

Empowerment Required

Lesson 17 – Teacher's Guide

1. God has imparted perfect wisdom and complete revelation into our born-again spirits (Prov. 4:7). Wisdom and understanding are keys that will unlock anything else in life we need. Therefore, we draw on that wisdom and receive understanding so the floodgates of our souls will open up to allow God's truths already in our spirits to manifest in the physical realm.
2. Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we won't be able to fully release all of these wonderful realities already present in our born-again spirits. The Holy Spirit is the One who releases the wisdom and revelation of God (John 14:26). He comforts, teaches, reminds, guides into all truth, listens, speaks, shows things to come, glorifies Jesus, and receives of Him and shows it by revelation to us (John 16:12-14).
3. When we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the ability to pray in tongues comes with it. As we pray in the Spirit, we draw on and release the wisdom that's in the born-again part of us. It's not the only way to do this, but it's certainly one of the primary ways.

1. A. According to Proverbs 4:7, what is the principal thing? (Wisdom)
B. What else does this verse recommend that we get? (Understanding)
2. A. Is it possible to fully release all of these wonderful realities already present in our born-again spirits without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit? (No)
B. According to John 14:26 and 16:12-14, what does the Holy Spirit do? (Comforts, teaches, reminds, guides into all truth, listens, speaks, shows things to come, glorifies Jesus, receives of Him, and shows it by revelation to us)
3. A. When we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, does the ability to pray in tongues come with it? (Yes)
B. As we pray in the Spirit, what are we doing? (We're drawing on and releasing the wisdom that's in the born-again part of us)

4. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a second, separate experience from salvation. We are endowed with power by the Holy Ghost and the gift of speaking in tongues, which helps us operate this power. Speaking in tongues produces tremendous spiritual benefits.
5. If you aren't baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, you're really missing out. In fact, you're probably frustrated and powerless in your Christian life. Will you obey the Lord's command? **"Receive ye the Holy Ghost"** (John 20:22).

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4. A. Are we automatically baptized in the Holy Spirit the instant we're born again? (No, it's a second, separate experience from salvation)
B. When we receive this baptism—this endowment of power—by the Holy Ghost, what does speaking in tongues do? (It helps us operate this power)
5. A. Believers who aren't baptized in the Holy Spirit are usually what? (Frustrated and powerless in their Christian lives)
B. What does our Lord Jesus Christ command us to do in John 20:22? (Receive the Holy Spirit)
C. Has anyone in the group received the baptism in the Holy Spirit? (Have them share their story)

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Wisdom and understanding are keys that will unlock anything else in life you need. Therefore, draw on that wisdom and receive understanding so the floodgates of your soul will open up to allow God’s truths already in your spirit to manifest in the physical realm. Yes, you can live a fruitful and fulfilled Christian life!

Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, you won’t be able to fully release all of these wonderful realities already present in your born-again spirit. That’s why the baptism in the Holy Spirit is so important!

Jesus needed the baptism in the Holy Spirit! He was born as God in His spirit and as man in His soul and body. He was complete in His spirit while on the earth in His physical body. However, Jesus didn’t do any miracles until He received the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:21-22; 4:1,14; and thereafter).

Since the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are One, they don’t operate independent of each other. The Holy Spirit is the One who releases the wisdom and revelation of God. He comforts, teaches, and reminds.

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26).

He guides into all truth, listens, speaks, shows things to come, glorifies Jesus, and receives of Him and shows it by revelation to you!

“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide 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. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you” (John 16:12-14).

Apart from the Holy Spirit, you won’t have access to all that God has placed within you!

Receive His Spirit & Pray in Tongues!

When you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the ability to pray in tongues comes with it. As you pray in the Spirit, you draw on and release the wisdom that’s in the born-again part of you.

It's not the only way, but it's certainly one of the primary ways. Therefore, it's essential that you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit!

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a second, separate experience from salvation. You are endowed with power by the Holy Ghost and the gift of speaking in tongues, which will help you operate this power. When you pray in tongues, you build yourself up, but it's much more than just an emotional lift. It helps you release the wisdom of God within you. Even if there were no other results (which there are), that would certainly be enough! Speaking in tongues produces tremendous spiritual benefits!

