

The following lesson identifies the second Baptismal experience for the believer included in the “**doctrine of Baptisms...**” *Hebrews 6:2*. The number two in the Bible represents the number of witness (*Heb. 6:18*).

1. WHAT IS MEANT BY THE PHRASE, “THE BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT”?

The phrase was first used by John the Baptist (although the experience was foretold in the Old Testament) describing that Spiritual experience that Jesus alone would bring to His disciples. As we’ve already learned, the word baptism means ‘to be plunged into’ and to be ‘fully immersed’. Therefore the Baptism in the Spirit describes that experience where the believer is completely immersed and plunged into the power and presence of the Spirit of God.

“I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.” Mark 1:8

“And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.” John 1:33

2. IS THIS EXPERIENCE THE SAME THING AS CONVERSION?

No. this is a separate and distinct experience that occurs after one is converted. There are times when it can happen simultaneously, but it is important to understand that believers experienced the Baptism of the Spirit after they were converted.

*“Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**” Acts 2:38*

Read [Acts 8:5-17](#), and describe how and when those who believed Philip received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The following scripture tells how Saul of Tarsus (Paul) received the baptism (infilling) of the Spirit three days after His conversion:

*“And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, **and be filled with the Holy Ghost.**” Acts 9:17*

3. WHAT DID JESUS EMPHASIZE WHEN HE SPOKE OF THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT?

When Jesus spoke of the Baptism of the Spirit to His disciples, he placed a very important emphasis upon the POWER they would receive within their lives.

POWER / (GK: *dunamis*)

Definition: Mighty and miraculous power and ability: This same Greek word appears 123 times in the New Testament and is mostly translated, **POWER**. Many times it has also been translated, **MIGHTY** and **MIRACLES**.

*“And, behold, **I send the promise of my Father upon you**: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **ENDUED WITH POWER from on high**.” Luke 24:49*

The phrase: “**endued with power from on high**” literally means to be fully clothed and garmented with dynamic and miraculous power and ability which comes from above!

-Acts 1:8

Jesus said, this miraculous power would result AFTER the Holy Ghost comes upon the disciples and as a result they would BECOME witnesses unto Jesus. In order for us to become proper witnesses of Jesus’ Life and Ministry here on earth, especially in the face of persecution, there must be a demonstration of His miraculous power at work within us.

Read **Matthew 26:33-35; 69-75; Acts 2:14; 4:13**. Briefly describe what you observed about Peter by these scriptures:

*“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, **but in the power of God**.” 1 Corinthians 2:4-5*

4. IS THIS WHAT JESUS EXPERIENCED WHEN HE WAS STANDING IN THE WATERS OF JORDAN?

Yes. All four Gospels record Jesus’ Baptism in the Spirit. Notice, it wasn’t until after the Spirit of God came upon Jesus that He received power, overcame the devil in the wilderness and then declared that He was now anointed to function in His ministry.

*“And John bare record, saying, **I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.** And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.”*
John 1:32-34

“And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.” Luke 4:14

_____ -Luke 4:18

5. IS THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR EVERY BELIEVER?

Yes. The following are (3) reasons why:

1. Because The Baptism In The Spirit Is Both A ‘PROMISE’ For Us to Receive And A ‘COMMANDMENT’ For Us To Walk In.

A. A PROMISE:

In [Luke 24:49](#), How did Jesus refer to The Holy Spirit?

*“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and **ye shall receive** the gift of the Holy Ghost. For **THE PROMISE** is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”* Acts 2:38-39

B. A COMMANDMENT

*“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **BE FILLED** with the Spirit.* Ephesians 5:18

The phrase, “**Be Filled**” is an apostolic command, not a suggestion and in the Greek language it is written in what is known as the **Present Imperative** (a command to do something in the future, which involves repeated or continuous action). It would be better translated, “**Be Being Filled With The Spirit**”.

2. We Are Called To Follow Jesus’ Example of Sonship

Remember, while Jesus walked this earth, being the Son of God, He became for us the **PATTERN SON**, providing a perfect example for all who are called to be sons of God.

