

Altar & Prayer Ministry Training

Lesson 13 - Baptism in the Holy Spirit

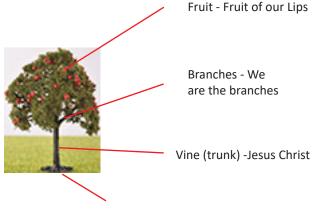
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Who is the Holy Spirit?		
He is a Person and not an eth 13:2	ereal life force or energy – Acts	
He is the Third Member of thHe is God – Acts 5:3-4	e Godhead –Matthew 28:19	
 He has a work to perform in a 	a believer's life (Addendum A)	
♦ Regenerates - Titus 3:4-7	◊ Fills - Eph. 5:18	
♦ Indwells - I Cor. 6:19	◊ Guides - Jn. 16:13-14	
♦ Baptizes - I Cor. 12:13	♦ Empowers - Acts 1:8	
♦ Seals - Eph. 1:13	♦ Comforts - Jn. 14:26	
One that refreshes - Isa. 28:8-13	♦ Teaches - Lu. 12:12	
Difference between being Born the Holy Spirit	Again and being Baptized in	
 When we are born again, we 1.13. The Hely Spirit induction 		
	s us (I Cor. 6:19) but Bible shows rent terms to describe salvation	
	Baptism in/with the Holy Spirit.	
♦ Before Salvation - Holy S		
14:16-17		
At Salvation - Holy Spirit		
o Disciples were born again - John 20:19-22		
o Jesus said - Receive tlAt Pentecost - Holy Spirit		
 Thus at salvation the Holy Sp 		
upon us until we are baptized		
Seven different Biblical phrases	describing the Baptism in the	
Holy Spirit (all describing the sa	ame experience)	
 Receiving the Promise of Acts 2:33 	the Father – Lu 24:49; Acts 1:4;	
2. Baptized with (in) the Ho	ly Spirit – Acts 1:5	
All filled with the Holy Sp 9:17	pirit - Acts 2:4; Acts 2:31; Acts	
4. Holy Spirit has come upo	n – Acts 1:8; Acts 19:6	
	oly Spirit – Acts 2:38; Acts 8:20;	
Acts 10:45, Acts 11:17		
6. Receiving the Holy Spirit		
Holy Spirit falling upon –11:15	ACTS 8:16; ACTS 10:44; ACTS	

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Five different instances of being Baptized in the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts: 1. Acts 2:4 - Day of Pentecost 2. Acts 8:12-17 - new Christians in Samaria 3. Acts 9:17 - Saul - Ananias laying hands on Saul 4. Acts 10:44-46 - House of Cornelius 5. Acts 19:1-6 - Disciples at Ephesus	
 The Importance of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in a Believer's Life It's Purpose - to give them POWER (Dunamis - strength, power and/or ability) Why do we need it? Christ commanded it Gives us the proper power to pray Ability to Witness with boldness To do the works of Jesus in this world Make our prayers more effective and fervent 	
 How do I Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit? Step 1 - Recognize the need - John 7:37-39 Step 2 - Ask in accordance with the Word of God - Luke 11:9-13 Charisma refers to a free gift that God freely gives Dorea is a free gift but we must ask for it Step 3 - Receive by faith - Mk. 11:24; Gal. 3:1,2,14 Step 4 - Responding - Act upon what is believed. Just begin to speak. 	
 Hindrances to Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit First - you must be born again. The Holy Spirit must be in you. Ignorance of what the Word of God says because of intellectual pride, doubts or religious traditions and teachings Trying to comprehend with the mind rather than receiving with your spirit Fear of the supernatural Not willing to give up control of your life and yield to the Holy Spirit - fear of being out of control. 	
 How will I know that I have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit? Biblical instances of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the initial evidence: Acts 2:4 - All filled and all spoke in an unknown tongue Acts 8:14-17 - Received the Holy Spirit but no mention of any initial sign like tongues - Simon saw something 	

