

## **Responses to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

What is the “promise of the Father” Jesus spoke of in Acts 1:4-8?

What does Jesus tell us we will receive as a result of the Holy Spirit “coming upon us”?

What is this power for?

What kind of a difference do you see in Peter between Mark 14:66-72 before he was filled with the Spirit and Acts 2:23 & 36 after he was filled with the Spirit?

Many religious groups today teach that this experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, as well as spiritual gifts, and speaking in tongues, is not for today. When does the Bible say God will pour out His Spirit, according to Acts 2:17?

Who is Peter quoting here?

Does Acts 2:38-39 tell us the promise of the Holy Spirit was just for the first generation of Christians, or for succeeding generations as well?

Why do you think the apostles in Acts 8:14-17 felt they needed to send Peter and John down to Samaria?

What did the apostles do (v. 17) to help the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit?

In Acts 19:1-2, the apostle Paul found some disciples in Ephesus. Why do you think he asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit?

## Speaking in tongues

Like the trunk on an elephant, this is the most controversial part of the animal! The Bible indicates several important uses of this in the life of a believer. What do the following scriptural passages say about the use of tongues (or “praying in the Spirit”)?

Rom. 8:26,27

I Cor. 14:4

I Cor. 14:14

What does I Cor. 14:15 tell us our conclusion should be in the area of prayer and worship?

Jude 20

### RESPONSE TO TRUTH:

1. Have you received the baptism in the Holy Spirit since you believed? If not, what hinders your asking for and receiving this from God? Briefly describe your experience.

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2. Have you received your prayer language (tongues)? Explain.

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3. How are you applying your prayer language (tongue) in your everyday life? Explain.

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