

10—The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

“What We Believe”

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“We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit¹ is the incoming of the promised Comforter in mighty and glorious fullness² to endue the believer with power from on high;³ to glorify and exalt the Lord Jesus;⁴ to give inspired utterance in witnessing of Him;⁵ to foster the spirit of prayer, holiness, sobriety;⁶ to equip the individual and the Church for practical, efficient, joyous, Spirit-filled soul-winning in the fields of life;⁷ and that this being still the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, the believer may have every reason to expect His incoming to be after the same manner as that in which He came upon Jew and Gentile alike in Bible days, and as recorded in the Word,⁸ that it may be truly said of us as of the house of Cornelius: “the Holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the beginning.”⁹—*Compiled by A. S. McPherson*

1. Acts 1:5
“For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
2. John 14:16
“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (Comforter) to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.”
3. Acts 1:8
“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.”
4. John 15:26
“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.”
5. Mark 13:11
“Do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.”
6. Ephesians 5:18-19
Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.
7. Romans 14:17
For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
8. Acts 2:4
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
9. Acts 11:15
“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.”

11—The Spirit-filled Life

“We believe that while the Holy Spirit is as a mighty rushing wind and as tongues of living flame that can shake and set ablaze whole communities for God,¹ He is also as a gentle dove,² easily grieved and wounded by impiety, coldness, idle conversation, boastfulness, a judging or criticizing spirit³ and by thoughts and actions dishonoring to the Lord Jesus;⁴ that it is therefore, the will of God that we live and walk in the Spirit,⁵ moment by moment, under the precious blood of the Lamb;⁶ treading softly as with unshod feet in the presence of the King;⁷ being patient, loving, truthful,⁸ sincere, prayerful, not murmuring,⁹ instant in season and out of season, serving the Lord.”—*Compiled by A. S. McPherson*

1. Acts 2:2-3
Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.
2. Mark 1:10
Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.
3. Ephesians 4:30-32
And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other.
4. Galatians 5:16
So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.
5. Galatians 5:25
Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
6. 1 John 1:7
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.
7. Exodus 3:5
“Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”
8. Ephesians 4:2-3
Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
9. Romans 12:11-12
Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.