



Homes of H.O.P.E. Prayer and Study Guide 8/26
Based on sermon: “Baptized Every Day”
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1. Read Ephesians 5:18. The Greek for “be filled” is actually “keep on being filled.” Why do you think this experience needs to be continuous rather than a one-time event?
2. The Hebrew word *Tamid*, literally translated “daily,” is used in Scripture about 50 times to describe parts of the Sanctuary ritual. It may also be rendered “continual” or “perpetual.” It is applied most frequently to those activities that took place morning and evening in the court and in the Holy Place. Through the “daily” God was trying to teach His people that genuine spiritual life—life to the full—can only happen in the context of a continual, daily consecration to and connection with Him. Is this still true today? Support your answer with scripture.
3. Read Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Thess. 5:16; Philip. 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:18; Luke 9:23; 1 Cor. 15:31; Hebrews 3:13; and Ephesians 5:18. Are these activities New Testament counterparts to the “daily” sanctuary rituals? How so?
4. Practically speaking, how much are the above a part of your daily life? Which of these are the most lacking or absent from your current Christian experience? Share your answers in groups of two and pray together with your partner for God to supply your lack.
5. How does the daily baptism of the Spirit unite us in Christ? (See 1 Cor. 12:12, 13; John 14:20) What difference should this make in my Christian experience?
6. D.L. Moody once said, “A great many think because they have been filled once, they are going to be full for all time after; but O, my friends, we are leaky vessels, and have to be kept right under the fountain all the time in order to keep full.” What do you think he meant? Is it true in your experience? Explain.
7. Ellen White said this about Christ: “Christ was continually receiving from the Father that He might communicate to us . . . From hours spent with God He came forth morning by morning, to bring the light of heaven to men. Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit.” (COL, p. 139) Is there anything to learn from Jesus’ example? What?
8. How does the daily baptism provide us with something valuable to share with others? (See Acts 3:6 and relate what Peter said to this question.)
9. Discuss the following in light of question #8: “We can impart only that which we receive from Christ; and we can receive only as we impart to others. As we continue imparting, we continue to receive; and the more we impart, the more we shall receive. *Thus we may be constantly believing, trusting, receiving, and imparting.*” (DA, 370)
10. How does the daily baptism remind us that we belong to God 24/7 not just on the Sabbath?

11. Consider the following statement: “In these last days, there’s going to be a polarization—those who press in to get closer to God and want more of His character, and those who pull away and get closer to the world and its character. We’ve been waiting for some big thing to happen spiritually, but it’s actually in the little thing, the quiet thing, the simple act of a daily surrender of the heart, soul and mind to God.” Do you see this polarization actually taking place before your eyes? Do you see it in your own life?

12. How difficult would it be in your life to restore morning and evening worship as a means of restoring the “daily” and getting that fresh baptism in the Spirit every day? What stands in the way? What difference will it make to your salvation if you omit this experience? Do you feel God calling you to make a change in this aspect of your Christian walk? Pray together about what you feel God is asking you to do.