



## **A New Power**

### **WEEK 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE**

#### **OVERVIEW**

In this message of the series entitled, *Immersed*, we will discover the third type of baptism—The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

#### **DISCUSSION**

When we come to Christ, the Holy Spirit immediately comes to live on the inside of us. Yet, there is a subsequent immersion, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, where we are endued with power. There is only one baptism in Christ—meaning we only get saved once. There is one baptism in water when we are baptized as a Believer. But, we are baptized *in* and filled *with* the Holy Spirit over-and-over throughout our Christian life. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not a one-time event. We're not re-saved; but we are re-empowered.

A pattern we see in the Bible is that people give their hearts to Christ, then submit to water baptism, then filled with the Holy Spirit.

- Why do you think this order of events is a common pattern we see in the Bible?

**1 Corinthians 6:19: Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?** As a Christian, your body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. However, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is when He comes upon you and empowers you to be His Witness in the earth. The Holy Spirit provides power to give you victory over sin and is also the power source to conform your character into the image of Jesus Christ. In addition to this, the Holy Spirit also comes on you to be a witness.

In **Acts 1:5**, Jesus says: ***“For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*** Jesus is saying we should be IMMERSSED in the Holy Spirit.

- What is the significance of us being immersed in the Holy Spirit?

- Why is it important that we are continually filled with the Holy Spirit instead of only once?

The Holy Spirit doesn't come upon us just so we *feel good*, He comes upon us so we can *do good*. Then, we feel good in the process. **Acts 1:8** says: ***“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.”*** The Holy Spirit fills us with power for a purpose—to be a witness for Christ and share His love.

- What is the purpose of being baptized in the Holy Spirit?
- What are the benefits of being baptized in the Holy Spirit?

## How do I get baptized with the Holy Spirit?

### 1. Ask.

Jesus said in **Luke 11:11-13**: ***“If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 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!”***

### 2. Receive.

**Mark 11:24** says: **“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”** When we ask God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, we can be utterly confident that we are asking according to His will and will receive. It was Jesus Himself who instructed us to ask for this gift!

- Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit?
  - If so, how has your life been impacted?
  - If not, what is holding you back?

## LIFE CHALLENGE

Ask God to fill or refill you with His Spirit, and be empowered to fulfill your purpose by reaching people for Christ and building their lives.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & CLOSE IN PRAYER