



## The Holy Spirit Upon You – Week 4

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### Overview

In the fourth message of the series entitled, *Entheos: God's Spirit, Your Life*, we will learn how we can experience a new level of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

#### Discussion Questions

We will look at how the Holy Spirit relates to us represented by the Greek preposition in the Bible, 'epi', meaning 'upon'.

*Epi* – Upon.

**"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**

**(Acts 1:8)**

*Epi* means upon or over. We can experience an *overflowing* of the Holy Spirit as He flows forth out of our lives. Not only are we vessels containing the Spirit, but we also become channels by which the Spirit flows forth to touch the world around us.

The Disciples needed the overflowing of the Spirit to effectively reach their world for Christ. **John 20:22** says, **"And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."** When Jesus said this to His Disciples, the Holy Spirit came *in* (en) them to indwell them.

We receive the Holy Spirit when we become born again, but we are empowered by the Holy Spirit when we are baptized with Him. When the Spirit comes *upon* (epi) us, we have living water flowing out of us so that He can reach the world around us. **John 7:38-39** says, **"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."**

- What is the difference between the Holy Spirit being *in* you as compared to being *upon* you?

In **1 Corinthians 12:7**, Paul gives us a listing of the gifts of the Spirit – such as the gifts of wisdom, healing, words of knowledge, faith, etc., and shares the purpose of these gifts: **“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all!”** The Holy Spirit comes *upon* us to work through us for the good of His Kingdom.

- Why is it important to use the gifts of the Spirit for others?

Paul tells us in **Ephesians 5:18** to continually be filled with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit can come upon us multiple times throughout our Christian life as we need His power for the works of service.

- How can we continually be filled with the Holy Spirit?

How do I get baptized with the Holy Spirit?

1. Ask.

**“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” (Luke 11:13)**

God gives the Holy Spirit to His children who ask. When we ask for the Holy Spirit, we receive by faith the promise of God.

- Have you ever asked to be filled with the Holy Spirit? If not, what questions or concerns do you have?

2. Receive.

**“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” (Mark 11:24)** When we ask God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, we can be confident that we are asking according to His will and that we are receiving His gift.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is God’s gift of grace to be received by faith. When we receive this gift, we will see an increase of supernatural grace and power, a supernatural love for others and the gifts of the Spirit will begin to flow through our lives.

- What gift of the Holy Spirit does your heart desire? Why?

## Life Challenge

Ask God to give you the gift of the Holy Spirit. When you receive His gift, ask the Holy Spirit to begin to work through you and pour out into others’ lives.

## Prayer

*Thank You, God, for empowering us with Your gift of the Holy Spirit. Remind us that we have this gift inside of us to overflow into the lives of others. Help us to be confident in our faith that Your promises are always fulfilled. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.*