

WHEN THE SPIRIT COMES
Series: What About the Holy Spirit?
Sermon Questions from *The Path*
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What does the phrase “baptism of the Holy Spirit” mean to you? Is it different from “being filled with the Holy Spirit?” What images do these phrases produce in you? If anyone has ever been to a worship service when someone was “baptized in the Spirit” have them share what they saw or experienced.

Read Acts 2:1-11. What was unique about the experience the disciples had from what people experience today? What things do they have in common?

What does the word “Pentecost” mean? Why do you think God sent the Spirit on this particular Jewish festival?

What do you think about *glossolalia* (speaking in tongues)? What does the Bible say about it? Does anyone have this gift? What is it like to speak in tongues? What have you heard? Talk about the 3 types of *glossolalia* Dr. Martin mentioned.

Dr. Martin said: “The real evidence of the coming of the Holy Spirit is not tongues. The real evidence is what happens in that person’s life after all the hoopla calms down, and everyday life kicks in and how we live to glorify God (or not).” What did he mean by that?

How did Peter and the other disciples change after the Holy Spirit came? What were the “acts” of the apostles in the book? How were these acts different from their time as disciples? In reference to John Wesley’s views of what happens with the filling of the Spirit, “(Wesley) believed that preoccupation with these “extraordinary” gifts drew believers’ attention away from the quest of holiness.” What did he mean?

Evidences of the Presence of the Spirit are fruit (Galatians 5:25) and gifts (1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4.) What are the differences between the fruit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit? What happens when the gifts are overemphasized? What happens when the fruit is overemphasized? How does *love* give them balance?

Read Luke 11:13. Discuss what Jesus meant in this passage.