

ENCOUNTER



SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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Class 8 - Session 1

Q1. Identity and Transformation

Declaration

“The same Holy Spirit that rested on Jesus is upon me and ready to do great things in and through me!”

“Christ's entire mission is summed up in this: to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, to free us from the slavery of death and "to open heaven to us." - *Pope Benedict XVI, Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord - Sunday, 13 January 2008*

16 “He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read 17 and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

18 **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,**
because he has anointed me to bring
glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me
to proclaim liberty to captives and
recovery of sight to the blind, to let the
oppressed go free 19 and to proclaim a
year acceptable to the Lord.””

-Luke 4:16-19

11 “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will **baptize** (*baptizo*) you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” -*Matthew 3:11*

Greek Study of Baptizo

The clearest example that shows the meaning of *baptizo* is a text from the Greek poet and physician Nicander, who lived about 200 B.C. It is a recipe for making pickles and is helpful because it uses both words. Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, *(cont.)*

the vegetable should first be 'dipped' (*bapto*) into boiling water and then 'baptised' (*baptizo*) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptising the vegetable, produces a permanent change. *Source: "Theological Dictionary of the New Testament"*

49 “I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already
blazing!” -*Luke 12:49*

3 “He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak;

5 for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit 8 ...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9 When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.”

-Acts 1:3-5,8-9

1 “When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. 2 And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. 3 Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. 6 At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.” -Acts 2:7-6

7 “They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language?”

(cont.)

¹² They were all astounded and bewildered, and said to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others said, scoffing, “They have had too much new wine.”” -Acts 2:7-8,12-13

“Every time you drink, you receive the remission of sins and you become intoxicated with the spirit. It is in that sense that the Apostle said, “do not get drunk with wine, but be filled with the spirit! (*Ephesians 5:18*)” *(cont.)*

He who becomes intoxicated with wine staggers, but he who becomes intoxicated with the Holy Spirit is rooted in Christ. How truly excellent is this intoxication which produces the sobriety of the Soul!” - *St. Ambrose of Milan*

9 “My heart is crushed within me, all my bones shake; I have become like a drunkard, like one overcome by wine, because of the Lord and because of his holy words.” -*Jeremiah 23:9*

Varieties of tongues

The gift of tongues is speech inspired by the Holy Spirit in a language the speaker does not understand. - *Healy/Clark, 178*

1 “If I speak in **human** and **angelic** tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.” -1 *Corinthians 13:1*

Human Tongues

The person is able to speak in a human language that he or she has never learned - *Healy/Clark, pg. 181*

⊗ *“And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?” Acts 2:8*

Angelic Tongues

A means by which the Holy Spirit and enables a person to praise and thank God, uninhibited by the need to conceptualize or put into words the movements of the heart. - *Healy/Clark, pg. 178*

2 “For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit ... 4 Whoever speaks in a tongue builds himself up.”

-1 Corinthians 14:2,4

14 “Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, “You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: *(cont.)*

17 'It will come to pass in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Indeed, upon my servants and my handmaids I will pour out a portion of my spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy. *(cont.)*

19 And I will work wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below.”

-Acts 2:14-19

JESUS DID NOT DIE JUST TO GET
YOU TO HEAVEN, HE DIED TO GET
HEAVEN INSIDE OF YOU!

“Let us implore from God the grace of a new Pentecost for the Church... May tongues of fire, combining burning love of God and neighbor with zeal for the spread of Christ’s Kingdom, descend on all present!” - *Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, April 19, 2008*

1 “Therefore, let us leave behind the basic teaching about Christ and advance to maturity, without laying the foundation all over again: repentance from dead works and faith in God,
2 instruction about baptisms and laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.” -*Hebrews 6:1-2*

14 “Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, 15 who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. *(cont.)*

17 Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was conferred by the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money 19 and said, "Give me this power too, so that anyone upon whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." -Acts 8:14-19

“The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.” -CCC 1288

“Whether the release of the spirit is due to an awakening of sacramental Grace or merely the fruit of prayer, the important thing is that it happen.”

-Fr. Killian McDonnell

Effects of Baptism of the Holy Spirit

1. Frees us from fear to do the mission of evangelization and be fearless!
2. Stirs up spiritual gifts we need to evangelize.
3. Empowers us with the same Spirit that Jesus has so that we can do what he did.
4. Unlocks supernatural ministry.
5. Unites us with our Father and teaches us how to pray in the Holy Spirit.

30 “And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and enable your servants to speak your word with all boldness, 30 as you stretch forth your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” *(cont.)*

31 As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”

-Acts 4:29-31

17 “Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. 18 And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, *(cont.)*

20 giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.”

-Ephesians 5:17-20

4 “Suddenly, he transported me into his house of wine—he looked upon me with his unrelenting love divine. 5 Revive me with your raisin cakes. Refresh me again with your apples. Help me and hold me, for I am lovesick! I am longing for more—yet how could I take more? 6 His left hand cradles my head while his right hand holds me close. I am at rest in this love.” -*Song of Songs 2:4-6*

Homework

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Supplemental Reading:

Healing by Dr. Mary Healy, Chapter 1

37 “On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. 38 He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart (*koilia*) shall flow rivers of living water.’” 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.” -*John 7:37-39*

Activation:

To receive a fresh baptism of the Spirit by surrendering to the King of Peace and the Prince of Power!

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Suggested Reading: See syllabus for reading plan for *Supernatural Saints*