

Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, Parish

Mid-Week Bible Study – December 16, 2020

Topic: Does the Baptism in the Holy Spirit Take Place At Conversion?

Text: Acts 10:44-48

Introduction: There should be no long delay between conversion and receiving the Holy Spirit. If faith is present, and if there is a real hungering for God. A good example of the Holy Spirit baptism outpouring is at the house of Cornelius (Acts. 10:44-48). Much spiritual preparation had already taken place in that these people were filled with the Spirit even while Peter was preaching.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did Christ teach that believers should ask for the Spirit? Luke 11:13; Romans 8:9; Acts 2:4; John 7:37-39
2. How can one receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Christ in His farewell address told the disciples to “Wait for the promise of the Father.” Luke 10:20; Acts 1:4-5.
3. Discuss, receiving of the Holy Spirit follows conversion. Philip the evangelist went to Samaria and preached Christ to the people. Acts 8:14-17
4. Paul received the Spirit after conversion. Discuss the significance of Paul’s conversion on the Damascus road. Acts 9:8-17
5. Paul taught that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit follows conversion. I Corinthians 12:3, John

14:17; John 7:37-38. What was your personal Holy Spirit experience?

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Summary: Every person converted to Christ has received the Spirit in a measure. The Lord made a distinction between the Holy Spirit's presence in salvation and what His disciples would receive after. He said, "He dwell with you and shall be in you." John 14:17. The latter is like the rivers of living water according to John 7:37-38, which those who have been filled with the Holy Spirit receive.

Memory Verse: "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed." (Acts

19:2) *During this Advent season we shall focus on:*

1. Does baptism in the Holy Spirit take place at conversion/baptism?
2. What are the reasons every Christian should receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit?
3. What are the benefits?

