

House Feast Networl

# 3.03 Spirit baptism

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#### What is this TXT Fondue program about?

In this program, we will go in-depth about the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Especially many of the most common questions regarding this topic, we will discuss in detail, so that all doubt can be taken away. In addition, we would like to explain to you what the explicit intention of God the Father is, according to the Bible, to assign this baptism to you. Every day, God the Father wants to powerfully assist you, and this is why He has promised all believers that they may receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, so that you may also experience the full power of the Holy Spirit in your life.

#### How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

#### Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go indepth can do so afterwards.

#### Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

#### Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through <u>HuisfeestNetwerk.org</u>! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at <u>facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork</u>.

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### What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

#### Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: <u>facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork</u>. Elders can exchange their experiences at <u>facebook.com/groups/Oudsten</u>.

#### Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

### What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the third fundament: Holy Spirit.

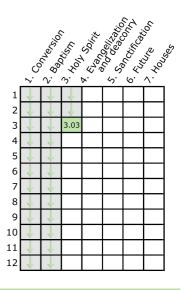
We recommend you to read the book of 1 Corinthians while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

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For an overview of all programs, see the <u>Learnhouse</u>.







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### 1a. When was the first time Pentecost was celebrated in the Old Testament?

(answer) When the people of Israel received the Law.

(comment) Exodus 19 and further describes how the people of Israel received the Law when God the Father had descended in fire upon the mount Sinai.

## 2a. What happened when the Holy Spirit was poured out on Pentecost in the New Testament? Name three of the events.

(answer)

1. There was a blowing of a violent wind.

3. People were filled with the Holy Spirit.

2. There were tongues of fire.

4. These people spoke in other tongues.

(comment) This is described in Acts 2:1–4: "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."



**3a.** (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.) The Holy Spirit wants to fill and use us. Someone from the team asking the question will draw an exemplary example of this. The other team will try and guess this example.

(answer) Crown pen (or fountain pen) with an ink pot.

### 4a. When I speak in other tongues, then am I the one making these sounds? Please explain.

(answer) Yes, because King Jesus baptizes in Spirit and in fire, and the audible evidence of that—which is your part—is that you speak in other tongues.

(comment) Matthew 3:11b says about King Jesus: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." We read Acts 10:45–46a in question 2b, which shows that speaking in tongues serves as an evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit. If you do not open your mouth, you will not be speaking in tongues. So you do make the sounds physically, but you do not think them up, because your mind remains unfruitful, as 1 Corinthians 14:14 explains: "For if I pray in a tonque, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful."

5a. Acts 8:15–17 says: "When [the apostles Peter and John] arrived [in Samaria], they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." When you are born again, are you automatically baptized in the Holy Spirit? Please explain. (answer) No, because that happens after prayer.

6a. Prior to the coming of the Holy Spirit with Pentecost, the Word came. John 1:14 explains: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." Whom does John refer to with the Word that became flesh? (answer) King Jesus, the crucified and resurrected Messiah.

### 7a. Is speaking in other tongues only reserved to people who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit? Please explain.

(answer) No, there are false tongues that do not come forth from the Holy Spirit. (comment) The Bible names several examples, including drunken gibberish (Acts 2:15), utterances of insanity (1 Corinthians 14:23) or occult expressions.



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### 8a. The Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea are only 100 kilometers away from one another, but the one holds freshwater and the other salt water. What is the difference between the water flow of these seas? How can you compare this to the working of the Holy Spirit through you?

(answer) Water only flows into the Dead Sea, while with the Sea of Galilee, water flows through. The Dead Sea is dead, because it does not pass on the water. Similarly, you will remain full of the Holy Spirit when you pass on.

(comment) Luke 6:38a says: "Give, and it will be given to you."

### 9a. When do you sin against the Holy Spirit, and what sin is this? Name two.

(answer) The other team must name both of these sins:

1. If you fall away.

### 2. If you willfully (deliberately) continue to sin.

(comment) Hebrews 6:4–6 speaks of falling away: "It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace."

Willfully sinning is described in Hebrews 10:26–27: "If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God."

# **10a.** What is the difference between *fulfillment with* the Holy Spirit and *baptism in* the Holy Spirit?

(answer) *Baptism in* the Holy Spirit occurs only once; being *fulfilled with* the Holy Spirit occurs more often, when you are touched and filled again.

# **11a.** What is compelling evidence for who does not believe, for the workings of the Holy Spirit?

### (answer) Speaking in other tongues.

(comment) Another possible answer is "signs and miracles".

