism in the Holy Spirit Series”
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Sermon in a Sentence: It is essential that every believer go on to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Sermon’s Purpose: To encourage and see believers be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Texts: Acts 1:4-5, Ephesians 5:18

Introduction:

1. Our texts contain two commands to believers to be filled with the Holy Spirit, one from Jesus and one from Paul.
2. These commands demonstrate the necessity of one’s being baptized in the Holy Spirit.
3. Today we will answer the question, “Why must every believer be filled with the Spirit?”

I. We Must Each Be Filled with the Spirit Because We Have a Life to Live That Is Beyond Our Ability.

- A. Look at the life that God calls on us to live:
 1. A life like Jesus lived (1 John 2:6).
 2. A life of purity (1 Pet. 1:15-16).
 3. A life of love (Matt. 5:43-44).
- B. But we are weak and unable in our own strength to live such a life.
 1. We are more apt to hate, envy, and complain.
 2. We are more apt to live like the world than to live like Jesus.
 3. We cry out like Paul, “O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me...?” (Rom. 7:24).
 4. The answer comes back, “Don’t despair, we have help from above!” (ref. Gal. 5:16)

- C. An important question: How do we get this help from God?
 1. We begin by hungering and thirsting for more of God (John 7:37: “if anyone is thirsty”).
 2. In Matthew 5:6, note our part and God’s part:
 - a. Our part—“hunger and thirst after . . .”
 - b. God’s part—“they shall be filled . . .”

II. We Must Each Be Filled with the Spirit Because We Have a Job to Do That Is Greater than Our Resources.

- A. Jesus left us with a big job.
 1. It is called the Great Commission.
 2. Matt. 28:19-20; Matt. 24:14
- B. But our resources are inadequate for the job.
 1. Our personal resources are inadequate.
 2. Our financial resources are inadequate.
- C. And yet, Jesus has promised us power to get the job done:
 1. In Acts 1 He gave His disciples a promise and a command:
 - a. *The promise:* (1:8): “You will be my witnesses. . . to the ends of the earth.”
 - b. *The command* (1:4-5): “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised . . .”
 2. We cannot fulfill the promise until we first obey the command!

Conclusion and Altar Call

1. You have a life to live that is beyond your ability.
2. You have a job to do that is beyond your resources.
3. You need to receive God’s power.
4. Come and be filled with the Spirit today.

— Denny Miller