

# (Clip) Seeking The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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**Scripture:** Acts 2:4, Luke 3:22, Ephesians 5:18, Acts 1:8, John 14:26

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## Transcript

Now there's a lot of controversy about the Holy Spirit in Christendom today. I grew up in the early days in the Brethren Assembly about 50 years ago, where they never talked about the Holy Spirit. We studied the Word of God, but we didn't depend on the Holy Spirit.

And my life was dry, discouraged, depressed. So people told me I must go to the Pentecostal Church. I said okay, I'll go there.

And I went there and I heard all the noise and all that. I met the pastors who loved money so much. And I came back to my room in the naval base.

And I knelt down and I said, Lord, I don't want that. That's not the real thing. That is a painted fire, not a real fire.

It's a lot of noise. Not power. So I said, Lord, I want what Peter, James and John got on the day of Pentecost.

I want what Jesus got in the river Jordan. I want the real anointing and if it takes 10 years to get it, I'm willing to wait 10 years. It's no use accumulating counterfeit 500 rupee notes and thinking you're very rich.

It's all paper. One genuine 500 rupee note is worth all those counterfeit notes. There's a lot of counterfeit of the baptism in the Holy Spirit today.

And that proves that the real thing is very precious. And I want to tell you my brothers and sisters. When the Lord filled me with the Holy Spirit, my whole life changed.

But I found after some years I could backslide. So I learned that this baptism in the Holy Spirit is not just once. I experienced it and there was a lot of joy and anointing.

And then 10 years later I began to backslide. Inwardly, I backslid because I didn't have fellowship. And I was so desperate.

I said, Lord, you got to fill me with the Holy Spirit again. And I began to seek God again. And God filled me with the Holy Spirit.

And I looked back now over that incident which was 36 years ago. I can say the whole direction of my life changed after that. So I want to say to all of you.

You must seek for a genuine baptism and fullness of the Holy Spirit. And I received this in my own house, not in some meeting. That is why in CFC, I always encourage people to pray for this in their own house.

Don't go for a meeting because you may get some emotional experience which is not real. Everybody else is shaking and crying and you think there is something there. I did not shake, I did not cry, but God filled me with the Holy Spirit.

And the result was power in my life and ministry. From that, I learned that I must be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit.

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