

## **BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (WE BELIEVE SERIES – PART 5)**

God does not need our ability, he has all the ability he needs.

God is looking for our availability.

It is one thing to say we are available, it is quite another thing to actually make ourselves available.

Our relationship with God is a continual renewing of God's power by Holy Spirit.

It's a daily fellowship.

If we are born again, the Holy Spirit lives inside of us, it should not be a distant relationship.

We can, however, shove the Holy Spirit into a closet of our heart and not let him out like we should.

The first “fruit of the Spirit” is love.

God loves us and when we love others that is a by-product of that same love working in us.

We become loving as we make ourselves available to God and spend time with him.

John the baptist said that Jesus would baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Fire consumes and refines, it burn off the dross and impurities, it cleanses.

Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit and afterward was led by the Spirit into the desert where he fasted 40 days.

Jesus taught with authority because he knew God, not just about God.

As Jesus was about to ascend into heaven, he told his disciples that it was good that he was leaving.

No doubt, his disciples did not feel like Jesus leaving was a good thing.

All the gifts of God are good.

The gifts of God and not for the purpose of confirming your relationship with him.

The purpose of the gifts are to build up the body and encourage.

Sometimes in order to receive power from the Lord we have to wait on him.

Pentecost is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the new testament, but in the old testament it was the feast of weeks aka the feast of harvest.

When you receive Jesus as Lord and savior, you receive the Holy Spirit and you are born again.

However, there is more than one experience in the Holy Spirit.

The first is at salvation and the second is in the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The purpose of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is for you to receive the power of God to be a witness for him.

It's not for proof of salvation.

We need to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit, flowing like a river.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is received by faith and is often received in the context of spoken praise and worship.

If you add up every person that comes to Open Bible Center including children, it's close to 300 people.

The population of Kankakee County as of 2013 was 112,120.

Similar numbers as Gideon's army compared to the Midianite army.

God could use us to reach all of Kankakee County for the gospel.

It's based on His ability, not ours.

It's according to our availability not our ability.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is for today and is available to every Christian.

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is for every Christian.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for every Christian, but not equally distributed.

The gifts vary from person to person.

Words alone will not bring people into the kingdom of God, the words have to be accompanied with the power of God and in the power of his love.

## SCRIPTURE LIST

Galatians 5:22-23

Matthew 3:11-17

Matthew 4:1-11

Luke 4:14-19

John 16:7

Acts 1:4

Acts 2:1-4

Romans 5:5

Ephesians 5:18

1 Thessalonians 1:5

1 Thessalonians 5:19

Acts 8:14-24

Acts 10

Acts 19:1-7

John 7:37-39

Acts 1:8