

The Holy Spirit

On Pentecost: The Apostles & The Apostles Only are Baptized with Holy Spirit: Baptism of the Holy Spirit is mentioned in Matthew 3:11-12, John the baptizer tells us it is to come. Luke 24:49 Jesus says it is a promise of the Father & they will have “power from on high” & in Acts 1:8 Jesus says that the power is “The Holy Ghost”. Acts 1:20-26 the vacancy of Judas filled. Acts 1:21-22 The qualifications to be an apostle are listed, Apostles must be eye witnesses of the ministry death burial & resurrection of Jesus. Acts 1:26 & 2:1. Chapter & verse divisions were not in the original Bible. Here we have unfortunate chapter break. Acts 2:1 must be read with 1:26 to understand who’s being spoken of. “they were all with one accord” The word “they” is an antecedent. Antecedents always refer back to the last-named noun. Which is: “Mathias & he was numbered with the eleven apostles.” Thus “Apostles” is the antecedent of “they” in Acts 2:1 Many make the mistake thinking that the 120 in Acts 1:15 is spoken of in Acts 2:1. Acts 2:2 “as of a rushing mighty wind” It was not a rushing mighty wind, it was the same sound. Acts 2:3 “cloven tongues like as of fire” Similarity denies that it is the same. It was not actual tongues of fire, it was “like as of fire”. Acts 1:4 the result of this baptism is the apostles’ speaking in tongues, languages they had not studied cf: Acts 2:1ff. Acts 1:5-21 cf: Joel 2:28-32.

The Miraculous Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The nine miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit are listed in I Cor. 12:4-10. As we study the Book of Acts, we see that the apostles who were baptized with the Holy Spirit, were empowered to bestow these miraculous gifts to certain men by laying their hands on them cf: Acts 8:18. The first two men who were not apostles who worked miracles were, Stephen Acts 6:8, & Phillip Acts 8:6. When Samaria had received the Word of God, the apostles Peter & John went down & laid hands on them & imparted the Holy Spirit to them Acts 8:14-19. This could not be the indwelling Holy Spirit, for all Christians received that at their baptism cf: Acts 2:38-39. Why didn’t Phillip impart these powers to them? He was not an apostle & therefore, could not impart miraculous gifts. When Paul laid his hands on those men of Ephesus, they were given the gift of tongues cf: Acts 19:1-6. It was not necessary to have the apostles come to the men of Ephesus because Paul was an apostle. These gifts were given until the New Testament revelation was complete. II Pet 1:3 indicates God “hath given us

all things ...”, so the revelation is complete. I Cor 13:8-10 Indicates these gifts shall vanish away. “When that which is perfect” Greek word “*tellos*” neuter noun, the Bible would be neuter, but Jesus is masculine. Then that which is in part shall be done away. These gifts have passed away.

The Holy Spirit In The Life Of Every Christian: Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit being given to believers after His glorification in Heaven John 7:37-39. Acts 2:38 promises the Spirit to all who are baptized. Acts 2:39 shows this promise is perpetual through the whole Christian Dispensation. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit I Cor 6:19. God dwells in the Church through His spirit I Cor 3:16-17 & we are a habitation of God through the Spirit Eph. 2:21-22. Rom. 8:9 indicates if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. Things the Holy Spirit does in our lives: Study Romans 8 & Ephesians 3:16, Galatians 5:17, II Cor. 3:18, fruit of the Spirit Gal. 5:22-23, I John 4:13 & Eph. 1:13-14.