Speaking in other tongues is evidence according to 1 Corinthians 14:22–25: "Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is not for unbelievers but for believers. So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, 'God is really among you!'"

# **12a.** Is it possible to be a victorious follower of King Jesus without the Holy Spirit? Please explain.

# (answer) No, if even the disciples of King Jesus were not able to do their ministry without the Holy Spirit, then we won't be either.

(comment) In Acts 1:4, we see that the disciples needed the Holy Spirit for their ministry: "On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about."

Closing question (both teams): Do you want to be baptized with the Holy Spirit now, or receive a new fulfillment, like a crown pen that is dipped in ink and then works through the hand of the writer?



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# 1b. At mount Sinai, the people of Israel were assigned to build the tabernacle (Exodus 26 and further). It was divided into three sections:

- 1. The court, with the altar of burnt offering and the laver of brass;
- 2. The *holy place*, with the table with the showbread, a candlestick and the altar of incense;

### 3. The *most holy*, with the ark of the testimony with the mercy seat. Which of these three sections (court, holy place or most holy) is an image of Pentecost, of the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

(answer) The holy place.

(comment) Before you can enter into this place, you must go through the court. There, the altar of burnt offering is a symbol of conversion, and the laver of brass is a symbol of baptism in water.

# 2b. Acts 10:45–46a says: "The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God."

# What demonstrated for the first time that heathens and not only Jews could receive the Holy Spirit?

(answer) The heathens spoke in other tongues, which is an expression of the Holy Spirit.

### 3b. Can God the Father speak to children through His Spirit? Please explain.

(answer) Yes, He can. For example, Samuel already heard His voice as a child. (comment) You can read about this in 1 Samuel 3. Samuel went to to the temple ever since he was four years old.

# 4b. What exactly happens in your body when you speak in other tongues? What parts of your body work together?

(answer) Your vocal cords, breath and tongue work together to create sounds. Your brain controls the muscles that make your vocal cords, lungs and tongue move. (comment) Because speaking in tongues makes that your body physically does something, you can also practice speaking in tongues by yourself after your baptism in the Holy Spirit.

### 5b. Can God the Father take away the Holy Spirit from you?

(answer) No, once He has given the Holy Spirit, He will not take it away. (comment) This is what is meant by Romans 11:29: "For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." He does not undo the mercy gifts he gives and callings he does.





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### 6b. Question 1b explained how the "holy place" is associated with the baptism with the Holy Spirit. In the "holy place" are the table of shewbread, the lampstand and the and the altar of incense. Based on these three objects in the "holy place", which three components is the baptism in the Holy Spirit composed of?

(answer) The other team has to name all three of these:

- The guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life (candlestick).
- The words of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God the Father, the Bible (table).
- Worship (incense altar).

### 7b. How do you know that the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the different tongues come from God the Father?

(answer) King Jesus says that every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined. You have invited the Holy Spirit to fill you, not the devil.

(7b. comment) Matthew 12:25 says: "Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand." And in Luke 11:9–13, He explains:

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

So when you ask God the Father for something, He does not give you something else. The devil has no right to give you what you ask God the Father.

### 8b. Which two things can still go wrong after you have been baptized with the Holy Spirit?

(answer) The other team must name both of these:

1. You can grieve (sadden) the Holy Spirit.

2. You can quench (extinguish) the Holy Spirit.

(comment) Ephesians 4:30 says: "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." In 1 Thessalonians 5:19 we read: "Do not quench the Spirit."



### 9b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.) The Holy Spirit already worked in the Old Testament. The team asking the question will demonstrate one manifestation of the Holy Spirit using pantomime. The other team will try and guess this manifestation. (answer) The pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire.

(comment) This manifestation is described in Exodus 13:20-22:

After leaving Sukkoth [Feast of Tabernacles] they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.



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# **10b.** Where do we first encounter the Holy Spirit in the Bible?

(answer) In Genesis 1:2, when He was hovering over the waters.

### 11b. Can a random person immediately be fulfilled with the Holy Spirit?

(answer) No, at the earliest this is possible after you were converted and born again, and usually also after you were baptized in water.

(comment) Acts 2:38 says: "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

12b. In Acts 19:4–6, we read: "Paul said, 'John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied." In what way did the believers in Ephesians receive the Holy Spirit? (answer) Through the laying on of hands.

Closing question (both teams): Do you want to be baptized with the Holy Spirit now, or receive a new fulfillment?