



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: The Promise of the Spirit

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme

Power Of The Promise

Prayer Focus

Thank you for the gift of salvation and the new life you created in me. I'm so grateful for your love and forgiveness. Help me to surrender my own desires, and open my heart to receive your power and guidance. Let me embody your love, joy, and strength in my everyday life. Grant me the boldness to be a light in the world and use me to bless others. Thank you for the promise of the Holy Spirit. I trust in you, Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Key Truths

The Kingdom of God is getting the word in you.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is really about us having the power to demonstrate and enforce the Kingdom of God.

God promised Abraham that through him all of his descendants would be blessed, yet Abraham was old and still had no children. God made a covenant with him to show His promise. We read in the Bible, "If you are in Christ, then are you Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." We receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

When John the Baptist looks at what is going to happen in Jesus' ministry, he says the number one thing that is going to bring the Kingdom is baptizing with Holy Spirit and fire. The Spirit puts us into the body of Christ, the Church baptizes in water, but Jesus baptizes us in the Holy Spirit. What the Spirit does gets us into heaven, water baptism brings deliverance from the world. Being baptized in the Spirit by Jesus gives us the power to demonstrate the kingdom of God.

Practical Application

Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?

When we accept the Lord as our savior we get the Spirit in us but there is a difference between getting a drink of water and going swimming. Jesus wants to immerse us in the Spirit.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is different from receiving salvation and being water baptized; it empowers believers for Kingdom living. Here are some practical steps to help you live out your faith boldly and authentically.

1. **Know the Holy Spirit is for EVERYONE:** Let go of trying to "reach" a certain spiritual level, God promised the Holy Spirit for all His children. Jesus fulfilled that promise, starting with the disciples. This isn't just for special Christians - it's for you.
2. **It's All About Power:** The baptism in the Holy Spirit isn't just a feeling, it's about being equipped to demonstrate God's kingdom power right here and now. The Holy Spirit will empower you! Be open to opportunities to share your faith, pray for others, and step out of your comfort zone.
3. **It's Received by Faith:** We can't earn this gift. Just as we receive Jesus through faith, we receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit the same way.
4. **Ask God:** If you haven't received the baptism of the Holy Spirit ask God for it, Desire it and Expect it! Repeat this simple prayer after me:

Dear God, You say in Your Word that the Holy Spirit is a good gift and that everyone who asks for the Holy Spirit receives it. I ask to be baptized in the Holy Spirit in Jesus' Name. I thank you for filling me, for empowering my life to be a witness for You, and for giving me the gift of tongues. Now, just like Paul, I will pray with my understanding, and I will pray with the spirit. I believe I receive right now! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Embrace the power of the Holy Spirit and become the unshakeable, impactful believer God created you to be.

Reference Verses

- Acts 1:2-8, 2:38-39, 8:12-17, 9:17, 19:1-6
- Genesis 12:1-3, 15:8-18
- Galatians 3:16-18. 3:13-14
- Matthew 3:11, 7:8-11
- John 20:19-22
- Romans 8:9
- 1 Corinthians 12:13

Declarations

"As an heir of the promise, I get to freely receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. I have access to the Father and all of his gifts. I am blessed to be able to walk through life in relationship with God and continue to get to know him".

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References The Promise of the Spirit

Acts 1:3 NKJV ...to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:4-5 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."

Acts 1:5 NKJV " ...for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:8 KJV But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...

Genesis 12:2-3 NKJV I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 15:8-10 NKJV And he said, "Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"

So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other...

Genesis 15:17-18 NKJV And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram...

Galatians 3:16-18 NKJV Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Acts 1:5 NKJV " ...for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Galatians 3:13-14 NKJV Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:29 NKJV And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Matthew 3:11 KJV I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire...

Acts 2:38-39 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."

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John 20:19-22 NKJV Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:9 NKJV Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

1 Corinthians 12:13 NKJV For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...

Matthew 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...

Matthew 3:11 NKJV He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...

Acts 8:5-8 KJV Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:12 KJV But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:14-16 NKJV Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Luke 11:11-13 KJV If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Acts 9:17 NKJV And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

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."

Acts 19:1-2 KJV And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?

Acts 19:2-3 KJV He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized?

Acts 19:6 KJV And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.