



Have you received the Holy Spirit?

Acts 19:1-7

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19:1 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ²and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. ⁴Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

⁵On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

⁷There were about twelve men in all. Acts 19:1-7

HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Jesus must go back to the Father in order for him to be sent

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. John 16:7

Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.. Acts 2:38

WHY DOES PAUL ASK IF THEY RECEIVED THE SPIRIT?

All disciples were not necessarily disciples of Jesus

John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees. Luke 5:33

HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND THE SUPERNATURAL EXPERIENCE OF PROPHECY AND TONGUES?

In their proper context - Descriptive vs Prescriptive

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

Tongues / Foreign Languages (glóssa)

"The supernatural gift of speaking in another language without its having been learnt." gotquestions.org

By men of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord. Isaiah 28:11-12 (1 Corinthians 14:21)

Prophecy (prophēteuō)

"A message from God." So, to prophesy is to proclaim a message from God. Although foretelling is often associated with prophecy, revealing the future is not a necessary element of prophecy. gotquestions.org

WHAT DOES A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT LOOK LIKE TODAY?

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Gal 5:22-23

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:1-2

Community Group Questions:

1. What is your most important takeaway from this story?
2. How are we to avoid "quenching" the Holy Spirit?
3. Where are you following the Holy Spirit in your life today?

