

The New Testament Church  
*The Holy Spirit #6 – The Baptism in the Holy Spirit*  
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I Review of John 14-17 – Jesus teaching on the Holy Spirit’s “job description”

- A. The Holy Spirit is God - the one (transcendant) and many (imminent) - Elohim
  - 1. Jn. 20:21-22 – Jesus appeared – *peace I give you, receive the Holy Spirit – regenerated*
  - 2. Acts 2:1-4 – The day of Pentecost – *be baptized in the Holy Spirit - empowerment*
- B. John 14-17 - Great Transition – Holy Spirit **comforts** and **convicts** – defending our position
  - 1. Comfort us – help us live in the Holy Spirit
  - 2. Convicts us – as an attorney, defends us before the enemy, reveals pride and sin
  - 3. If we learn to overcome our own sin nature – we will overcome the world!
- C. Christ sent the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of the Old Testament Feast of Pentecost
  - 1. Thunder (language); fire (cleansing); cloud/water/wind (moving of the Spirit)
  - 2. Day of Pentecost – tongues of fire after the wind of the Spirit filled the room!

II The Baptism in the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:1-4 – a fulfillment of the feast of Pentecost

- A. Purpose of Pentecost – *receive power to be a witness and fulfill the Great Commission!*
  - 1. To keep covenant – to move in the Spirit (WIND) and embrace the cross (FIRE)
  - 2. If we conquer our own nature within, we can overcome the world (share the gospel)
- B. The doctrine of “baptisms” – foundations of the Christian faith – Hebrews 6:1-2
  - 1. The meaning of baptism – verb in Greek, *baptizo* – bapto “to dip”; “in and out of”
    - a. Water Baptism – done by Church leaders as a witness of burial / resurrection
    - b. Baptism of Suffering (fire) – done by the Father as a means of sanctification
  - 2. Baptism in the Holy Spirit – done by Jesus, to *empower one to fulfill God’s call*
- C. Baptism *in* the Spirit - the Holy Spirit “poured upon and baptized in” – a prayer language
  - 1. John the Baptist – Mt. 3:11; Mk. 1:8; Lk. 3:16; Jn. 1:33 – baptize “in” the Spirit and fire
  - 2. Saul of Tarsus – After his conversion, Ananias prays that Saul be “filled with the Spirit”
  - 3. Cornelius (Gentile)– “gift of the Spirit” and “speaking in tongues” - Acts 10:34, 45-46
  - 4. Paul at Ephesus – Spirit came upon them – “spoke with tongues” Acts 19:6
- D. Speaking in tongues – a prayer language – tongues of men (languages) and “of angels”
  - 1. You speak to God, not men (not a badge of pride or spiritual maturity) – 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 14:2,14
  - 2. Practice the control of the tongue (you speak, Spirit gives words)– Acts 2:4; Ja. 3:2-5
  - 3. You edify your faith by “praying in the Spirit” – 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 14:4, Jude 20
  - 4. You bless God regardless of how you feel or what you’re going through – 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 14:16
  - 5. You give thanks well even if you don’t feel like it – 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 14:17
- E. How long do these gifts continue? – 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 13:8-13 – until the “perfect” has come
  - 1. The “perfect” is the consummation of all things at the return of Christ
  - 2. If prophecy and tongues cease now, so does knowledge and the Law (v. 9)!
- F. Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit – we need the “refiner’s fire” enhanced these days
  - 1. Consciously asking Jesus to baptize you “into” the Holy Spirit
  - 2. Can all believers speak in tongues? (Paul wished so - 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 14:5)
  - 3. Prayer language is a release of the Holy Spirit within and upon you - voluntary
  - 4. Remember, prayer in tongues is both wind and fire – cleansing, revealing impurity
  - 5. Praying in tongues allows you to endure suffering by strengthening your faith
    - 6. Illustration – reading the description of the purpose of the “refiner’s fire”

## **The Refiner's Fire** **(an unknown source illustrating its purpose)**

There was a group of women in a Bible Study on the book of Malachi. As they were studying chapter three, they came across verse three, which says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver". This verse puzzled the women and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study. That week, this woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot then she thought again about the verse, that "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver". She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, how do you know when the silver is fully refined? He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy - when I see my image in it".