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that he was will to pay money to get.	
◆ Acts 9:17 - Ananias went to Saul and prayed for him to	
be filled with the Holy Spirit. No mention of speaking	
in an unknown tongue at that time but later Paul says	
that he spoke in tongues more than anyone else - I Cor.	
14:18 ◆ Acts 10:44-46 - Peter at the house of Cornelius. The	
Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message and	
they spoke in tongues and praised God	
♦ Acts 19:1-6 - Paul with the believers at Ephesus. He	
baptized them in the name of Jesus and placed his	
hands on them. The Holy Spirit came upon them and	
they spoke in tongues and prophesied.	
◆ In three of the five Biblical instances, tongues were the	
initial evidence. Initial evidence - personal experience:	
May speak in an unknown tongue	
o May manifest one of the 9 manifestations of Holy	
Spirit - I Cor. 12:7-10 (prophecy)	
 May just quietly receive 	
o May laugh, cry or shout	
o May rest in the Spirit under the anointing	
o May receive in their sleep or in the showero May be days, weeks or months before tongues	
begin to flow	
So what are Tongues and what is speaking in Tongues?	
• Tongues	
♦ Greek word is GLOSSA and refers to a physical tongue	
or a language. GLOSSOLALIA refers to the supernatural	
manifestation of speaking in another language without	
the person learning it.	
◆ Tongues can be: o Language of men or angels - I Cor. 14:14 	
o Speaking mysteries to God - I Cor. 13:1	
o Not learned by the mind - I Cor. 14:14	
o Language from the Holy Spirit as He speaks through us - Acts 2:4; I Cor. 12:7, 10, 11; I Cor. 12:28	
• Why must I speak in an unknown tongue?	
♦ I can choose to speak or not speak	
 Our vocabulary is limiting - we don't think this up and then speak it out. 	
 Tongues bypasses our mind and thus can flow freely. 	
 Our mind or ego cannot sit in a place of censorship. 	
◆ The Holy Spirit now has control over my tongue and	
James 3:2 says that he who tames the tongue - tames the whole body.	
the whole body.	

Do all speak in tongues?

- ♦ I can choose to speak or not speak
- ♦ Witness of the early believers all spoke Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:6-7.
- ♦ Paul's desire for all believers I Cor. 14:5
- ♦ Paul's testimony concerning himself I Cor. 14:18
- ♦ What about I Cor. 12:30? In its context, the passage refers to a church service and the proper functioning of that service. Everyone will not speak. Only those that the Holy Spirit directs will speak (cf. I Cor. 14:26,27,39,40).
- What is the purpose of Speaking in Tongues?
 - ♦ There are three primary purposes:
 - o Ministry to God praise & worship Acts 2:11; Acts 10:4,6; I Cor. 14:2 and Ps. 50:23



Holy Spirit runs through tree bringing life so we may produce fruit

A major purpose for Speaking in an Unknown Tongue is the production of fruit. Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. The Holy Spirit flows through us as we "abide in Christ". As we open our mouths and speak out the unknown tongue - that is the "fruit of our lips" - Heb. 13:15.

- o Ministry to Self
 - * Self edification I Cor. 14:14
 - * Refreshment Isa. 28:11-12
 - * Help in prayer Jude 20
 - * Self Control James 3:2
- o Ministry to Others
 - * Edification of the Church I Cor. 14:5,12-13,26
 - * Sign to unbelievers I Cor. 14:21-22
 - * Used in Intercessory Prayer Eph. 6:18

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 After praying for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, there should be some sort of evidence or fruit that the person 	
has received.	
If there is evidence that the Spirit of God has touched	
them but they don't know how to release what they have received, then encourage them to expect receiving the	
tongues and other manifestations of the Holy Spirit as	
they go home or in the days ahead.	
HOW DO I PRAY WITH SOMEONE TO RECEIVE?	
 Review with them the four steps to receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit 	
O Step 1 - Recognize the need	
o Step 2 - Ask in accordance with the Word of Godo Step 3 - Receive by faith	
 O Step 4 - Responding - Act upon what is believed. Make sure that they are born again 	
 Answer any questions that they may have 	
Pray with them using the following prayer as a guideline:	
ASK "Heavenly Father, I am coming to you as Your child and request that I might be filled with the power of Your Spirit. Dear Lord	
Jesus, baptize me right now into the flow of the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, I invite You to become my constant companion and	
source of power to experience and express the life of Jesus every day.	
RECEIVE	
"Heavenly Father, thank You for the Gift of the Holy Spirit and	
for giving Him to me. Holy Spirit, thank You for filling my life with peace and joy. Lord Jesus, thank You for baptizing me	
into the Holy Spirit of power and might so that I may express Your life in more evident ways.	
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RESPOND "Heavenly Father, I now release my faith by actively	
responding to Your in-filling Spirit of worship and praise. I will now lift my voice in song and praise and cooperate with the	
prompting power of Your Spirit by speaking or singing forth	
unlearned syllables of praise and thanksgiving. As I submit my	
voice to You, Holy Spirit, perfect not only my prayer but also my entire personality that I may continually live to the praise	
of His glory.	

