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EXPERIENCING THE
HOLY SPIRIT

"...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has
come upon you and you shall be My witnesses..."
ACTS 1:8

Jeremy and Debora Anderson joined their lives in marriage and followed Jesus into ministry with Chi Alpha in 2004. God spoke a simple vision to them, "we see the kingdom of heaven manifest on our campuses and delivered to the nations". With a primary focus on evangelism and discipleship, they began ministry together with a handful of students at California State University, Stanislaus. The assignment remains the same to this day, to deliver show and tell gospel to the campus that emphasizes Spirit-empowered demonstration and articulation of the Father's eternal truths. Enjoying these daily adventures of experience in the Lord has served to bring an authentic witness of Christ to thousands of students. Hundreds of these students have been saved, healed, and delivered from bondage and are now walking out their faith on the campus and in the marketplace. The apostolic grace on this student faith movement has furthered the advancement of Christ's kingdom on a total of six university and college campuses which now include- California State University Stanislaus, University of California Merced, California State University Fresno, Modesto Junior College, Merced College, and Fresno City College. The activity of heaven on our campuses only points to the Author and Finisher of our faith, and to a student family that is yielded to His summoning.

Jeremy and Debora now serve as the Area Directors of Chi Alpha on the West Coast and continue to serve as apostolic leadership to the local central valley campuses they planted. They are living the dream of raising four children in the presence of God and serving the Lord in their new assignment to grow Chi Alpha where we are and plant where we aren't.

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A Biblical Breakdown of The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

The PROMISE of the baptism with the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11 “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Acts 1:4-5 “And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

The PURPOSE of the baptism with the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive *power* when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

The Fulfillment

Acts 2:1-4 “When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Acts 2:32-33 “This Jesus God has raised up of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now **see and hear.**”

The Result

Acts 2:42-47 “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-Acts 28:31)

Who is the promise for?

Acts 2:37-39 Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?” Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the

remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.**”

What must I do to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit?

Acts 19:1-6 (Paul in Ephesus)

And it happened, while Apolos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him ‘We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.’ And he said to them, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ so they said, “into John’s baptism.’ Then Paul said, ‘John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.’ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Acts 10:44-46 (Cornelius's household)

“While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.”

- Salvation is the only prerequisite to receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit
- The disciples knew that the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the gentiles too because they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Speaking in tongues is the initial evidence of Holy Spirit baptism

The Holy Spirit baptism is a gift to you from the Father. He desires you to have it.

Luke 11:9-13 “So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you: seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from

any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion. **If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!**”

- Ask for the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and expect to receive.

Before Jesus began His earthly ministry He was given the Spirit which anointed Him for ministry.

Matthew 3:13-16 “Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him and John tried to prevent Him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by You, and are you coming to me?’ But Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then he allowed Him. **When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.**”

Phillip's ministry in Samaria

Acts 8:4-17 “Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them and the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voices, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city. But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, ‘This man is the great power of God.’ And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

Effective ministry in Samaria

- **People came to know the Lord** v. 5-6, 12
- **Signs and wonders demonstrated** v. 6, 13
- **Deliverance and healing** v. 7

Samaria received the word but they still sent Peter and John to pray that they would receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:14-17 “Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might **receive** the Holy Spirit in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they **received** the Holy Spirit. “

The Holy Spirit is a free gift

- *Peter and John did not pray that God would give them the Holy Spirit, but that they would **receive** the Holy Spirit. We are to pray the same. We do not beg God for something He has already given (Acts 2:1-4)*

Simon the sorcerer

His actions demonstrate that there was a visible experience that took place in Samaria as a result of the ministry of Peter and John. No one would offer money for an intangible power.

Acts 8:18-20 “And when Simon saw that through the laying on of hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money saying, ‘Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.’ But Peter said to him, ‘Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money.’”

Paul’s infilling (before his ministry)

Acts 9:11-12,17 “So the Lord said to him, ‘Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.’ and Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you

came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Biblical reasons to pray in the Spirit

Jude 20 “But you, beloved, **building yourselves up** in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.”

I Corinthians 14:4 “He who speaks in tongue **edifies himself**, but he who prophesies edifies the church.”

I Corinthians 14:14 “For if I pray in a tongue, my **spirit prays**, but my understanding is unfruitful.” Paul reveals the place of tongues in his own personal life. Praying in tongues is praying in the Spirit instead of the intellect.

Romans 8:26-27 “Likewise the Spirit also **helps in our weaknesses**. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.”

Seven Steps to Receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

1. Understand and believe that the gift of the baptism with the Holy Spirit has already been given.

- Acts 1:4-5 (Promise)
- Acts 2:1-4 (Fulfillment)

2. Salvation is the only prerequisite. Is Jesus Christ Lord of your life? You do not have to be at certain spiritual level to receive this gift.

- Having been baptized with the Holy Spirit is not God's badge of approval, sin in a person's life is not a hindrance.
- Acts 19: 1-6 ("Have you received since you believed" Paul asks the people of Ephesus)
- Acts 10:44-46 (Cornelius's household)

3. Lay hands on the person receiving, although not necessary for one to receive this gift.

- Laying on of hands becomes a point of contact for the receiver
- Acts 8:17 (Example of Peter and John)

4. Expect yourself or the person you're praying with to speak in tongues

- Acts 2:1-4
- Acts 19:1-6
- Evidence - (Ex. Like laughter when something is funny)

5. Do not be afraid of receiving something false/fake.

- Luke 11:11-13

6. Receive the Holy Spirit and speak the language He gives you

- Acts 2:1-4 ("as the spirit gave them utterance")
- It's not thinking in tongues it's speaking in tongues

7. Find a quiet atmosphere or one conducive to receiving

- No confusing or loud crowd should be around you or the person you're praying with.

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