

# Brief Description Of The Holy Spirit Work In The Life Of The Believers

(Part 3)

When the day of Pentecost came the disciples were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they started to speak in new tongues. *“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”* (Acts 2:1-4) The first manifestation of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues and that should be spontaneous, because that initiated by God.

After they received the Holy Spirit baptism the disciples they were so powerful and dynamics and they were able to go out with a big thrust to the society around them and combat them with the gospel of Christ, with a convincing message, with miracles, signs and wonders, done all by the Holy Spirit whom they were filled with.

The bible stated the following about the miraculous signs that the Lord was doing through the apostles who were filled with the Holy Spirit, *“<sup>12</sup> The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon’s Colonnade. <sup>13</sup> No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. <sup>15</sup> As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on. <sup>16</sup> Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.”* (Acts 5:12-16) The people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats because they wanted the shadow of Peter might fall on *some of them as he passed by*. It is not the shadow of Peter had brought the healing, but the overflowing of the Holy Spirit in his life that came upon Peter after his Holy Spirit baptism.

You can receive your Holy Spirit Baptism while you are alone involved in your personal prayer and devotion, or you can receive the Holy Spirit Baptism while you are in worship service or in prayer meeting as we can read here, *“<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.”* (Acts 10:44-46)

Possible also that you can receive the Holy Spirit baptism upon laying on of hands of those who are baptized with the Holy Spirit. These are the examples of that: *“<sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.”* (Acts 8:17) *“<sup>6</sup> When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.”* (Acts 19:6) *“<sup>14</sup> Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.”* (1Timothy 1:14) *“<sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.”* (2Timothy 1:6)

After receiving the Holy Spirit baptism the believer will function for God with the power and with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. But in certain occasions due to different

reasons the believer when he pass through pressurizing situations, in order for him to rise again and overcome he need to be refilled again to overflowing as in the following examples:

*1- When Peter replied to the Jewish authority who questioned the apostle about the healing of the crippled man: “<sup>5</sup> The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men of the high priest’s family. <sup>7</sup> They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> He is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone. <sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” <sup>13</sup> When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”* (Acts 4:5-13) Peter was already baptized with the Holy Spirit but for the new emerging task he needs to be refilled to overflowing to face the high authority that persecuted them.

*2- When Paul faced the Jewish sorcerer who opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith: “<sup>6</sup> They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, <sup>7</sup> who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. <sup>8</sup> But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. <sup>9</sup> Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, <sup>10</sup> “You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? <sup>11</sup> Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind, and for a time you will be unable to see the light of the sun.” Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. <sup>12</sup> When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.”* (Acts 13:6-12) Paul was already baptized with the Holy Spirit but for the emerging threat that came against them from hell and the power of darkness through that sorcerer and false teacher, Paul needed to be refilled again to overflowing to handle the situation.

In the same way you may pass through hardships and trials that oppose you, oppress you and try to push you away from being effective. Don’t allow trials, persecution, tiredness, sickness, or discouragement to make you dry. You need to rise again against these compressing circumstances; kneeling down, asking the Lord to refill you again with the Holy Spirit to face and deals victoriously against these power of dark.

**My Dear and Beloved:** As well as you must know that sin, worries, worldliness may turn you to be dry, therefore you need to repent from that and renounce your sins so that the Lord will refill you again to be effective and productive for his glory as you agree to pray.

**My prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins on the cross to give me eternal life. Lord I kneel down at your foot, I renounce my sins \_\_\_\_\_ . I decided to rise against all trials and face them victoriously, Lord refills me once more with your Holy Spirit, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*