

Challenging Chapters of the Bible

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The Holy Spirit as Baptizer

- In John 14, 15, 16 we saw the Holy Spirit as –
 - Teacher
 - Convictor
 - Comforter

The Holy Spirit as Baptizer

- **Luke 3:16** John 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”.
- **1st Cor 12:13** Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

Acts 2

- **On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.**

Acts 2

- **Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**
- **Acts 2 is the fulfillment of Jesus promise in Acts 1:8.**
- **What happened in Acts 2 was never quite duplicated.**

Acts 2

- **There was a mighty rushing wind.**
- **There were tongues of fire over their heads.**
- **They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.**
- **They spoke in languages they had never learned.**

Acts 2

- **The Pentecost experience was a unique one because God was doing something new.**
- **In Acts 8 the Samaritan believers received the Holy Spirit and it is assumed they spoke in tongues because Simon the sorcerer wanted the power, but there is no mention of tongues of fire.**
- **In Acts 10 the Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit and there is mention that they too spoke in tongues, but there was no mention of tongues of fire.**

Acts 2

- **So what was new? Now the Spirit of God would take up residence in every believer.**
- **Acts 7:48 However, the Most High doesn't live in temples made by human hands.**
- **Acts 17:24 "He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, 25 and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs.**

Acts 2

- **1st Cor 6:19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, 20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.**
- **The house of God is no longer a structure – the house of God is the believer's body.**
- **We are His ambassadors in a unique way – we represent Him and we house Him.**

Acts 2

- **At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. 6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. 7 They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, 8 and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! 9 Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, 10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!”**

Acts 2

- **The 120 from the upper room are now indwelt by the Spirit of God and speaking in languages they had not learned, with tongues of fire over their heads.**
- **AND The people in Jerusalem who were from all over the known world respond with words like these**
- **“And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!”**

Acts 2

- **What is amazing to me is their reaction to the rushing mighty wind and the tongues of fire.**
- **Because the 120 were speaking the 'gospel' in their own language they were not frightened, but comforted and perhaps even set at ease.**
- **I say this because Peter is about to preach and 3,000 of them come to Christ.**
- **That is the gentleness of the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 2

- **The 120 were accused of being drunk – of course, when you can't explain something new, you attack and criticize it.**
- **What is interesting to me is that the onlookers assumed they were drunk because they were so bold and without inhibition.**
- **Eph 5:18 – Be not drunk with wine, but be filled with the Holy Spirit. (controlled)**

Acts 2

- Peter steps forward and immediately understands what has just happened was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy in Joel chapter 2.
- Acts 2:17 'In the last days,' God says,
 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.
¹⁸ In those days I will pour out my Spirit
even on my servants—men and women alike—
and they will prophesy.'

Acts 2

- **A new day had come, the church had been born, and Believers are now indwelt with the Holy Spirit.**
- **He lives in the Believer, He places the Believer into the body of Christ, and He gives each one gifts according to His will.**
- **What are the gifts for? Primarily service, but there is also the blessing of satisfaction that goes with using one's gift.**

Acts 2

- **So exactly what does the Assemblies of God believe about the Holy Spirit that sets us apart.**
- **We believe in what is really a second and separate work of grace in the believer called ‘Baptism in the Holy Spirit’.**
- **At this baptism (not the one in 1st Corinthians 12 where the Spirit places us into Christ at salvation) the believer receives power to witness.**

Acts 2

- **We also believe the initial physical evidence of this baptism is the speaking in tongues as described in Acts.**
- **Ephesians also gives us these evidences of a Spirit filled believer –**
- **Eph 5:18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.**

Acts 2

- **Luke 1: 14 You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord. He must never touch wine or other alcoholic drinks. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth.**
- **This is one of those oddities in the Bible – just when we think we have a doctrine all nailed down and buttoned up we read something like this.**

Acts 2

- **36 “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”**
- **Peter was just a fisherman – who had been with Jesus.**
- **His sermon is just ‘this is who Jesus is and what He means for you.’**

Acts 2

- **37 Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"**
- **When the gospel is preached in the power of the Spirit good things happen.**
- **He did not preach long and he had no choir, band, worship leader, or even a sound system – this is the power of the gospel.**

Acts 2

- **38 Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”**
- **Peter mentions ‘repentance’ – we don’t hear much about repentance anymore.**
- **Repentance calls for a change of mind about our sin that is so powerful that it demands a change of direction in our lives.**

Questions