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FAITH AND GRACE CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY NOTE ON

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER – THE HOLY SPIRIT (Joel 2:28-32, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-5, 2:1-4, 2:16-21)

STUDY 10: THE IMPORTANT PURPOSES OF BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: John 16:13-14, 14:26, Heb.6:4-5, Acts 1:8, Rom.8: 10-11, 26-27, 1 Thess.5:17- 19, 1 Timothy 4:14, 2Pet.1:20-21 & 2Tim.3:16, Eph.1:13-14, Rev. 19:7, 8, 2 Corinthians 4:10-11, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Eph.1:13-14

Apostle Paul reveals to us in **Eph.1:13-14** that, the Holy Spirit is the **Seal** or mark of ownership in believers' lives. He is the **guarantee** of our inheritance. Interestingly, the Greek word for guarantee can also be used to indicate an engagement ring. As Christ is the Bridegroom and the church is the Bride, so the Holy Spirit is the down payment, the earnest money, in the long-awaited marriage of the two. (See Rev. 19:7, 8)

There are other important purposes that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is intended by God to accomplish in the life of the believer. However, how much it will accomplish depends on the believer.

1 Gateway to the Supernatural Heb.6:4-5

The "partakers of the Holy Ghost" have tasted the powers of the world to come. They have been brought into contact with a power that belongs to the next age, but it is available to them in this age. In this way, the baptism in the Holy Spirit is intended to be the gateway into the supernatural. It is not a goal; it is a gateway. It is intended by God that thereafter the Spirit-baptized believer should walk in the supernatural. That is, the supernatural should become natural.

2 For Witnessing ACTS 1:8

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is intended to clothe us with supernatural power from on high so that we can be witnesses. Notice that witnesses are unto Jesus Christ. They are not unto a doctrine. Not to our denomination, and not primarily unto an experience but unto Jesus Himself.

3 For Prayer ROM.8:26-27

This experience also produces a revolution in a Christian's prayer life.

This Scripture shows that we all have an infirmity. It is not a sickness, but it is a natural weakness of the flesh. We do not know how to pray as we ought to pray. In Eph. 6:18, the Bible says, "Praying **always** with all prayer and supplication **in the Spirit.**" You cannot always pray in your understanding. You cannot always pray in your physical body. But, when the Holy Spirit is there, He doesn't quit. The same thought is also found in 1 Thess.5:17 & 18, "**Pray without ceasing**" (v. 17), and "**Quench not the Spirit**" (v. 19). These two are related. You can quench the Spirit. You can put the fire out, but it is not God's will. The baptism in the Holy Spirit kindles a fire. Remember what Paul said to Timothy: "Fan it up again; make it blaze; don't neglect the gift that is in you." (See 1 Timothy 4:14.) With that same word, I encourage anybody that does not have this

supernatural experience to desire earnest the promise of the Father, because it is an impossibility for him to live up to the New Testament standard of prayer. The New Testament Christianity is supernatural; it cannot be otherwise.

4 For Teaching John 16:13, 14:26

The Holy Spirit is the great Teacher of the Scriptures. Jesus Christ promised that when the Spirit of truth came, He would lead us into all truth, teach us, and bring to us a remembrance of all Jesus has said. We need human teachers, too, The Holy Spirit can teach you through another believer. However, He is the Teacher and Revealer of Jesus Christ. He shows you where Jesus is more clearly than anything else.

5 To Exalt Christ John 16:14

The Holy Spirit is also the great Revealer of Jesus Christ. The apostle John said, "He shall glorify me" (John 16:14). Jesus is the living Word and the Bible is the written Word. The Holy Spirit is the author of the written Word (2Pet.1:20-21 & 2Tim.3:16), these two functions go together and He- The Holy Spirit- is the one who comes in to be the Interpreter of the written Word.

6 For Guidance John 16:13

Another aspect of the Spirit's ministry is that of guidance and warning. We need supernatural warning and direction to survive in the world we live in today. If we live merely in the natural, we will go wrong many times. We are ushered into the councils of heaven when we are baptized in the Holy Ghost and listen to the still, small voice of the Spirit.

7 For Health 2 Corinthians 4:10-11, Romans 8:10-11,

Notice that the life of Jesus is to be made manifest in our mortal flesh. Not merely are we to have this invisible, unseen life, but it is to be visibly manifested in our bodies. What is the life of Jesus? It is resurrection life, victorious life, powerful life. It is God's will that it should be manifest in our mortal flesh.

8 For Unity 1 Corinthians 12:13, Eph.1:13-14)

The Holy Spirit brings us into one body – the Church - the Bride of Christ.

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