


**BAPTISM OF
THE SPIRIT**

Pentecost Sunday 2026

Genesis 1:2 *Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

Genesis 2:7 *The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*

1. The Promise of the Old Testament

Isaiah 44:3 *For I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.*

Ezekiel 36:26-27 *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*

Zechariah 12:10 *I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one who grieves for a firstborn son.*

2. The Promise in the New Testament.

Matthew 3:11-12 *I baptise you with water for repentance.*

But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Acts 1:5,8 ...For John baptises with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

3. The Promise Fulfilled.

Acts 2:1-4 *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven, and filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:11b *...we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!*

Acts 4:8 *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people!...”*

Acts 4:31 *After they had prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

Acts 8:17 *Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Acts 9:17b *“...he sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”*

Acts 10:44, 46 *While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message...For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.*

Acts 19: 2,6 ...and he asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “no, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”...When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

4. The Promise Received.

(a) Desire / Hunger after God

- Being born again starts with repentance.
- Change of mind toward God; change of direction.

Romans 10:9-10 *If you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

(b) Desire More of the Spirit

- Prepare and pray.
- Thirsty people get filled.
- Focus on the giver, not the gift.

Titus 3:5 *He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit..*