

CFC-302. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU

1) The Holy Spirit Of God Is In You

- As a born-again Christian, the Spirit of God dwells in you. You have become His temple. (Rom 8:9-11,14-16, Gal 4:6-7, 1Cor 3:16, 6:19, 2Cor 6:16). So you need to be respectful of His presence in you by living a godly life.
- The Spirit of God is in you as your personal Teacher, Guide & Guardian who explains the things of God to you and teach you how to live for God. (1Cor 2:10-12, John 16:13-15).
- You should therefore always look to Him for guidance in your life. (Joh 14:23-26, Rom 8:14).
- And be obedient to His leading. (Eph 4:30, 1Thess 5:19, Heb 3:7,15)

2) Be baptized in the Holy Spirit

This means to be empowered with the Holy Spirit for effective Christian service.

In this experience, the Spirit of God Who is IN YOU comes UPON YOU to enable (or empower) you to fulfill the work you have received from God to do here in the world. (Matt.3:11, Mark 1:6-8 (see Lk.3:16), Lk.24:49, John 7:37-39, Acts 1:4-5,8, Acts 2:17-20,38, 8:16, 10:47, 11:13-17)

This experience is described using several phrases in the Bible

- Receiving power – Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8
- Being baptize with the Holy Spirit – Acts 1:4-5; 11:13-17
- Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:38; 11:13-17; 10:47
- The Spirit falling (or coming upon) someone – Acts 8:16; 11:13-17

Prepare for, seek and ask for this baptism (Lk.11:9-13, Acts 2:1-20, 38-39).

3) Qualification to receive baptism with the Holy Spirit

- Be born again. This is the only qualification required. This means you already have the Holy Spirit living in you.

After this, you now seek the Holy Spirit Who is in you to empower you. (John 14:16-17; 22-26; Acts 2:38, 1Corinthians 2:18)

- You do not need water baptism first. (Acts 10:44-48; 11:2-17)

4) How to be baptized with the Holy Spirit

- (i). Seek and ask for this gift (Luke 11:9-13). Sometimes you need the assistance of another Christian to pray for you to receive the baptism. (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 9:10-20, 19:6-7).
- (ii). You can also receive the baptism without the direct involvement of another person. This will be through your own faith and prayers to God. (Luke 11:9-13, Acts 1:4-5, 8, 12-14, Acts 2:1-4, 38-39)
- (iii). God can also cause this to happen even when no one is specifically praying for it. (Acts 10:30-48, 13:49-51).

5) Evidence of being baptized with the Holy Spirit

- (i). Boldness to preach the Gospel and to be a witness for our Lord Jesus Christ. (Luke 24:46-49, Acts 1:8, 4:31).
- (ii). Effective ministry that delivers people from the powers of darkness. (Luke 4:14-19, Acts 4:33, 10:38, 1Cor 2:4-5, 4:20, Rom 15:18-21).
- (iii). Speaking in tongues during praying and worshipping God. This also appears several times in the bible (and in individuals' experiences) as an initial sign of the baptism. (Acts 2:4-12, 10:46 19:6-7).