A GUIDE TO THE BAPTISM AND FILLING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

FOR PARENTS

THE PURPOSE OF BEING BAPTIZED AND FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus the King wants to baptize and fill every believer with the person and power of the Holy Spirit to be a witness for Him to everyone, everywhere. Jesus gave His disciples a mission to share the good news with the world and to make disciples. (Read Matthew 28:19) He also told them to wait in Jerusalem until they were empowered with the Holy Spirit. Then and only then would they be able to fulfill the mission. (Read Luke 24:49) As He did with His disciples then, He wants to do with believers now. He wants to empower them with the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses and to fulfill His mission.

THE PATTERN OF BEING BAPTIZED AND FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

The baptism and filling with the Holy Spirit, as with new birth, is a free gift. And, like new birth, we receive the baptism and filling with the Holy Spirit when we ask for it in faith. Asking in faith means believing Jesus is willing and able to baptize and fill you with the Holy Spirit! (Read Matthew 3:11; Acts 8:15–17.) When we truly desire to be empowered by Jesus the King, He will pour His Spirit on and into our lives. The following process will guide you to help the child you are praying with step into this aspect of kingdom fullness.

THE PROCESS OF MINISTERING THE BAPTISM AND FILLING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

The following is a helpful guide in leading someone into the baptism and filling with the Holy Spirit.

Rehearse briefly the meaning and purpose of the baptism and filling with the Holy Spirit. (Read Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8.)

Emphasize that it is Jesus who is the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, and that it is His desire to empower them for serving in His kingdom. (Read Luke 3:16.)

Tell them that you are going to lay hands on them and ask Jesus to baptize them with the Holy Spirit. (Read Acts 19:6.)

Explain to them that as you are praying for them, the Holy Spirit's power will come on them and they will receive a new spiritual language as the Spirit gives them the ability. (Read Acts 2:1-4.)

Begin to pray for them, asking Jesus to baptize and fill them with the Holy Spirit and thanking Him for doing so.

Lead the child you are ministering to in the following prayer to receive the baptism and filling with the Holy Spirit such as:

Lord Jesus, I ask You to baptize and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Empower me to be Your witness and serve in Your kingdom. I want to say the words and do the works You did. I receive Your power. I thank You that You are baptizing and filling me with Your Holy Spirit. In Your name, Lord Jesus, amen.

Encourage them to now pray in their spiritual language, speaking whatever words they hear the Holy Spirit giving them. (Read Acts 2:4.) As you do this, speak in your own spiritual language, encouraging them to join their voice with yours in a spiritual language of their own.

Continue to encourage them to speak whatever the Holy Spirit is giving them.

Rejoice with them that they have received the baptism and filling with the Holy Spirit.

If for whatever reason they are not released in spiritual language, encourage them that the Lord does want to see them released in it. Assure them that they have received the baptism and filling with the Holy Spirit as they asked in faith, and that spiritual language will come.