Jesus was **born of the Spirit** (*Conception*), **Water Baptized** and then **Empowered by the Spirit**. We too must be **born of the Spirit** (*conversion*), **Water Baptized** and then **Empowered By the Holy Spirit**.

*“He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, **even as he walked.**” 1 John 2:6*

3. The Book of Acts Records Believers Everywhere Experiencing The Baptism In The Spirit.

*“And they were **ALL FILLED with the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:4*

The following are other places where believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit:

- A. **Believers at Samaria: Acts 8:15-17**
- B. **Paul: Acts 9:17-18**
- C. **Cornelius and those with Him: Acts 10:44-47**
- D. **Disciples at Ephesus: Acts 19:6**

6. WHAT DOES SPEAKING WITH OTHER TONGUES HAVE TO DO WITH THE BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT?

Speaking with other tongues is the ‘*initial evidence*’ associated with the Baptism in the Spirit that is commonly shared by all believers recorded in Acts, since the day of Pentecost.

A. One Hundred Twenty in the Upper Room

*“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and **began to speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:4*

B. Believers at Samaria

*“Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And **when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money.**” Acts 8:17-18*

*** Notice, there was some observable proof (evidence) that Simon was able to witness, convincing him that they had in fact received the baptism in the Spirit through the laying on of hands.**

C. Paul

*“And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, **and be filled with the Holy Ghost.**” Acts 9:17*

-1 Corinthians 14:18

D. Cornelius’ and His Household

*“For **they heard them speak with tongues**, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?” Acts 10:46-47*

Peter was sure they had received the Holy Ghost when he heard them speak with other tongues. Notice, he said, they received it, “**AS WE**”.

E. The Disciples at Ephesus

-Acts 19:6

7. IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS INITIAL EVIDENCE OF TONGUES AND THE GIFT OF TONGUES MENTIONED IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12?

Most certainly. The book of Acts records the personal experiences of those baptized in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of tongues. Whereas, the epistles are instructional letters written to the church.

In [1 Corinthians 12](#), Paul writes concerning the different manifestations (gifts) of the Spirit given to individuals as it relates to the body of Christ functioning together. Among this list, Paul mentions, “**diverse kinds of tongues**” and the “**interpretation of tongues**” (v.10).

Later, in **chapter 14**, Paul further instructs the church about maintaining an orderly flow and balanced expression of these manifestations of the Spirit (*1 Cor. 12*), when they come together.

Here, he specifically addresses the expression of **prophecy, tongues**, and the need for the **interpretation of tongues**, reminding them that the ultimate purpose of their gathering is for the whole church to be **EDIFIED** (He uses this word 4 times in this chapter).

*“Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the **EDIFYING OF THE CHURCH.**” 1 Corinthians 14:12*

However, in order to keep them from misapplying his instructions to an extreme, Paul concludes by saying:

- 1 Corinthians 14:39-40

8. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SPEAKING WITH TONGUES?

Speaking with other tongues as a result of being baptized in the Holy Spirit is of tremendous benefit to the individual believer.

A. Tongues is a *SUPERNATURAL SIGN* that we are walking in the fulfillment of the Spiritual rest, prophesied in [Isaiah 28:11,12](#).

*"In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. Wherefore **tongues are for a sign**, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe." 1 Corinthians 14:21,22*

B. Tongues are for personal edification

-1 Corinthians 14:4

C. Tongues enable us to speak to God 'in the spirit' (1 Cor. 14:2)

Mysteries (*GK: musterion*): That which is not apparently known by observation, only by revelation.

Paul associated the '*mysteries of God*' as being the '*deep*' things of God ([1 Cor. 2:7-14](#)). Those things which can only be known by revelation. By praying in the Spirit, we are able to enter into the depths of God's heart, surpassing human reasoning and understanding.

While we speak to God in the Spirit, our (natural) understanding remains unfruitful, but afterwards, we'll often begin to see (perceive) what is being revealed, and then the revelation can be communicated to men.

