

3. Definition of the baptism of the Holy Spirit

It is an instantaneous experience in which the Holy Spirit comes into the believer's life as a Person in His own name and ^{7:5, 47} takes control of the believer's life, endues the believer with power for life and service, and bestows upon the believer spiritual gifts for use in the work of the ministry.

Article 7 of the Statement of Fundamental Truths which is the doctrinal statement of the Assemblies of God says, "This (referring to the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire) was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the enduement of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4,8, I Cor. 12:1-31).

4. Time of the baptism of the Holy Spirit

It is after the new birth.

Article 7 of the Statement of Fundamental Truths which is the doctrinal statement of the Assemblies of God says, "This (referring to the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire) is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9).

5. Results of the baptism of the Holy Spirit

- a. An overflowing fullness of the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8)
- b. A deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Heb. 12:28)
- c. An intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42)
- d. A more active love for Christ, for God's Word and for the lost (Mark 16:20)

Article 7 of the Statement of Fundamental Truths which is the doctrinal Statement of the Assemblies of God says, "With the baptism in the Holy Ghost come such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Heb. 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

6. Initial physical evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit

It is speaking with tongues

Article 8 of the Statement of Fundamental Truths which is the doctrinal statement of the Assemblies of God says, "The Baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4).