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The goal of this booklet is to help people who have been recently baptized in the Holy Spirit to better understand this amazing experience.

It is highly recommended that you ask a leader to answer questions and talk through everything you've learned after you complete this booklet.



WELCOME



God is good! The baptism in the Holy Spirit is one of those experiences that happens in a moment but impacts the rest of your life. Congratulations on taking that amazing next step in your walk with Jesus! You've received this booklet because someone wants to help you understand what happened and where to go from here.

Many students walk away after receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit thinking, *That was incredible, but now what?* This booklet will help you discover what to expect in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead. It's divided into seven short sections. Choose to read one each day for the next week or at your own pace. As you read, take time to think through what you read. Write down your thoughts and any questions you have. Then talk through your journey with the person who gave you this booklet. Now get ready to find the answer to the question "Now What?"

(If you still have questions and aren't sure if you've been baptized in the Holy Spirit, skip ahead to page 27.)



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WHAT JUST HAPPENED TO ME?

You're probably full of questions about what's ahead and what just happened! That's normal. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a radical and life-changing experience. To help you get started, let's talk about what just happened.

THERE'S SO MUCH MORE!

The Holy Spirit first came to live in you when you asked Jesus into your heart. This was part of your new birth and life as a Christian. But because of your deep desire to know God more, you took the next step when you received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. And as a result, you've opened the door to so many new things from God in your life!

To figure out what's ahead, it's good to start by understanding what happened. You were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Some people confuse the name

of this experience with baptism in water, but they are both called *baptism* for a reason. When you're baptized in water, you are completely immersed in water. Every part of you is covered. But when you were baptized in the Holy Spirit, you allowed every part of you to be covered by the Holy Spirit. You've given Him access to every part of your life. And in return, He has amazing things in store for you!

? What are some ways you can imagine the Holy Spirit positively impacting your life?

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Being a Christian isn't always easy. That's why the baptism in the Holy Spirit is such a gift—with the Holy Spirit you're never alone and He's always available. The Holy Spirit is your Helper and will be with you in stressful times. When you need help as you live for Jesus, He is ready and able.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is so important that before Jesus returned to Heaven, He explained to His followers how good it was that He was leaving so that the Holy Spirit would come.

Check it out in John 16:7.

THE FIRST BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

To get a better hold on what happened to you, let's look at the first time some of the followers of Jesus received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Jesus told them to wait for the Holy Spirit, and they did.

Check it out in Acts 1:4–5.

On a special holiday called the Day of Pentecost, the disciples and other followers of Jesus were together praying when something amazing happened. The Holy Spirit moved on them, and His presence was made known by the sound of a powerful wind and what appeared to be tongues of fire resting on each person. Then it happened—their first physical response to the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:4

When the first followers of Jesus received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, they spoke in tongues. When we say *tongues*, we mean a language that the speaker doesn't know and hasn't learned—it

is from God. Remember, you spoke in tongues as well when you received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

This whole thing caused such a scene that people from all over rushed to check it out. The strange language, tongues, empowered and enabled the group to point others to God. Jesus' followers spoke about the wonders of God in an earthly language they didn't even know! God wanted to be sure that everyone knew about Him, regardless of where they were from.

But that wasn't the end of people being baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. As you know from experience, it's still happening today! Just like the Day of Pentecost was the beginning of a special journey with the Holy Spirit for the disciples, yours has just begun.

? How was your experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit the same or different from what you expected?

? How would you like to see the Holy Spirit move in your life?