



BIBLE STUDY

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Lesson 2 – Baptism and Indwelling of the Spirit

Life in the Spirit has been the lesson for God's people, thus far. We have talked about how the Spirit created us, revealed God to us through the Bible, and how the Spirit has helped to redeem us through Jesus Christ our Lord. For this particular lesson, we will consider how to maintain a close relationship with the Spirit that comes with regeneration, so that we may in the end glorify God.

We have learned that we have the Comforter who has come (John 14:16). The Holy Comforter, the Spirit, is not just with us momentarily, but He is with us forever. And He not only has temporary residency, He has permanent residency inside of the believer. I John 4:4 says, the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” We must learn that the Spirit acts within and inside of us, but only to the involvement of our response. The Holy Spirit acts, but we must respond with power that flows through us. So, the connection is two-fold, there is His part and there is our part. The Holy Spirit takes up residency inside of us, and we keep close connection with Him through faith.

Lesson Scripture: “Do you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.” I Corinthians 6:19.

I. The Relationship with the Holy Spirit

We must now answer the question: Once regenerated, how then do I maintain a close relationship or connection with the Holy Spirit? Or What does it mean to have the Spirit dwelling in me?

A. It is God who resides within us.

1. John 14:16-17 – The _____ lives in the believer.
2. John 14:23 – The _____ and the _____ lives within Christians.
3. Ephesians 3:17 - _____ resides in the believer.

NOTE: It is not just the Holy Spirit that resides within us, but the entire Godhead. We have learned from scripture that God relates and has revealed to us three persons, but He is only one God. Thus, a believer has the fullness of relationships with the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

B. The relationship is an “in” relationship

Read John 15:1-17 and notice how often it says “in.” God is “in” us.

C. The Spirit works within and inside of us

Match the following passages with one or more of the activities of the Spirit inside of you.

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| ___ 1. Gives us peace and joy | a. John 14:26 |
| ___ 2. Directs us | b. John 16:13 |
| ___ 3. Assures us that we are His | c. Acts 13:2 |
| ___ 4. Guides us into the truth | d. Acts 16:6-7 |
| ___ 5. Calls us to serve Him | e. Romans 14:16-17 |
| | g. I Corinthians 2:10-11 |
| | h. I John 4:13 |

Write out in your own words, the activity of the Holy Spirit in your life.

a. Psalm 51:11-12

b. Ephesians 3:16-20

c. Ezekiel 36:27

d. Jude 20

There are many scriptures that affirm that the Spirit is with us and in us.

1. **Romans 8:14-16** – The Spirit gives us assurance that we belong to God.
2. **I John 2:20** – The Holy Spirit is the master teacher, enlightening our minds to understand all the truth we need to know about God and His will.
3. **Acts 16:6-7** – Sometimes the Holy Spirit blocks the way we plan to go.
4. **Romans 14:17** – When we are in trouble, the Spirit gives us peace and joy that can't be explained, as it relates to our earthly circumstances.
5. **Ephesians 1:19-20** – The Spirit strengthens us with the same power He used when He loosed Jesus from the grip of death.
6. **Matthew 10:20** – The Spirit gives us boldness to witness with wisdom.

II. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

One biblical expression used to answer, "How do I know the spirit is in me?" is found within the phrase – "the Baptism by the Spirit."

Read I Cor. 12:13 "We are all baptized by one Spirit."

The phrase "baptized in the spirit" is centered around a lot of confusion. The confusion results in trying to describe the activity of the Spirit in the Christian walk.

How do you describe the Baptism of the Spirit?

1. A transforming encounter with the Holy Spirit, wherein the Spirit takes control, after being in a *sort of* out of body experience.
2. Being filled with the Spirit, a one-time experience of the Spirit that happens after the salvation experience.
3. The description of the salvation experience.

Or Others:

A. The biblical perspective - I Cor. 12:13

The initial use of the phrase refers to the initial regeneration by the Spirit. That is because the phrase was commonly used to mean "initiation or act of joining." When a believer comes to Christ or is initiated into Christ, he or she is "baptized" by the Spirit into that relationship. Just as Romans 6:3-5 describes that the act of water baptism demonstrates in a visible way what the Spirit of God has already done in the life of a new Christian.

B. Baptism and indwelling

Indwelling means to live in. When we have been regenerated by the Spirit, the Spirit lives in us.

Read Romans 8:9, paraphrase the verse.

CONCLUSION: All Christians are baptized by the Spirit in the sense of I Cor. 12:13. However, all Christians are not led, filled, or controlled by the Spirit.