

Father" (John 14:12).

D. The Holy Spirit will enable us to grow, mature, and become spiritually productive. "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husband- man waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain" (James 5:7).

E. The Holy Spirit will enable us to learn what God would have us to learn. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26).

F. The Holy Spirit will enable us to have a greater revelation of Jesus and his work. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me" (John 15:26).

G. The Holy Spirit will enable us to discover the truth and show us things to come. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come" (John 16:13).

H. The Holy Spirit will enable us to discover our inheritance in Christ. "All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you" (John 16:15).

IX. There are five factors in receiving the

fullness of the Holy Spirit.

A. Be sure that you are saved and have been baptized in water. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

B. Have a clean vessel. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).

C. Have a strong desire to receive the Holy Spirit. "I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Luke 11:8-10).

D. Submit yourself to the laying on of hands. "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost" (Acts 8:17).

E. Pray in faith asking the Father for the Holy Spirit. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13).

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How To Receive The Holy Spirit

I. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit was prophesied in the Old Testament.

"For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses" (Isaiah 44:3-4).

II. The baptism in the Holy Spirit was taught by John the Baptist.

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matthew 3:11).

III. Jesus is our example in receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

"Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased" (Luke 3:21-22).

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19).

IV. Jesus taught his disciples to **ask** for the Holy Spirit.

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"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that **ask** him?" (Luke 11:13).

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

V. The 120 prayed for and received the Holy Spirit.

"These all continued with one accord in **prayer and supplication**, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren" (Acts 1:14).

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them" (Acts 2:2-3).

VI. What is the normal order of events?

When they heard this (that the Messiah was Jesus), they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied" (Acts 19:4-6). They heard the gospel, received Jesus as Lord, were water baptized, and Paul laid his hands upon them and they were filled with Holy Spirit.

VII. What is the difference between the rebirth and the fullness of the Holy Spirit?

Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, **and** that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10b).

The disciples were born of the Holy Spirit on the day of the resurrection. "And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (John 20:22). However, on the day of Pentecost they received the power to witness.

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However, this is only a down payment, but there is more to come. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

In contrast, at Pentecost the 120 disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

VIII. Here are some purposes of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

A. The Holy Spirit will enable us to become witnesses unto Jesus. "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8). (See Acts 1:8).

B. The Holy Spirit will enable us to operate in the spiritual realm beyond the natural. "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will" (I Corinthians 12:11).

C. The Holy Spirit will enable us to do the works of Jesus and greater works. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my