D. Tongues enable us to PRAY in the Spirit (*1 Cor. 14:14,15; Rom. 8:26*)

E. Tongues enable us to SING in the Spirit (*1 Cor. 14:15*)

F. Tongues enable us to GIVE THANKS well (*1 Cor. 14:17*)

9. WHAT ELSE CAN WE EXPECT FROM THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The following is a list of wonderful benefits that God has ordained for every believer to experience through the baptism in the Spirit (and continuing to live Spirit-filled lives).

A. Power ([Luke 24:49](#); [Acts 1:8](#); [1 Cor. 2:4,5](#))

B. Spiritual Vision ([John 3:3](#), [1 Corinthians 2](#))

C. Boldness and Authority ([Acts 4:31-33](#))

D. Spiritual Gifts ([1 Cor. 12:8-10](#))

E. Spiritual Fruit ([Galatians 5:16-22](#))

- F. Spiritual Rest (**Is. 28: 11,12**)
- G. Praying in the Spirit (**Jude 20; Rom. 8:26,27; Eph. 6:18**)
- H. New Realms of Praise & Worship (**John 4:23-24; Eph. 5:18,19**)
- I. Being Taught By The Spirit (**John 14:26; 16:13; I John 2: 20-27**)
- J. Spiritual Guidance (**Romans 8:14**)
- K. Having Spiritual Understanding of The Will of God (**Col.1:9**)
- L. Spiritual Power To Put The Works of The Flesh To Death (**Romans 8:13**)
- M. Quickening Power (**Romans 8:11**)
- N. Kingdom Life (**Romans 14:17**)
- O. Supernatural Joy, Especially During Times of Affliction and Persecution (**Acts 13:53; 1 Thes. 1:6**)
- P. Spiritual Weapons of Warfare (**2 Cor. 10:4; Eph. 6:12, 18**)

10. WAS THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT ALSO FORETOLD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

Yes. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit was foretold in the Old Testament through **(A) Prophecy**, through **(B) The Spiritual Meaning of the Journeying of the Children of Israel**, **(C) The Tabernacle** and by the **(D) Feasts of the Lord**, celebrated by Israel.

A. PROPHECY

*“And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.” Joel 2:28-29*

*“For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, **This is the rest** wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and **this is the refreshing**: yet they would not hear.” Isaiah 28:11,12*

B. JOURNEY OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

*“Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were **under the cloud**, and all passed through the sea; And were **all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea**; And did all eat the same **spiritual meat**; And did all drink the same **spiritual drink**: for they drank of that **spiritual Rock** that followed them: and that Rock was Christ (The anointed One).” 1 Corinthians 10:1-4*

1. All Left Egypt through blood stained door posts

- Repentance and faith in the blood of the cross

2. All were baptized in both the SEA and in the CLOUD

- Water Baptism and Spirit Baptism

3. All ate Spiritual food & drink

- Spiritual sustenance and refreshing for their journey

C. THE TABERNACLE (Ex. 25:8-ch.40 & Heb.9)

1. A second “realm” (experience) as we journey towards Spiritual maturity

2. An anointed priesthood (Lev. 8:30)

- *All believers must be anointed by The Spirit for service*

3. Golden candlestick (olive oil):

- *Spiritual Illumination*

4. Table of showbread

- *Spiritual Food (Spirit illuminated Word (Revelation Knowledge))*

5. Golden Altar of Incense

- *Prayer, Praise and Spiritual Worship*

D. THE FEAST OF PENTECOST (Exodus 19-20;Leviticus 23:15-22)

1. Celebrated 50 days after Passover

- *120 were filled with the Holy Spirit 50 days after Christ’s Blood was shed (Lamb of God) . Fifty is the number of Liberty and Freedom. (Acts 2:1-4; 2 Cor. 3:17)*

2. The Law Given On The 50th Day at Sinai (Ex. 20)

- *Law is written in our hearts By the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:3; Heb. 8:10)*