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•	At this point, cease praying in English and begin singing or speaking in faith. There may be a few syllables or a few sounds. Just speak them out and do not stop - for the more	
	that you persist, the more fluent you will become.	
•	For those who seem to struggle, talk to them about not speaking from their mind or intellect or trying to analyze	
	everything but allowing it (the words) to flow out of their	
•	inner most being – from their spirit. Remember Jesus is the baptizer. We can baptize them	
	in water but we cannot baptize them in the Holy Spirit or make them speak in an unknown tongue.	
•	So relax - listen to them - love them - pray for them.	

Addendum A Work of the Holy Spirit in a Believer's Life

- Regenerates Titus 3:4-7 ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- Fills Ephesians 5:18 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,
- Indwells I Corinthians 6:19 ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
- **Guides John 16:13-14** ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.
- Baptizes I Corinthians 12:13 ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.
- Empowers Acts 1:8 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- **Seals Ephesians 1:13** ¹³ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise
- **Comforts John 14:26** ²⁶ But the Helper (Comforter), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
- Teaches Luke 12:12 12 For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

Addendum B Tongues - Language of the Holy Spirit

- I. What are Tongues?
 - a. Definition Greek word glossa
 - i. The tongue, as an organ of speech
 - ii. A language of a tribe, a people or a nation
 - iii. A supernatural manifestation of speaking in another language without it being learned
 - b. A Language
 - i. Language of men and of angels I Cor. 14:14
 - ii. Speaking mysteries to God (truth profound knowledge) I Cor. 13:1
 - iii. Language not learned by my mind I Cor. 14:14
 - iv. Language from the Holy Spirit Acts 2:4; I Cor. 12:7, 10, 11; I Cor. 12:28
- II. Why must I speak in another language?
 - a. Our vocabulary is limiting
 - b. Our thought patterns are limiting
 - c. Our ego (self) sits in censorship
 - d. Speaking in a language not learned overcomes these hindrances to the free flow of the Holy Spirit
- III. Do all speak in tongues?
 - a. Witness of the early believers all spoke Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 11:15-17; Acts 19:6,7
 - b. Paul's desire for the believers I Cor. 14:5
 - c. Paul's testimony concerning himself I Cor. 14:18
 - d. What about I Cor. 12:30? In its context, the passage refers to a church service and the proper functioning of that service. Everyone will not speak. Only those as the Holy Spirit directs (cf. I Cor. 14:26, 27, 39, 40)
- IV. Purpose of speaking in tongues
 - a. Ministry of praise and worship to God
 - i. Acts 2:11
 - ii. Acts 10:46
 - iii. I Cor. 14:2
 - iv. Ps. 50:23
 - b. Ministry to self
 - i. Self-edification I Cor. 14:4
 - ii. Refreshment Isa. 28:11,12
 - iii. Help in prayer Jude 20
 - iv. Self-control James 3:2
 - c. Ministry to others
 - i. Edification of the church I Cor. 14:5, 12, 13, 26
 - ii. Sign to unbelievers I Cor. 14:21, 22
 - iii. Intercessory prayer Eph. 6:18

The Holy Spirit is a member of the Trinity

Matt 28:19 NKJV

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 Cor 13:13-14 NKJV

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

John 15:26,27 NKJV

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.

Mark 1:9-12 NASV

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well pleased." Immediately the Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness.

The Holy Spirit possesses attributes of the Deity

HS knows everything (omniscient)

1 Cor 2:11-12 NKJV

11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

HS is everywhere (omnipresent)

Ps 139:7

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

HS is all powerful (omnipotent)

Jer 32:17 NKJV

"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power

Rev 19:6 NKJV

"Alleluia! For the[a] Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

The Holy Spirit is active, & Functions in the life of the believer

HS speaks as a person

Acts 13:2 NKJV

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

John 16:13 NKJV

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

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HS searches

1 Cor 2:10-11

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

HS reveals

John 16:15 NIV

All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

HS decides and distributes, He is One and the same

1 Cor 12:11 NIV

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

HS abides with us

John 14:15-17 NKJV

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever...

HS guides & foretells

John 16:13 NKJV

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

HS teaches

Luke 12:12 NKJV

For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

HS convicts

John 16:7-8 NKJV

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has

come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment...

HS seals

Eph 4:30 NKJV

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

HS quickens, gives life

John 6:63 KJV

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

HS empowers to witness.

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

HS leads

Rom 8:14 NKJV

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

HS bears witness

Rom 8:16,17 NKJV

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...

HS intercedes

Rom 8::26 NKJV

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

HS bears fruit

Gal 5:22-23 NKJV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

HS liberates

2 Cor 3:17 NKJV

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

HS glorifies Jesus

John 16:14 KJV

He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

HS convicts world of sin

John 16:8 NKJV

And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

HS groans

John 11:33 NKJV

Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.

