

Title: The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

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Key Scripture References:

- Zechariah 4:6 Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord.
- Acts 2 The Day of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Romans 8:26 The Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us.
- James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss...

Sermon Outline:

1. ****Worship Prelude: The Presence of God through Music****

- Opening worship focused on Gods strength, hope, peace, and healing.
- Emphasis on the power of the Blood of Jesus.

2. ****Introduction to the Message****

- God desires to transform lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Importance of entering church expecting to receive from God.

3. ****Core Message: Baptism of the Holy Spirit****

- Not by might or power, but by the Spirit (Zechariah 4:6).
- The Spirit gives power to preach, heal, and restore.
- Speaking in tongues as a gift and sign of baptism.
- Everyone encouraged to seek a deeper experience of the Holy Spirit.

4. ****Barriers to Receiving****

- Prayers can go unanswered due to impure motives (James 4).
- Worldliness and lack of love among believers hinder the Spirit.

- God is a jealous lover who desires full intimacy with His children.

5. **Exhortation and Call to Unity**

- Importance of love, forgiveness, and community within the church.
- No one is better than the other; all are chosen and beloved.

6. **How to Receive the Holy Ghost**

- Be born again.
- Desire the Holy Spirit genuinely.
- Pray and ask for the baptism.
- Exercise faith and begin to speak as led.

7. **Altar Call & Final Prayers**

- Invitation to salvation.
- Activation of the Holy Spirit through communal prayer.
- Blessing and covering in the name of Jesus.

Takeaway:

God desires a relationship with you deeper than routine. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not optional its essential for power, guidance, and victorious living.