3. Supernatural Manifestations at Sinai included Fire (Ex. 19:18)

- *Supernatural cloven tongues of fire rested upon each head during first Pentecost (signifying a Divine baptism) God is a Consuming Fire!*

4. A Celebration of First fruits

- *All was consecrated and sanctified by the offering of the first fruits. This feast marked the first harvest for Israel. Spiritual Baptism marks the beginning of Spiritual Sanctification and Fruitfulness within our lives.*

5. Two Loaves of Bread Make Up One Meal Offering (Lev. 23:16-22)
- Jews & Gentiles Constitute One Body By The Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)

11. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME BIBLICAL SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The following are some Biblical symbols of the Holy Spirit which will further speak to us of His work within our lives:

A. WIND (Gen. 3:8; Ezek. 37:7-10; John 3:8; Acts 2:2)

- An unseen (spiritual) mover and influence.

B. DOVE (Matthew 3:16)

- Innocence, Gentleness, Purity, a messenger.

C. FIRE (Luke 3:16; Acts 2:3)

- Separates, purifies, illuminates, guides, attracts, tries and tests.

D. OIL (Ex. 30:31; Luke 10:34; James 5:14)

- Fuels fire and is a restorative agent; used to sanctify the prophet, priest and king for their service; The entire Tabernacle had to be anointed with oil in order for God to dwell there.

E. WATER (A River & Rain) (Joel 2:23; John 4:10, 14; 7:38, 39)

- Washes, refreshes, quenches the thirst and causes the harvest to grow.

F. WINE (Acts 2:13-15; Ephesians 5:18)

- Makes man's heart glad; associated with joyful celebration.

G. SEAL (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30)

- Mark of ownership, guarantee and security. Mark of authority (Esther 3:9-12)

12. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OBJECTIONS TO THE BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT, CAUSING PEOPLE TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS NOT FOR TODAY?

The following are some of the main objections to the present day Baptism in the Spirit that some teachers and denominations believe and teach:

A. ONE IS “FILLED” WITH THE SPIRIT AT CONVERSION

1. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is not always a part of one’s initial salvation experience. The Samaritans ([Acts 8](#)), and the Ephesians ([Acts 19](#)) were already saved, yet were ignorant of the Baptism in the Spirit as a second experience.
2. Paul received the experience 3 days after his conversion ([Acts 9](#))
3. The Old Testament Types (*The Journey of the Children of Israel, the Tabernacle & The Feasts*) all point to Spirit Baptism as a second experience.

B. THIS EXPERIENCE WAS RESERVED ONLY FOR THE ORIGINAL APOSTLES AND THROUGH THEM COULD OTHERS RECEIVE IT

1. Nowhere mentioned in Scripture.
2. [Acts 2:39](#): “*This promise is unto...*”
3. In the upper room 120 were filled simultaneously. The Apostles did not lay hands on others to receive it.
4. A disciple (Ananias) laid hands upon Saul to receive it ([Acts 9](#))

C. TONGUES AT PENTECOST WERE FOR REACHING THE HEATHEN

1. Tongues were for a “*sign*” to draw their attention, but Peter preached to them in the native tongue and all understood.
2. Tongues have other purposes (*see question 8 on page 6 of this lesson*).

D. TONGUES ARE NOT MENTIONED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. “This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel...” ([Acts 2:16-18](#); [Joel 2:28,29](#))
2. Paul quotes [Isaiah 28:11](#) in [1 Corinthians 14:21](#)

E. IN CERTAIN EPISTLES PAUL DISCOURAGED TONGUES

1. Paul **never** discouraged speaking with other tongues

_____ -1 Cor. 14:5

_____ -1 Cor. 14:18

“Everyone of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a _____”- 1 Cor. 14:26

-1 Cor. 14:39

2. Paul was not discouraging speaking with tongues, but instead, was attempting to bring order and a balance flow of the gifts of the Spirit so the body might be edified.
3. The gifts were not the source of confusion and disorder in the church. The carnality of the believers were ([1 Cor. 3:1-3](#)).
4. All gifts are given to “**profit withal**” ([1 Cor. 12:7](#))

F. TONGUES “ARE OF THE DEVIL”

1. Nowhere in the scriptures are “*Tongues*” attributed to the devil.
2. Such a statement is ‘**blasphemy**’ against the Holy Ghost. ([Matthew 12: 31,32](#))
3. All the years that you served the devil, did you ever receive the gift of tongues?

