How To Receive The Holy Spirit
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I. Introduction
A. The Holy Spirit is referred as both it and He—both personal and impersonal
B. Ps. 139:1–12—Through the Holy Spirit God pervades the universe, both omnipresent and omniscient (compare Jer. 23:24).

II. Operations Of The Holy Spirit In The Old Testament
A. Ps. 3:6—God’s Word and Spirit together brought the universe into being (Gen. 1:2–3)
B. Ex. 31:2–5—Bezaleel was filled with the Holy Spirit for a practical task: to make all the furniture of the tabernacle.
C. Deut 34:9—Moses transferred the spirit of wisdom to Joshua, to make him his successor.
D. Judges 6:34—The Holy Spirit “clothed” Gideon to make him a military leader.
E. 2 Sam. 23:1–2—The Holy Spirit gave the psalms to David (compare Ps. 51:11).

III. The Holy Spirit Prepares The Way For Jesus
A. In preparation for the coming of Jesus, John the Baptist and both his parents were filled with the Holy Spirit
   1. Luke 1:15—John the Baptist from the womb
   2. Luke 1:41–42—Elizabeth was filled and prophesied
   3. Luke 1:67—Zechariah was filled and prophesied
B. John 1:29–34—John introduces Jesus as “the Baptist in the Holy Spirit.” John’s baptism in water was a prefiguring of the baptism in the Spirit.

IV. Jesus Prepares The Way For The Holy Spirit
A. John 7:37–39—Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will be given to believers after He himself has been glorified.
B. John 14:15–18—“Another” Person to come as Comforter to the “orphaned” disciples and to abide with them forever.
C. John 14:25–26—Two ongoing ministries of the Holy Spirit when He comes:
   1. Teacher
   2. Remembrancer
D. John 16:5–7—An exchange of Persons: first Jesus will depart; then the Holy Spirit will come in His place.
E. John 16:12–15—The Holy Spirit will take over and complete the ministry of Jesus, revealing and imparting our inheritance to us.

V. Between Resurrection And Ascension
A. John 20:19–22—The resurrected Christ and the inbreathed Spirit. The disciples are regenerated. Compare the first creation (Gen. 2:7).
B. Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5, 8—However, this experience of the disciples on the Resurrection Sunday was not the fulfillment of “the promise of the Holy Spirit.”

VI. Pentecost: The Promise Fulfilled
B. The promise fulfilled in three phases:
1. Immersion (baptism)
2. Infilling
3. Outflow—in speech

VII. How To Receive

A. John 7:37–39—Three requirements:
   1. Be thirsty
   2. Come to Christ as baptizer (See John 6:37)
   3. Drink—receive with open mouth
   The result: Outflow in speech

B. Two ways that Satan attacks:
   1. “That’s not real, you’re doing it yourself.” Answer: “I’m doing the speaking, the Holy Spirit is giving the words.”
   2. “How do you know you got the right thing?” Answer: Because God promised that if I ask Him for the right thing, I will never get the wrong thing” (see Luke 11:9–13).

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