



BIBLE TALK

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Question: Can we receive Holy Spirit baptism today?

Answer: As with all questions, we go to the Bible for an answer.

1. Note only two cases of Holy Spirit baptism are recorded in the Bible.

a. The apostles received it on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). This enabled them to speak in foreign languages they had not studied (Acts 2:4). It gave them power and authority to speak on Jesus' behalf (Acts 1:8). They could perform miracles to confirm their testimony (Mk. 16:17-20).

b. Cornelius and his household received Holy Spirit baptism (Acts 10:44-48). This was an unusual demonstration. It was to convince the believing Jew that God would accept Gentiles just as he had them. When Peter related this event he said, "The Holy Spirit fell on them, even as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11:15). This indicated it a unique happening not common to general conversions.

2. Holy Spirit baptism is a fulfillment of promise (Acts 1:8). The apostles and their chosen helpers were empowered to reveal and confirm God's word. God's acceptance of the Gentiles was demonstrated. Thus Paul wrote in A.D. 63, "there is ONE baptism" (Eph. 4:5). This was a burial (Rom. 6:4) in water (Jn. 3:23). Jesus commands this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). God says there is one baptism. Holy Spirit baptism would make two. If one claims he has Holy Spirit baptism, he should speak in unstudied foreign languages, be able to raise the dead, heal the sick, take up serpents and drink deadly poison (Mk. 16:17-18). Failure to do this is sure proof one has not received Holy Spirit baptism. Modern day claims of having received Holy Spirit baptism do not favor those of the Bible.

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