

## Holy Spirit Baptism: Purpose (Part1)

The baptism of the Holy Spirit as revealed in scripture is very important to any believer in Christ. Like the resurrection of Christ, we weren't there to witness the first account of such a baptism. But understanding both is essential to comprehend salvation that is found in Jesus the Christ.

1. Old Testament Background to our understanding of "pouring out of the Holy Spirit".
  - A. Psalm 139:7 – The Spirit and God's Presence
  - B. Isaiah 32:15 – The Spirit is poured upon us.
  - C. Isaiah 44:3 – I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring.
  - D. Isaiah 59:21 – A "redeemer" will come; My Spirit that is upon you.
  - E. Ezekiel 39:29 – I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel.
  - F. Joel 2:28-32 – I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
  
2. John the Baptist's teaching concerning baptism of the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:3-17)
  - A. John's work was foretold (prophesied) in Isaiah 40:3ff.
    1. He was to prepare the way of the Lord. Luke 3:4
    2. The Lord was to make salvation possible for all flesh. Luke 3:6
  - B. The promise of the Holy Spirit was made by John when he was asked if he were the Christ.
    1. He who baptizes in the Holy Spirit will be the Christ. (v.16)
    2. He who baptizes in the H.S. will bring salvation. (v. 6)
  
3. The First Pouring Out of Holy Spirit Baptism found Acts 2
  - A. A sudden sound from heaven
  - B. Tongues like fire appear on the Apostles.
  - C. Point A & Point B describe what was literally present.
  - D. Consider some other passages on being filled with the H.S.
  - E. The multitude in Jerusalem observed the miraculous events and marveled.
  - F. Peter explained from Joel what the people had witnessed.

Conclusion: What a marvelous thing that those on the day of Pentecost could have recognized that what they were seeing was evidence of God's presence. Not everyone was of that opinion. How we see that event will determine the need in our minds to avail ourselves to the salvation that comes through the presence of God's Spirit.