

New Testament Church of God – Harvest Temple

The church where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord



PENTECOST SUNDAY

John 15:26 & 27; Luke 24:46 – 49; Acts 1:6 – 8

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Today's Proclamation

**Through the Holy Spirit I have received:
power from God to be His witness;
power to drive out demons;
and authority over all the power of
the enemy.**

Acts 1:8; Mark 16:17 - 18; Luke 10:19

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit with the Father and the Son is:

Co-equal - He is called God (*Acts 5:3,4*) and Lord (*2 Corinthians 3:18*)

Co-eternal – He is referred to as the ‘eternal Spirit’ in *Hebrews 9:14*

Co-substantial – self-sufficient, of the same nature (*Matthew 28:19*)

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Four Baptisms in the New Testament

The Baptism of John **Mark 1: 4**

Baptism of Suffering **Luke 12:50**

Christian Baptism **Matthew 28:19**

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit **Acts 1:5**

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An Experience Distinct from Conversion

Four Accounts of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts:

- The Apostles **John 20:22 and Acts 1:8; 2:4**
- The people of Samaria **Acts 8:12 -17**
- The disciples at Ephesus **Acts 19:6**
- Cornelius and his household **Acts 10:44 - 46**

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The Nature of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- A Baptism ‘from above’ as implied by the various terms used to describe it
- The Holy Spirit “and fire” **Matthew 3:11**
- Tongues as the initial evidence

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- In 3 of the 4 accounts in Acts there is a description of what manifestations took place when people received and the one consistency is speaking in tongues
- Tongues in this context is normally for personal (rather than public) edification –
- The tongue spoken is always *unknown* to the speaker and will not normally be understood by anyone present nor need interpretation.
- To be distinguished from *different kinds of tongues* (1 Cor.12:10)

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What does Jesus Focus on?

Luke 24:46 – 49 Power to **Preach**

Acts 1:6 – 8 Power to **Witness**

“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me.** ²⁷ And **you also will bear witness,** because you have been with Me from the beginning.” *John 15:26 - 27*

Some Steps towards Receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- Hunger and thirst after God's righteousness
Matthew 5:6, John 7:37-38
- Ask, Seek, Knock *Luke 11: 9 -13*
– *God knows how to give good gifts*
- Believe that you receive and be in right standing with God and people *Mark 11: 24 – 26*
- Be mindful that it is by grace through that faith we receive from God *Ephesians 2:8-9*
- Yield yourself (particularly your tongue) to God
Romans 6:13 ... but present ... your members as instruments of righteousness to God.