



## **Beyond the Sermon**

### A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Power for Believers

This guide will help you practically apply the powerful truths from this message about the **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**. It's more than just a theological concept; it's a vital, empowering experience that Jesus commanded for every believer to fulfill their purpose. By engaging with these steps, you can position yourself to receive and walk in this transformative power.

### **Step 1: Embrace the Holy Spirit as Your Kingdom Equipment**

Understand that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is Jesus' essential provision for you to actively expand God's Kingdom on earth. While every believer has the Holy Spirit, this experience is distinct, equipping you with "dunamis" (explosive power) to be an effective, "all-in" witness for Christ. Embrace the truth that this divine endowment is not optional for impactful ministry but is the power source for living out your assignment. Cultivate a deep hunger for this specific empowering, recognizing it as a direct gift from God, designed to enable you to represent Jesus with authority and boldness in your daily life.

### **Step 2: Receive the Gift and Engage with Tongues for Perfect Prayer**

Recognize that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift to be *received* by grace, not earned through striving. Following the biblical pattern, simply ask Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Spirit with expectation, believing He will, just as He promised. As you receive, activate the gift of speaking in tongues. Understand this isn't just "gibberish," but your spirit praying God's perfect will, bypassing your natural understanding. Leverage this divine prayer language daily as a source of refreshing, a means to build up your most holy faith, and a way to intercede perfectly for others, even in situations you don't fully comprehend.

### **Step 3: Allow the Spirit to Refresh, Reveal, and Cultivate Compassion**

Actively engage with the Holy Spirit in your life, knowing that praying in tongues is your spiritual refreshing and will build you up on your most holy faith. Beyond personal edification, let this Spirit-empowered prayer bring revelation and greater understanding as you study God's Word – it's the pathway to "precept upon precept, line upon line" knowledge. Finally, allow the Spirit's work within you to magnify your love and concern for the lost, cultivating a holy burden for souls and empowering you to boldly share the truth of the Kingdom, just as Peter was transformed to preach powerfully after his infilling.

### **What's Next?**

Embracing the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a pivotal step into a life marked by greater power and purpose. If you're seeking this empowering experience or need prayer and support on your journey, our team is here to stand in agreement with you. Please feel free to reach out to us via **WhatsApp** at 616-370-2404.

## Scripture References

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**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 1:8 NKJV** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...

**Acts:9:3-8 NKJV** As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

**Acts 9:10 NKJV** Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

**Matthew 16:15-17 NKJV** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

**1 Samuel 9:15 NKJV** Now the Lord had told Samuel in his ear the day before Saul came, saying...

**Joel 2:28 NKJV** "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

**1 Samuel 3:1 KJV** And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

**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 10:1-6 NKJV** There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. About [c]the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do."

**Acts 11:14 NKJV** ...'who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.'

**Acts 10:44-46 NKJV** While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 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. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

**Acts 10:47-48 NKJV** "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

**Matthew 3:16 NKJV** When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

**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.

**Jude 3 NKJV** Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

**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.

**Romans 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.

**Romans 8:27 NKJV** Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

**1 Corinthians 14:21-22 NKJV** In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign...

**Isaiah 28:9-10 NKJV** “Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.”

**Isaiah 28:11-13 NKJV** For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, To whom He said, “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing”; Yet they would not hear. But the word of the Lord was to them, “Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little,”

**Jude 20-21 NKJV** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

**Jude 22-23 NKJV** And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

**Acts 8:15 NKJV** ... who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 8:18-19 NKJV** And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, “Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”

**1 Corinthians 13:8-12 NKJV** Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

**1 John 3:2 NKJV** Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him...

**Matthew 7:11 NKJV** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

**1 Corinthians 14:39 NKJV** ...do not forbid to speak with tongues.