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I. Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- A. To qualify for the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you must be born again. Jn. 14:16-17; Titus 3:4-5; Rom. 10:9; Mk. 16:15-16
- B. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is distinct from the New Birth
- The baptism in the Holy Spirit is not the new birth experience. At the new birth, you DO receive the Holy Spirit, but you DO NOT receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit automatically, it is distinct from the new birth.
 - Disciples of Jesus were already born again according to Scriptures but Jesus told them they still needed to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit in order to be witnesses unto Jesus. (Jn. 20:22 - regeneration, new birth experience. - Lk. 24:49 and Acts 1:4-6,8)
 - Acts 8:4-8,12 – According to Scripture (Mk. 16:15-16, Rom. 10:9) these believers were born again. But we see in Acts 8:14-17 we see that they had not yet received the Holy Spirit (baptism).
- C. The Promise of the Father is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and it is for everyone. Acts 2:38-39; 1 Cor. 1:7
- D. Two ways to receive the Holy Spirit
- Sovereign act of God. Acts 2:1-4; 10:44-47
 - Laying on of Hands. Acts 8:18; 19:6
 - **Interesting note:** Tongues were the sign the Apostle's used as evidence of this baptism.

II. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- A. Quick Overview of the Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit – 1 Cor. 12:7-11
- Must be stated that the gifts are for the edification of others, not to promote ourselves and to prove we are spiritual. (Mt. 4:3 – a would-be miracle; 1 Cor. 14:12) We are not in control of the gifts or the Spirit; there must be God's purposes involved.
1. **The Revelation Gifts:**
- a. **Word of Wisdom** – Def. – Supernatural wisdom given to help during a crisis situation. It deals primarily with the future or a word about the future needed now, not a total discourse. Gen. 6:12-13; Acts 23:11
 - b. **Word of Knowledge** – Def. - A supernatural gift of God, which reveals specific knowledge about certain past or present events in order to accomplish a specific purpose. 1 Sam. 10:22; Jn. 4:18; Acts 10:19-20

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- c. **Discerning of Spirits** – Def. - A supernatural revelation that gives the ability to distinguish the source of spirit world activity when it is present. It is not a discernment of things or the gift of suspicion. It is the discernment of spirits.
- *Types of spirits:*
 - The Holy Spirit** – John 1:32-33
 - Good angels** – Acts 27:23-24
 - Evil spirits** – Acts 16:16-18
 - Human spirits** – 1 Cor. 2:11; Jer. 23:16-17
 - *Purpose of this gift:*
 - **Helps in delivering the afflicted, oppressed, and tormented**
Mk.9:25
 - **Discovers servants of the devil** – Acts 13:9, 10
 - **Aids in stopping plans of the enemy** – Acts 16:16-18
 - **Exposes error, seducing spirits, lying spirits, doctrines of devils, and damnable heresies** – 1 Timothy 4:1, 2; 2 Peter 2:1
 - **Unmasks demonic “miracle workers”** – 1 John 4:1-6

3. The Power Gifts:

- a. **Gift of Faith** – Def. - It is not the faith that everyone possesses - Rom. 12:3. This is a special gift of faith given by God in specific circumstances to accomplish the will of God. You are mostly a spectator. (Ex. 14:14-18; Jos. 10:12-13;
- b. **Gifts of Healing** – Def. - God’s supernatural healing power released through an individual to heal others – usually a special healing anointing for different situations as the Holy Spirit wills.
- c. **Working of Miracles** – Def. – A supernatural intervention by God over natural law; miracles are operated under God’s control through the believer. (Jn. 2:1-12; Acts 8:13; Acts 28:4-6) God doesn’t work miracles willy-nilly.

3. The Inspirational Gifts:

- a. **Gift of Tongues** – Def. - A supernatural utterance given by a Spirit-filled Christian in a public meeting which is not understood by the person giving it, and it should be interpreted. (1 Cor. 13:1; 14:2,4,14-17; Is. 28:11-12 with 1 Cor. 14:21)
- b. **Interpretation of Tongues** – Def. – The supernatural verbalization of the meaning of a message just delivered to the church by a member of the body of Christ in a language the interpreter doesn’t understand. Tongues with Interpretation equals Prophecy. (1 Cor. 14:5,26-28)
- c. **Gift of Prophecy** – Def. – It is NOT foretelling the future, is NOT preaching and is NOT rebuke. It is a word for edification (to build up), exhortation and comfort. (1 Cor. 14:3-4, 29,32)