

Discipleship Training Manual: Lesson 4
The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Who is the Holy Ghost?

- The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God.
- The Holy Ghost is one member of the Godhead, along with God the Son (Jesus) and God the Father.
- The Holy Ghost is the spiritual means by which God is omnipresent (everywhere at once).
- The Holy Ghost is the person who came into your life and changed you into a new creation at salvation.

What is the baptism of the Holy Ghost?

- The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the second work of the Holy Spirit.
- The baptism of the Holy Ghost was a directive and a promise made by Jesus to His disciples.

Acts 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

Acts 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

Acts 1:3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

- The baptism of the Holy Ghost is not mandatory to be saved, to go to Heaven, or to maintain salvation, but it is of benefit to us as children of God.
- The word “baptism” means “full immersion;” It means to be consumed by the person of the Holy Spirit.
- The baptism of the Holy Ghost is available to everyone who is born again.

Why should we be baptized in the Holy Ghost?

- To receive power
- To become a witness

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- To be given a language that allows us to talk to God, spirit to spirit.

The evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost – Speaking in tongues:

- We are not yet filled with the Holy Spirit just because we are born again.
- When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, there is physical evidence.

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- The physical evidence of being baptized in the Holy Spirit is the ability to speak in tongues.
 - Speaking in tongues starts in your born again spirit. A spiritual language is created by the Holy Ghost when He comes in to fill you, and that spiritual language affects your physical powers of speech.
 - The filling of the Holy Spirit is a gift from God and speaking in tongues is a gift brought by the Holy Spirit.

Additional notes on receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost:

These notes come from the “*Assisting Someone in Receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit*” handout on our website broncflint.org under “Teachings” and “Printable Materials.”

Link: <https://broncflint.org/files/HolySpiritFilled.pdf>

Quick Overview:

- You must be born again to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- You do not need to physically be in a church to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- You do not need to have someone in authority present to receive, nor do they need to physically lay hands on you.
- There is scriptural evidence for the separate occurrences of salvation and the baptism of the Holy Ghost in Acts 8:14-17 and Acts 19:1-6.
- Before receiving, try to relax as much as possible.
- Receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost is a spiritual experience of faith.
- The baptism of the Holy Ghost is receiving more of that same Holy Spirit, not something totally new.
- The Holy Spirit does not speak in tongues for you. You must do the speaking.
- Everyone’s spiritual tongue is different.
- Even one or two words can count as proof that the baptism of the Holy Ghost has taken place.
- The lips and/or tongue may stammer or “vibrate” when speaking in tongues.
- Pray a prayer of faith to God the Father and ask for the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- Take a deep breath in and a deep breath out to help you relax and receive.
- Be quiet and still, ready to receive, and start speaking!