

You Will Receive Power!

This activity contains part of the testimony of a young man who prayed that God would give him a hunger for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He had always thought that if the right sermon came along it would motivate him to pray harder for his baptism. But when God gave him the hunger he needed, it didn't matter what was preached, he found a way to apply it to getting his baptism. As you read through the following verses and testimony excerpts you can see that God's Word is still the same today. Circle the statements in each of the verses that were fulfilled in the young man's testimony. Fit each of the bold print words in the verses into the grid below.

Acts 2:4 — And they were all **filled** with the **Holy Ghost**, and began to **speak** with other **tongues**, as the **Spirit** gave them utterance.

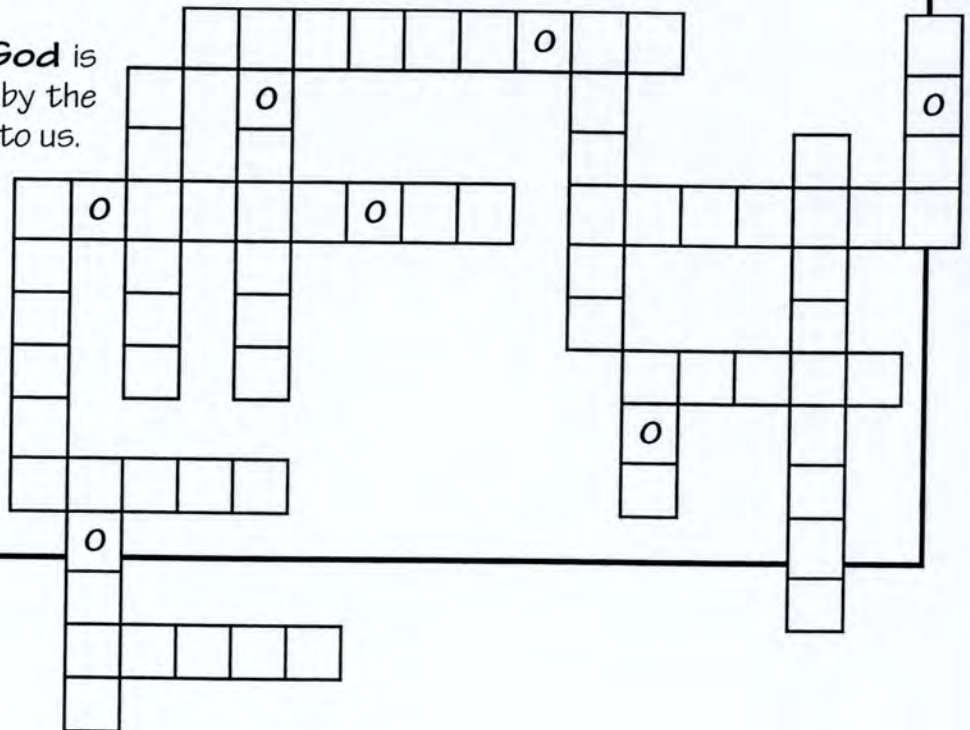
"I began to thank and praise God for everything He had already done for me and for the blessings He had already given. Then it felt like I was hit by a wave. It went through my whole body, and I knew it was my baptism. God took control of my tongue, and I spoke in a language that I didn't know."

Acts 1:8 — But ye shall **receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the **uttermost** part of the **earth**.

"I used to think that getting my baptism was the final step, but it is just the first step in service for God. The desire to teach Sunday school with enthusiasm goes beyond what I ever could have imagined. The opportunity to usher in church and to drive a Sunday school van is not a job, it is a satisfying privilege."

Romans 5:5 — The **love of God** is shed abroad in our **hearts** by the Holy Ghost which is **given** unto us.

"My love for the saints is greater now than ever before. Telling other people about God is so fulfilling."



And They Were All Filled with the Holy Ghost!

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is necessary to the Christian's walk with God. The Bible lets us know that the Holy Ghost is the third person of the Trinity: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" (1 John 5:7). Jesus told us that the promise of the Holy Ghost "is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). Following are some verses which help to describe the baptism of the Holy Ghost and what it does in a person's life. Fill in the missing words.

GIFT

Acts 10:44-45 — "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the _____ of the Holy Ghost."



Can't Be Bought

Acts 8:18-20 — "And when Simon [a certain man who had bewitched people with sorceries] saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them _____, saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money."



Guide

John 16:13 — "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will _____ you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."



Comforter & Teacher

John 14:26 — "But the _____, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall _____ you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."



Power to Witness

Acts 1:8 — "But ye shall receive _____, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."



Prayer

Jude 1:20-21 — "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, _____ in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."






POWER FOR SERVICE




In Luke 2:24 Jesus told His followers to go to Jerusalem and wait there until they received power from on high. Why did they need this power? Jesus' disciples were already saved and sanctified. What did they lack? If you read the account of the holy ghost coming in Acts 2:1-13, you will see that this experience changed their lives dramatically. They each had different jobs to do but the holy spirit made them more effective in those jobs. When Jesus gave the instructions to go to Jerusalem and tarry did He say if you feel like it or if you want to? He must have meant that it was very important. Is it just as important today? Why?

Make a list of things you do in a day?




In your prayer life, talking to a friend, or even going about your chores, having the baptism of the Holy Ghost makes things happen. Take one of the things you listed above and explain how having the power of God in your life could make a difference.



Read Acts 2:14 and then verse 41. What is the difference between a speaker with zeal and a speaker with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

God has sent us to be workers in His field. In whatever job we find ourselves He wants us to have the Power for service to be effective.



SWORD DRILL

Acts 1:8
Matthew 3:11
Joel 2:28
John 15:26
Acts 2:39
Luke 24:49
John 14:26
Luke 11:13
I John 4:13
Romans 8:11
John 16:13
Micah 3:8
2 Timothy 1:7

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Look up the following scripture verses to search for your answers.

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Acts 1:8 _____

Luke 24:49 _____

Who can receive it?

Acts 2:38, 39 _____

Acts 19:2 _____

Joel 2:28, 29 _____

Why do I need it?

John 14:26 _____

John 16:13 _____

How can I get it?

Acts 1:14 _____

Luke 11:13 _____



And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. Acts 2:3