

## Solution to Study 0023

- A. If someone were to ask you, “Is it necessary to be baptized in the Holy Spirit?”; what would you say? (Please use the scriptures below to assist in your answer. You may also use any other relevant scripture.)

*Acts 19:1-6; 8:14-17; 10:38; 2:1-4; 1:4-5, 8.*

*Yes, Holy Spirit baptism is very essential for every believer in Christ because:*

- The apostles of old believed it to be so, for Paul asked all who said they were born again, if they had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Also, the apostles in Jerusalem hurried to Samaria to administer Holy Spirit baptism when they heard that salvation had been received by the Samaritans.*
- The Lord Jesus was able to do the good works he did only because He was baptized in the Holy Spirit and power.*
- All the first disciples were baptized in the Holy Spirit before they could do any divine works.*
- The Lord indeed states that without Holy Spirit baptism we cannot be effective witnesses.*

- B. And if a person says, “How can I receive Holy Spirit baptism?”; what would be your response? (Please use the scriptures below to assist in your answer. You may also use any other relevant scripture.)

*Acts 10:34-46; Luke 11:9-13; Acts 8:17-19; 19:16; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:12-14; Acts 8:14-15.*

- 1. By the hearing of the word of God, as was the case in Cornelius’ home.*
- 2. By asking God in prayer for Holy Spirit baptism.*
- 3. By the laying on of the hands of those who have already received Holy Spirit baptism.*
- 4. By earnestly waiting on God for the baptism.*
- 5. By the prayers of the saints of God for those who are yet to receive Holy Spirit baptism.*

- C. Now if you are asked, “How can I be sure that the ‘tongues’ I’m speaking is of the Holy Spirit?”; what would be your response? (Please use the scriptures below to assist in your answer. You may also use any other relevant scripture.)

*Acts 2:1-4; Luke 11:9-13; Romans 14:23; James 1:5-8.*

- 1. To be sure that we are speaking the ‘tongues’ that are proper, we should be speaking as the Holy Spirit gives us utterance; not by mimicking someone else’s tongues.*
- 2. We know that God cannot give us an evil spirit if we ask Him for the Holy Spirit; hence, we can be sure that we are speaking proper tongues because God gave them to us.*
- 3. We speak in tongues by faith; not by our understanding. If it is not by faith, it is sin!*
- 4. Entertaining doubt in speaking in tongues is a recipe for not speaking proper tongues, or not speaking in tongues at all!*

- D. What if another person asks you, “Why have I not yet received Holy Spirit baptism?” what would you say could be the possible reasons for this? (Please use the scriptures below to assist in your answer. You may also use any other relevant scripture.)

*John 7:39; Acts 8:18-23; Luke 11:9-13.*

*We should ask the following questions:*

- 1. Has the individual been born again? That is, has Jesus been glorified in the individual's life?*
- 2. Has the individual really asked God for the Holy Spirit baptism?*
- 3. Why do you want the Holy Spirit baptism? For gain and fame?*
- 4. Is the individual trying to get the Holy Spirit baptism your own way/the wrong way?*
- 5. Is there any bitterness, iniquity, or unforgiveness in the individual's life?*

*If the answer to questions (1) and (2) is “yes”, then continue to pray and wait on the Lord; and if the answer to any of questions (3) – (5) is “yes”, then the individual should deal with the specific issue through confession and repentance, and then go ahead and ask God for the Holy Spirit baptism.*

- E. Suppose you are asked, “I have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, and I have the evidence of speaking in tongues, but I can't seem to do any of the things expected of one baptized in the Holy Spirit; that is, spiritual gifts are not in operation in my life/ministry”; what would you say to such a person? (Please use the scriptures below to assist in your answer. You may also use any other relevant scripture.)

*1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 Kings 3:4-15, 16-28; John 14:12-14.*

- 1. It is possible that you have neglected the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*
- 2. You need to stir the gifts in you by applying yourself to utilizing them in every situation, rather than look for human alternatives to problem-solving.*
- 3. You need to dispel all fear and timidity, and be bold when utilizing the gifts.*
- 4. The gifts can be activated whenever a situation presents itself. For example, Solomon's wisdom was utilized to deal with a difficult situation which presented itself after God had given him the gift, via a dream.*
- 5. Pray about everything, and see God come through by way of the manifestation of spiritual gifts through you.*