

MIRACLES CAN HAPPEN NOW

... the Atmosphere is changing now... Spirit is here

Today we continue our series on the subject of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit...last week we looked at ... the gift is the person of the Holy Spirit and Jesus is the one who baptizes us in the Holy Spirit

This morning our topic is... who needs this gift?

Life of Jesus

Acts 10:38 – How God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and power who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil for God was with Him. (NKJV)

This scripture declares that God Anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit while He was here on the earth

Q Why? Because He needed it

Q How did God anoint Jesus?

Luke 3:21 – As he was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove. ...(NLT)

- Upon ministry
- Jesus had no need of personal salvation because he was God
- But in His humanity he did need to be **anointed** with power

Luke 3:23 Jesus **Began his public ministry.** NLT

Early Church

Acts 1:4-8 – And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded **them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father**, ... ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now...⁸ But you shall **receive power when the Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and you shall **be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (NKJV)

Q Why did he tell them to wait?

Acts 2:4 – All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit...(NIV)

Life of every believer

Act 2:38-39 – ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children **and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.**” (NIV)

Point: Miracles can happen now... because the Holy Spirit is here

Q Who needs it? Everyone!!

Q What happens now?

Luke 4:1-2 – Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness... (NIV)

Luke 4:14 – Then Jesus returned in the **power of the Spirit** to Galilee, and **news of Him** went out through all the surrounding region. (NKJV)

Luke 4:18-19 – “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me **to preach** the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me **to heal** the brokenhearted, **to proclaim liberty** to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, **to set at liberty** those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ **to proclaim** the acceptable year of the Lord.” (NKJV)

Q What's next? People are next!

Barnabas

Acts 11:24- He was a good man, **full of the Holy Spirit** and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. (NIV)

Church

Acts 4:31- And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and **spoke the word of God boldly**. (NIV)

Paul

Acts 13:9-10 – Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he looked the sorcerer in the eye. (NIV)

Stephen

Acts 6:8-9 – Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did **great wonders and miraculous signs among the people**. (NIV)

TCC- Miracles can happen now!!

Recognize the Holy Spirit

Conscious, awareness... supernatural atmosphere on earth ... continual awareness you are here to help people

Luke 4:18-19 – "The **Spirit of the LORD is upon Me**, because He has anointed Me...

2 Timothy 3:17...thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NIV)

Colossians 1:10...bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God... (NIV)

Acts 3:6 – Silver and Gold Have I not... but such as I have... I'm giving it to you

Q Why be filled with the Spirit... to Help people...

Q Where does the Holy Spirit lead us... to people...

Q Why have the resident **power** of the spirit and... people need Jesus

Recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit on us

Mark 16:20 – Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it. (NIV)

TCC – the purpose of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is to help others.

Q How has God anointed you?

**Remember the prophetic that was spoken over TCC this past January
Do the good thing and allow it to become a God thing**

- See the need ... seize the opportunity

Acts 1:8 – But you shall receive power (**ability, efficiency, and might**) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,...you will be My witnesses (AMP)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Q. What has God anointed me to do?

Q. What does a conscious awareness of the supernatural look like in my life?

Q. What good thing has the Lord turned into a God thing?