HS gives joy

Luke 10:21 NIV

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

HS comforts

Acts 9:31 NKJV

And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

HS translates to another place

Acts 8:39-40 NKJV

Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

HS conceives

Matt 1:20 NKJV

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

HS descends

Matt 3:16 NKJV

And He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

HS dwells in those who fear him

1 Cor 3:16 NKJV

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Cor 6:19 NKJV

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

The Holy Spirit sanctifies

Ro. 15:16 NIV

"....To be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit."

Jesus is referred to as the "sanctifier" in 1 Cor 1:2 NKJV

To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy

• Father is referred to as "sanctifier" in 1 Thes 5:23 NKJV

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.

The Holy Spirit "was and is" verbally evident

HS spoke in Old Testament

Isaiah 6:8-10 NKJV

⁹'Go to this people and say,...."

HS spoke in the New Testament and speaks to you

Acts 8:29 NIV

The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

HS speaks through you

Matt 10:20 NKJV

For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

HS gives the ability to speak in tongues

Acts 2:3-4 NKJV

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

The Holy Spirit is active in the lives of believers

HS casts out spirits

Matt 12:28-29 NKJV

But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

HS compels

Mark 1:12 NASB

Immediately the Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness.

HS seals us until day of redemption

Eph 4:30 NKJV

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

HS lives within you

1 Cor 3:16 NKJV

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

HS gives spiritual abilities

1 Cor 12:1 NKJV

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

HS bears witness of Christ

John 15:26

"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."

1 John 5:6

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;

HS inspires

Mark 12:36 NIV

David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:...."

The Holy Spirit has Names/titles

HS called Spirit of Holiness

Rms 1:4 NIV

and who through the Spirit[a] of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God

HS called Spirit of Life

Rms 8:2 NKJV

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

HS called Spirit of Sonship (NIV), (NKJV "adoption")

Rms 8:15 NIV

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship.[a] And by him we cry, "Abba,[b] Father

HS called Spirit of Grace

Heb 10:29 NIV

".....and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?"

HS called Spirit of Glory

1 Pet 4:14 NIV

If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

HS called Spirit of Unity

Romans 15:5 NIV

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus

HS referred to as / refers to the "Holy Spirit of Promise" (KJV) or "the Promised HS" (NIV)

Eph 1:13 NKJV

You were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Eph 1:13 NIV

Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit

HS is truth

John 15:26 NKJV

"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.

John 16:13 NKJV

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;

1 John 5:6 HS

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;

HS is Counselor

John 14:26 NIV

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

HS is our guarantee

Eph 1:13,14 NKJV

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance.

HS is Teacher and reminds us of all Christ said

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

HS revealed as creator

Ps 104:30 NIV

When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

Job 33:4 NKJV

The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

HS referred to as God by Peter

Acts 5:3

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit.."

HS is called River of living water

John 7:38,39 NKJV

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

HS is Author of Life

John 3:6 HS is author of Life.....through rebirth and renewal...Titus 3:5

John 3:6 NKJV That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Titus 3:5 MKJV Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

HS is called eternal spirit

Heb 9:14 NIV

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death,[a] so that we may serve the living God!

The Holy Spirit was prophesied, promised, given, received, and available today to believers

John the Baptist foretold the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

Mark 1:8 NKJV

I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The word baptize (#907 Greek) means to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet);

It comes from a word (#911) meaning to overwhelm, (i.e. cover wholly with a fluid).

Matt 3:11

¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The word fire (#4442) means fire, or lightning.

Jesus promised the Baptism of the Spirit:

Acts 1:4-8 NKJV

"And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Jesus said he would "send" the Holy Spirit, from God the Father

John 14:16

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever"—NKJV Jesus is the Baptizer of the Holy Spirit:

John 1:32-34 NASB

³²John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.

Luke 3:16-17 NKJV

¹⁶John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

They received the Baptism of the Spirit:

Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

"Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

HS was poured out as a gift:

Acts 10:44-46 NKJV

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

HS fell upon the Gentiles as well as the Jews:

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The word fell (#1968) means to embrace with affection or seize with more or less violence, translated to fall

into or upon, lie on, press upon.

HS was also imparted through the laying on of hands:

Acts 19:6 NKJV

"And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied."

HS is for us today:

Acts 2:38 NKJV

"Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

HS is not a counterfeit gift when you ask the Father:

Luke 11:11 NKJV

"If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

HS is received through faith

Gal 3:14 NIV

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.