

## **LESSON #5**

### **THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Aside from the moment of salvation and water baptism, the baptism in the Holy Ghost is the single greatest experience in the life of a believer. This experience opens to the believer an entire new world of power, praise, prayer, victory and walking in the Spirit. The initial evidence of one receiving this great baptism in the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongues as the Spirit of God gives the utterance.

Although this experience can happen at the moment of salvation, for many believers it happens after salvation. Therefore, we do not teach that a person must speak in tongues in order to be saved. This teaching is not scriptural. The Bible does teach, however, that the baptism in the Holy Ghost is for every believer.

The doctrine of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a baptism (immersing, dipping, plunging) of the believer into the Holy Spirit and an entrance into the realm of supernatural power.

1. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a promise!

- ◆ Luke 24:49
- ◆ Matthew 3:11
- ◆ John 1:33
- ◆ Ephesians 1:13
- ◆ Acts 2:17

2. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift.

- ◆ Luke 11:9-13

3. Jesus commands his followers to be baptized in the Holy Ghost for a specific purpose (power to do God's will).

- ◆ Acts 1:4-5, 8

Scriptural illustration of believers who received the baptism in the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as biblical evidence of receiving are as follows;

- ◆ Acts 2:4
- ◆ Acts 8:14-20
- ◆ Acts 10:44-46

## **“TEN REASONS WHY EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD SPEAK IN TONGUES”**

Reason 1 – Tongues the Initial Sign

Acts 2:4

Reason 2 – Tongues for Spiritual Edification

I Corinthians 14:2

I Corinthians 14:4

I Corinthians 14:14

Reason 3 – Tongues Remind Us of the Spirit’s Indwelling Presence

John 14:16-17

Reason 4 – Praying in Tongues is Praying in Line with God’s Will

Romans 8:26-27

Reason 5 – Praying in Tongues Stimulates Faith

Jude 20

Reason 6 – Speaking in Tongues, is a witness to others of the power of God

Acts 2:6

Reason 7 – Praying in Tongues Enables Us to Pray for the Unknown

Romans 8:26-27

Reason 8 – Praying in Tongues Gives Spiritual Refreshing

Isaiah 28:11-12

Reason 9 – Tongues for Giving Thanks

I Corinthians 14:15-17

Reason 10 – Speaking in Tongues Brings the Tongue Under Subjection

James 3:8