

NEW BELIEVER'S CLASS

Lesson 8
Holy Spirit Baptism

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Give two reasons we should be water baptized

- For salvation
- Removal of our sin
- Death of the old person

Acts 2:³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.”

Holy Spirit is for all believers

Jn 7:³⁷ Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ But this He said in reference to the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

- Thirsty
- Believe

Acts 2:³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- Repent

Lk 11⁹ “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, it will be opened. ¹¹ Now which one of you fathers will his son ask for a fish, and instead of a fish, he will give him a snake? ¹² Or he will even ask for an egg, *and his father* will give him a scorpion? ¹³ So if you, *despite* being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

- Ask

Some people think that making a confession of faith means you are baptized with the Holy Spirit, but this is not necessarily the case. When we receive the Holy Spirit we should expect visible, audible indications (Acts 2:1-4, 33).

Acts 10: ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

What visible audible signs occurred here?

Acts **19** Now it happened that while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. ² He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they *said* to him, “On the contrary, we have not even heard if there is a Holy Spirit.” ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them and they *began* speaking with tongues and prophesying.

When Paul ran into these people in Ephesus, were these people believers in Yeshua? Clearly they were because he called them disciples and asked if they had received the Spirit since they believed. But the fact that he asked the question, “Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed, indicates you don’t automatically receive the Spirit baptism when you believe. We must ask for it, repent, and be thirsty.

After the believers said they hadn't even heard about it, Paul water baptized them, laid hands on them, and they received the Spirit Baptism. Just like in the other examples, there was a visible, audible expression; the people spoke in spiritual languages inspired by the Holy Spirit.