G. “TONGUES SHALL CEASE”

1. A gross wresting of the scripture out of context.
2. Some claim that the phrase, “**when that which is perfect is come**” ([1 Cor. 13:10](#)) refers to the writing of scripture (completion of the New Testament by A.D. 100).

This is simply adding into the text what is not plainly stated. By using the word, “**perfection**”, Paul was referring to the “**FULL GROWNESS**” of the church. “**Let US go on unto perfection**” ([Hebrews 6:1](#)). [Read Ephesians 4:11-16](#).

H. TONGUES IS THE LEAST OF THE GIFTS

1. Nowhere stated in the scriptures.
2. Tongues is that spiritual ability given to edify the individual ([1 Cor. 14:4](#), [Jude 20](#)). It is “lesser” only in comparison to prophecy as it relates to edifying the body, but that does not lessen its own spiritual significance or diminish its purpose within the life of the believer.

3. Tongues is the only gift of the Spirit that did not appear in the Old Testament. It was reserved as a unique “*sign*” to distinguish the New Testament experience of the Baptism in the Spirit. For this reason, Jesus, himself did not speak with tongues.

13. WHAT MUST ONE DO TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT?

The following are some important conditions for receiving the Baptism in the Spirit:

- A. **Believe on Jesus** (*John 7:37-39*)
- B. **Repent & Be Water Baptized** (*Acts 2:38*)
- C. **Obedience** (*Acts 5:32*)
- D. **Ask Your Heavenly Father** (*Luke 11:9-13*)
- E. **Prayer** (*Acts 4:31*)
- F. **Tarry (deliberately and prayerfully wait upon the Lord)** (*Luke 24:49*)
- G. **Through The Laying on of Hands** (*Acts 8:15-17; 9:17*)

TRUTH IN REVIEW

DOVE	TONGUES	PRAY
PROMISE	PENTECOST	CLOUD
JOEL	COMMAND	ANOINTED
YOU	OIL	HOLY PLACE
BOLDLY	CLOTHED	AFAR
JOY	CHILDREN	ALL
MATURITY	SPIRIT	POWER
FOOLISHNESS		

1. Jesus said, that we would receive _____ after the Holy Ghost comes upon us.
2. The word, “endued”, means to be fully _____ .
3. The _____ is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
4. The Old Testament priests were anointed with _____ .
5. The children of Israel were baptized unto Moses in the Sea and in the _____ .
6. To be baptized in The Spirit is both a _____ and a _____ .
7. _____ is the most common scriptural evidence for the baptism in the Spirit
8. By speaking with other tongues, the believer can _____ in the Spirit.

9. The things of the Spirit are _____ to the natural man.
10. The prophet _____ spoke of the baptism in the Spirit to come.
11. Before Jesus entered into public ministry, He was first _____ by the Spirit.
12. The _____ in the Tabernacle typifies the Spirit-filled life.
13. The 120 experienced the Baptism in the Spirit during the Feast of _____ .
14. The word, "**perfection**" in the Bible often speaks of Spiritual _____ .
15. The Baptism in the Spirit caused Peter to act _____ .
16. In the upper room they were _____ filled with the Holy Ghost.
17. John said, there are three that bear witness in the earth, "**the _____, the WATER and the BLOOD.**"
18. Peter said, "**for the promise is unto _____, and to your _____ and to all that are _____ off...**"
19. The symbol of 'wine', speaks of the _____ that comes by the Spirit.

Memorize: Mark 1:8; Acts 2:39