

## FACTS ABOUT THE SPIRIT BAPTISM

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1. Jesus didn't begin His public ministry until He was baptized with the Holy Spirit. **MATTHEW 3:13-17, ACTS 10:38, JOHN 2:11**
  - A. If Jesus had to be anointed or baptized with the Spirit, what about us? Are we better than Jesus?
2. The Apostles needed Spirit baptized. **LUKE 24:49-53**
  - A. They spent 3-1/2 years of on the job training with Jesus.
  - B. No men on earth were better trained than these.
  - C. Jesus taught them the Word personally.
  - D. Jesus said they needed something more. **ACTS 1:4-5**
3. The Spirit Baptism is different from the new birth. **ACTS 8:5-8, 12-17**
  - A. They believed on the Name of Jesus and were water baptized, they were saved!
  - B. The Apostles responded by sending Peter and John to them to help them receive the Holy Spirit.
4. Jesus is the baptizer with the Holy Spirit. **MATTHEW 3:11**
  - A. There are three baptisms and three baptizers: into the body of Christ by the Spirit, in water by the minister, and in the Spirit by Jesus.
5. The Spirit Baptism is our primary power source. **ACTS 1:8**
  - A. Power to witness is needful today as it was then.
  - B. Dunamis is the Greek word for power. We get dynamo or dynamite from it. It's the power Jesus was anointed with.
6. It's an ongoing experience. **EPHESIANS 5:17-20**
  - A. Be being filled with the Spirit is what the Greek says.
  - B. These verses reveal how: speaking, singing, thanking, submitting.
7. There is evidence when one is Spirit filled.
  - A. A supernatural language.
    - **ACTS 2:1-4** – The Jewish camp.
    - **ACTS 10:44-48** – The Gentile camp.
    - **ACTS 19:1-7** – Almost twenty years later.
  - B. Boldness to proclaim the gospel. **ACTS 4:31**
    - Once filled, Peter who denied Christ preaches boldly before the same religious leaders he feared.
    - Before Pentecost, the disciples deserted Jesus and fled. **MATTHEW 26:56** – After Pentecost, they boldly witnessed for Jesus with power.
8. The Spirit did not fall in the temple, but in a back street upper room where humble, hungry hearts waited in obedience to the Saviors' command.
  - A. Religious tradition can quench the Spirit.
  - B. The Spirit moves where He is invited.

### THINGS THAT BLOCK THE SPIRITS POWER

1. Doubt or intellectual pride. It takes childlike faith.
2. Religious tradition. The gifts are not for today.
3. Fear of the supernatural. It's of the devil.
4. Un-confessed sin. The heart must surrender to God.
5. Emotional wounds. Being weighed down by anxiety.
6. An un-yielded spirit. They feel they don't need anything more.