FIRST STEPS WITH JESUS

Lesson 5: YOUR SUPERNATURAL HELPER - THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

<u>Purpose:</u> As a Christian you need to know God has sent His Holy Spirit as a supernatural helper for your lives. The way we receive this supernatural help is by receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. In this lesson we will learn what the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is, how the Holy Spirit will help us, and how you can receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS YOUR HELPER

- A. John 14:16
- B. John 14:26

C. One primary way the Holy Spirit helps you is by the baptism in the Holy Spirit and praying in other tongues.

1. Acts 1:4-5

- 1. In these verses Jesus is talking about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- 2. The way we receive this supernatural help is by receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- 3. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is so important Jesus said to his disciple "wait" to receive before you go.

2. Acts 2:4

- 1. When they were all filled with the Holy Spirit they all began to speak in tongues.
- 2. Speaking in tongues is the initial evidence that a person is baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Notice this verse says they were all filled and all spoke in tongues. It is God's will for all to receive eh Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- 4. As we continue to look at scriptures we will see how the Holy Spirit and praying in tongues will help us.

II. WHEN YOU ARE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL HELP YOU IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS.

A. Helps By Giving You Power.

1. Acts 1:8

- 1. We receive power to be a witness for Jesus and to live an abundant Christian life.
- 2. The Holy Spirit has many functions in our lives. When you believed in Jesus the Holy Spirit came inside you and cleansed you of all sin and brought God's character and nature to live inside you. When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you receive power.
- 3. The Holy Spirit and the power of God will help you pray in a supernatural way.

B. Helps You Pray.

1. Romans 8:26

1. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray in tongues when we do not know how to pray or what to pray for as we should.

2. **1 Corinthians 14:2**

- 1. When we pray in other tongues we are speaking to God and God understands.
- 2. Mysteries: things God and the Holy Spirit know but we do not know.

3. 1 Corinthians 14:14

1. Praying in tongues is your spirit praying to God by the help of the Holy Spirit, praying things our mind does not understand.

C. Helps Build You Up.

- 1. <u>1 Corinthians 14:4</u>
- 2. Jude 20
- 3. When we pray in the spirit it builds up our faith.

III. HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

A. By asking.

- 1. Luke 11:9-13
- 2. We can be confident that God will not give us anything bad.
- 3. We receive by asking for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

B. By the laying on of hands.

1. Acts 19:1-7

C. By Opening Your Mouth And Speak.

- 1. Acts 2:1-4 "They" begin to speak not the Holy Spirit speaking or making them speak.
- 2. By faith begin to speak in other tongues speak out the utterance given by the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Speaking in other tongues is the evidence of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Notice they were all filled and all spoke.
- 4. Also notice it was them who spoke, not the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gave them the words to speak but it was them that opened their mouth and begin to speak. The Holy Spirit does not make you speak.
- 5. When hands are laid on you the Holy Spirit will come upon you and He will give you the words in another tongue to speak. You are to by faith open your mouth and begin to speak those words out.
- 6. Your mind will not understand because it is another tongue, But God does understand.

<u>Conclusion:</u> You can receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I can lay hands on you and your can receive now. Ask the person if they are ready to receive. Explain that when you lay hands on them the Holy Spirit will come upon you and there will be something inside that you want to say but it is not your language. The Holy Spirit will give them utterance and by faith they need to open their mouth and begin to speak in other tongues. Have them stop and start praying in tongues to show them that they can do speak in tongues whenever they want to. Encourage them to speak in tongues every day.

READING ASSIGNMENT: Acts 19:1-7, Jude 20

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COMPREHENSION TEST: For instructor with answers.

1.	Who can receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit?All believers
2.	Why should every Christian be baptized with the Holy Spirit?
	Because it is God's will and we receive much help from God through His holy Spirit.
3.	What is the initial evidence of being baptized with the Holy Spirit?
	Speaking in other tongues.
4.	How does praying in tongues help the life of the Christian?
	Helps us to have power to be a witness, helps us to pray when we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, helps us to pray beyond the limitations of our mind, helps us to be edified in our spirit.
5.	How does one receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit?
	By knowing and believing God wants to give us the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, by the laying on of hands, and by faith beginning to speak what the Holy Spirit gives

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