

Oceanside Connect Group Outline

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BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Key Scriptures:

Acts 1:4–8 (ESV)

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Luke 11:9–13 (ESV)

⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Discussion questions from this week’s sermon

Why do you think that scripture uses the same word (baptism) for water & Holy Spirit baptism?

In Luke 3:21-22 we see that after Jesus was baptised in water the Holy Spirit descended upon him. After this day Jesus “began his ministry” (Luke 4:1). **Why did Jesus’ ministry begin after this? Are there similarities between Luke 3 and our baptism in the Holy Spirit?**

In Acts 1:4-5 just before Jesus’ ascension he tells the disciples to wait for their baptism the Holy Spirit. **Why was it so important that the Holy Spirit came so soon after Jesus’ ascension?**

In Acts 1:8 Jesus seems to reveal the purpose (or mission) of the Holy Spirit. **What did Jesus say is the purpose of The Spirit? When we seek The Spirit, do we find ourselves seeking it for the same purpose?**

We know that all Christians have the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit at conversion. **But why must Christians also seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit?**

We’ve been hearing about baptism in the Holy Spirit at Oceanside. **Has your perspective or understanding changed recently?**

For those of you who would say that you have been baptised in the Holy Spirit, **what was your experience?**

Sometimes those who have not yet been baptised in the Holy Spirit can think of it as a transaction rather than a relational encounter. **In what way do the experiences mentioned in the last question speak to this?**

Read Luke 11:9-13. **What hope does Jesus give to those who have not yet received the baptism in the Holy Spirit?**