

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

I. Negatively:

It is not an instantaneous, once for all experience, distinct from and subsequent to conversion, in which the Holy Spirit comes as a Person into the life of a believer, takes control of that believer's life, endues that believer with power for life and service, and endows that believer with spiritual gifts for use in the work of the ministry.

A. Why necessary? Because Jesus commanded it.

B. Results of baptism of Spirit :

1. Overflowing fulness of H.S.
2. A deepened reverence for God
3. An intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work.
4. A more active love for Christ, Bible, and lost souls.

C. Evidence of baptism of Spirit

1. Some say tongues necessary.
2. Others say tongues not necessary.

This baptism of the Spirit was a normal experience of all in the early church. The pattern clearly seen in Acts 2:1-41, 8:1-2; 9:1-17, 10:1-11:15; and 19:1-7.

But was this the normal experience of all in the arly church? Is there a pattern in the book of ACTS showing this is the case? NO!