

DESTINY TRAINING LEVEL 3

MODULE 6

CLASS 01

IMMERSED IN HIS SPIRIT

Biblical Reference: I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire (Matthew 3:11).

I. A NOTE TO THE STUDENT

Knowing the Holy Spirit in life is a great privilege, and a great experience. The Lord Jesus Christ said that it was necessary for Him to leave this world so that the Holy Spirit could come (see John 16:7). He was letting it be known that His mission had been fulfilled, and the next season would be fulfilled through us. In order for this to happen, we would need the help of the Holy Spirit.

We will only know how powerful and beautiful it is to have His Spirit in us when we allow Him to take complete control of our life. To come into intimacy with the Holy Spirit, we must completely surrender ourselves to Him, renounce our own interests, and submit to His desires. When our dreams unit to His, and God's goals become our goals, then we can say that we have started to depend upon Him completely...and everything will be for His glory.

II. CLASS OBJECTIVES

1. To take hold of the promise of the baptism in the Spirit.
2. To understand that powerful ministry only occurs with the Holy Spirit's anointing.
3. To learn to treat people as we treat the Holy Spirit.

III. INTRODUCTION

A. Throughout the Old Testament, We Can See the Work of the Holy Spirit

1. Moses, who was chosen and formed by God toward the purpose prepared for him.
2. Joshua, who was able to hold back the sun and moon so that the battle he was fighting would not end until he won.
3. Samson, who used the jawbone of a donkey to defeat an army of soldiers.
4. Elijah, who called fire down from heaven in order to turn the nation of Israel away from rebellion.

B. However, God Has Prepared Something Even Better for His Church

In this passage, we can learn the steps to take in order to conquer through faith.

Joel 2:28-30 (NKJV)

28 “And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. **29** And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. **30** “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

1. Through the Prophet Joel, God promised that the privilege of being anointed by the Holy Spirit, which up to that point was only experienced by a chosen few, would be poured out upon all His children.
2. Today, we have the privilege of being anointed by the Holy Spirit.

IV. LESSON: IMMERSSED IN HIS SPIRIT

A. The Holy Spirit in Jesus’ Ministry

1. At 30 years of age, Jesus began His ministry. He was first baptized in water and then He was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:16-17 (NKJV)

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. **17** And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

2. Jesus’ entire ministry was characterized by the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Himself said...

Luke 4:18-22 (NKJV)

18 “The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to *the* captives and recovery of sight to *the* blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; **19** to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” **20** Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. **21** And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” **22** So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth...

3. Before His ascension to heaven, Jesus instructed His disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they were empowered by the Holy Spirit for ministry.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

4. When the Holy Spirit comes into our lives, we experience the same immediate transformation, as well as a powerful anointing.

B. The Holy Spirit in Believers

1. The times the Prophet Joel prophesied about (Joel 2:28-30), began in the Upper Room, when Jesus' disciples gathered to pray for the promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). We are still living in those times today.
2. God's anointing for our time is an anointing of visions, dreams, and spiritual authority in order to fulfill the Great Commission. This anointing comes from the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which is poured out upon God's servants.
3. Although many receive the touch of the Spirit, they are not all serving the Lord. The greatest anointing however, comes upon those who commit to serving Him.
4. We must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Imagine a home where the husband constantly ignores his wife. Days, weeks, months, even years go by without him paying any attention to her. His wife would probably say to herself, "I'm not valued in this house and have no purpose here," and probably leave. If we ignore the Holy Spirit, we will lose out on His anointing for our lives.

C. Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11 (NKJV)

[John the Baptist said] I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

1. The word "baptism" means, "to be immersed or submerged." We must all experience being immersed in the Holy Spirit.
2. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a unique experience, different from being baptized in water.
3. The baptism in the Holy Spirit can take place in our hearts when we believe in Jesus, surrender to Him whole-heartedly and ask the Holy Spirit to consume, govern and lead us. When we take this step of faith, we experience a complete transformation in our lives, as is rivers of living water are flowing through us.

V. CONCLUSION

We could say that the Lord's church was born in that Upper Room – not with multitudes, but with the 120 people who were gathered there. The most important factor was that the Holy Spirit was present, and continued to fill people's lives from that point on. As the church spread, born again believers continued to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