Some groups overemphasize speaking in tongues when people first receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit and underemphasize the benefits to your Christian life thereafter. Due to this, many who have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit only spoke in tongues once or twice to prove they had it. However, they didn't know there were other benefits, so they haven't really used the gift since. They also have been missing out on the tremendous benefits speaking in tongues brings to their daily lives.

If you aren't baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, you're really missing out. In fact, you're probably frustrated and powerless in your Christian life. Receiving the Holy Spirit will help you experience His love more than ever before and make His power available to you. Besides, the Lord Jesus Himself commanded:

“Receive ye the Holy Ghost” (John 20:22).

Will you obey?

If you haven't yet received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you need to! Either go to someone who already has, or directly seek the Lord in prayer about it.

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As you speak in tongues, your spirit prays, and the perfect mind of Christ releases the hidden wisdom of God. Then, ask and believe for interpretation (1 Cor. 14:13). Let God give you understanding so that revelation knowledge of the mysteries you are speaking in the spirit can come out into your physical mind. That's when you'll see His power manifest!

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Lesson 17 – Outline

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“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding” (Prov. 4:7).

- A. Wisdom and understanding are keys that will unlock anything else in life you need.
 - B. Therefore, draw on that wisdom and receive understanding so the floodgates of your soul will open up to allow God’s truths already in your spirit to manifest in the physical realm.
2. Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, you won’t be able to fully release all of these wonderful realities already present in your born-again spirit.

- A. The Holy Spirit is the One who releases the wisdom and revelation of God.

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26).

- B. He comforts, teaches, reminds, guides into all truth, listens, speaks, shows things to come, glorifies Jesus, and receives of Him and shows it by revelation to you.

“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide 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. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you” (John 16:12-14).

3. When you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the ability to pray in tongues comes with it.

- A. As you pray in the Spirit, you draw on and release the wisdom that’s in the born-again part of you.
- B. It’s not the only way, but it’s certainly one of the primary ways.

4. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a second, separate experience from salvation.

- A. You are endowed with power by the Holy Ghost and the gift of speaking in tongues, which will help you operate this power.
- B. Speaking in tongues produces tremendous spiritual benefits.

5. If you aren’t baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, you’re really missing out.

- A. In fact, you're probably frustrated and powerless in your Christian life.
- B. Will you obey the Lord's command?

“Receive ye the Holy Ghost” (John 20:22).

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Lesson 17 – Discipleship Questions

1. What does Proverbs 4:7 call wisdom?
2. What two things should we be sure to get?
3. What baptism did Jesus receive in Luke 3:21?
4. What baptism did Jesus receive in Luke 3:22?
5. How did the Holy Spirit descend upon Him?
6. What did the voice from heaven say?
7. In Luke 4:1, how does the Bible describe Jesus immediately after being baptized in the Holy Spirit?
8. Where did the Spirit immediately lead Him?
9. According to Luke 4:14, how did Jesus return to Galilee after facing down the devil in the wilderness?
10. Had Jesus done any miracles before being baptized in the Holy Spirit?
11. What did Jesus call the Holy Spirit in John 14:26?
12. What does He do?
13. What did Jesus call the Holy Spirit in John 16:13?
14. According to John 16:13-14, what does He do?
15. What did Jesus do to His disciples in John 20:22?
16. After that, what did He say?
17. Was this a suggestion, a request, or a command?

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Lesson 17 – Answer Key

1. The principal thing.
2. Wisdom and understanding.
3. Water baptism.
4. The baptism in the Holy Spirit.
5. In a bodily shape like a dove.
6. You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.
7. He's described as being full of the Holy Spirit.
8. Into the wilderness.
9. He returned in the power of the Spirit.
10. No.
11. The Comforter.
12. He teaches us all things and reminds us of everything Jesus has said.
13. The Spirit of truth.
14. He guides us into all truth, speaks to us what He hears the Father say, shows us things to come, glorifies Jesus and receives from Him and shows it by revelation to us.
15. He breathed on them.
16. Receive the Holy Spirit.

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Lesson 17 – Scriptures

“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding” (Prov. 4:7).

“Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased” (Luke 3:21-22).

“And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about” (Luke 4:1 and 4).

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26).

“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide 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. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you” (John 16:12-14).

“And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost” (John 20:22).

“Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret” (1 Cor. 14:13).