

1 **Baptism of Fire**

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2 **Baptism**

- To be completely immersed – in something (from Greek 'baptizo')
- A foundation doctrine of the church (Heb 6:1-2)
- Three types (baptisms) in the bible: 1. Into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit – 1Cor 12:13.... 2. In water – an outward sign of an inward experience (Rom 6:1-7) 3. With the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)

3 **Holy Spirit Baptism**

- The Holy Spirit – 3rd person of the Godhead – the 'doer' – in charge of God's programme on the earth today
- First comes into our lives at the new birth experience – He baptises us into the body of Christ (1Cor 12:13)
- Second and separate experience when we are baptised or filled with/by the Holy Spirit – when He comes upon us in power (Acts 1:8, 2:1-4,)
- Subsequent infilling = continuous overflow! (Eph 5:18)

4 **Receiving Holy Spirit Baptism & initial evidence of tongues**

- ⊙ Directly or by laying on of hands (direct: Acts 2:1-4, 10:44-46; by laying on of hands: Acts 8:14-17, 9:17 (&1cor 14:18), Acts 19:1-7)
- ⊙ Believe it is for you (Acts 1:8; 2:38-39)
- ⊙ Ask (Matt 7:7-8; Luke 11:13)
- ⊙ Believe you receive (Mark 11:24)
- ⊙ Speak (Acts 2:1-4; 10:44-46; Mark 16:17)

5 **Holy Spirit & Fire**

- ⊙ Fire (often translating to physical heat & warmth) is a frequent manifestation of the Holy Spirit – in the wilderness (Ex 13:21-22), in Sinai (Ex3:2-3)
- ⊙ Prophesied by John (Matt 3:11-12; Luke 3:16)
- ⊙ At Pentecost – tongues of fire! (Acts 2:1-4)
- ⊙ The purpose of the fire is 3fold – Purity (Mal 3:2, Heb 12:29), Power (Acts 1:8, 1Cor 2:4) & Passion (John 4:34, 1Cor 9:16, Jer 20:9). Fire consumes the impurities and purifies the substance or the person.
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6 **Fire of the Holy Spirit**

- God wants us to be hot - the fire of the Holy Spirit sets us ablaze and keeps our hearts pure and passionate for God and for His Kingdom(Rev 3:16)
- Fire transforms us from 'lukewarm' to being set ablaze for God (Peter – Mk 14:68-72,

Acts 2:14-15 & 40-41)

- On the altar in the temple, fire was supposed to be burning 24hrs – fired up every morning! (Lev 6:12)
- In the same way, the fire of the Holy Spirit is to be burning in our hearts all the time because we are the temples of God – fired for God every morning/day! (1Cor 3:16, 6:19; 2Cor 6:16)

7 **How to catch & maintain the Fire**

- ⊙ Be born-again into the Kingdom of God
- ⊙ Receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with initial evidence of speaking in tongues
- ⊙ Pray in tongues regularly stirring up the fire!
- ⊙ Have dedicated times of prayer & fasting, asking God for His fire
- ⊙ Hang around people who are on fire – through regular attendance in church that's on fire, friends, ministry partnerships, books & messages etc
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8 **What is 'on fire' like?**

- ⊙ Zealous – Jesus – Heb 1:8-9, 4:14-15; John 4:34, 2:17
- ⊙ Peter & the Apostles – Mark 14:48-52, 66-72; Acts 2:1-15, 38-41; Acts 3, 4 etc)
- ⊙ Serving God without fear! – Luke 1:74, Rev 12:10-11