

## 7 Baptism in the Holy Spirit



## Bible Studies

### Introduction

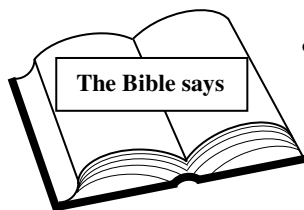
The early church apostles and others throughout the Roman Kingdom had this testimony that they: "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). Following the resurrection of Jesus; Jesus when He first appeared unto His apostles, He found them fearful, confused, and apprehensive and without hope of their future. What was it that changed them into powerful followers of Christ to be consistent, fearless, miracle working, and church building disciples responsible for laying the foundation of the church that has remained to this day? There are two major reasons and they are:

1. Following the resurrection of Christ, He appeared unto His disciples on at least twelve occasions over a period of forty days. During that time He first gathered His disciples as the Shepherd of His sheep that were scattered. Then being assembled Jesus taught them from the Scriptures all things concerning His death, burial and resurrection that their faith may be founded in Him and the Scriptures.
2. When He had established them in the Scriptures He commanded them to remain in Jerusalem and await the coming outpouring of the Holy Spirit that He had promised them. This experience is the object of our study and is what has become known as the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

In this study we will answer thirteen questions vital to preparing you for the baptism of the Holy Spirit and essential to your understanding in this exciting and important experience. Those thirteen questions are:

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
2. Was Jesus Baptized of the Holy Spirit?
3. Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit a Second Experience?
4. What of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and those Living in the Old Testament?
5. What is the Ministry of the Holy Spirit?
6. Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for Today?
7. Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit Essential?
8. What is the Sign of the Baptism of Holy Spirit?
9. Should People Deny You the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
10. Did Jesus Speak in Tongues?
11. How Do You Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
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13. When Speaking in Spiritual Languages do you know what you are saying?

### 1. Who is the Holy Spirit?



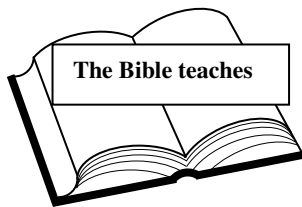
- The Holy Spirit is a person. Whenever Jesus or another speaks of the Holy Spirit they always speak of Him as a person, never as a mere influence.

**John 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

**:17** *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

- He is the third member of the Godhead:
  1. The Father
  2. The Son
  3. The Holy Spirit
 } One eternal God, three persons.
- He is the Spirit of truth (John 14:17).
- He is called the Comforter (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7).
- He is always associated with action (Gen 1:2; 2Pet 1:28, Acts 4:31).
- He can be grieved (Eph 4:30; 1Sam 16:14).
- He has characteristics (Gal 5:22).
- He is the Spirit of resurrection (Rom 8:11).
- He is the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1).
- He is God and is to be worshipped as God.
- He is the Holy Spirit and desires our respect, obedience, and His Lordship over our lives.

## 2. Was Jesus Baptized of the Holy Spirit?



Yes, Jesus was baptized in water and baptized in the Holy Spirit setting a pattern and example to all who follow after Him, who believe and desire to follow Him.

**Luke 3:21** Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

**:22** And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

**Note the three:** 1. Jesus

2. The Holy Spirit

3. The voice of the Father

Following Jesus being baptized in the Holy Spirit He enters into His office as the Christ (Messiah) and as such, He enters into His local Synagogue at Nazareth, where He publically announces the fulfillment in Himself of the prophecy of Isaiah concerning the Christ (Messiah):

**Luke 4:17** And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

**:18** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

**:19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

**:20** And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

**:21** And he began to say unto them, This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Three and one half years later and following His resurrection, Jesus commissions His disciples to take the Gospel into all the world commanding them to first tarry in Jerusalem to await the anointing (baptism) of the Holy Spirit:

**Luke 24:48** And ye are witnesses of these things.

**:49** And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

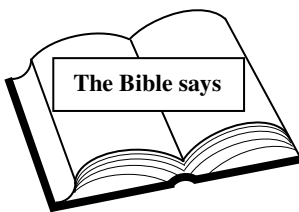
**Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

If it was right that Jesus await the baptism of the Holy Spirit to enter into His ministry and the pattern is repeated in the life of His disciples, **then evidently it is wise that we also be baptized in the Holy Spirit for power to serve.**

### 3. Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit a Second Experience?

Is the baptism of the Holy Spirit a second experience to being born of the Spirit? Yes it is. And again we look to the example of Jesus and His disciples:

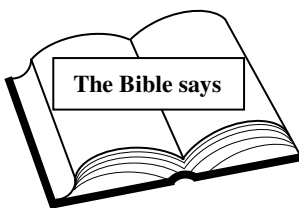
**The Lord Jesus:** Our example



- Jesus was born of the Spirit:  
**Matt 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.**
- Jesus was baptized of the Holy Spirit as we saw in Luke 3:21-22

The result was: a second experience.

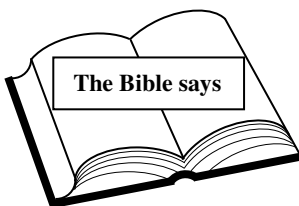
**The apostles:** an example



- They were born of the Spirit:  
**John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**
- They were baptized of the Spirit:  
**Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

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**Philip at Samaria:** An example



- They believed and were baptized (in water).  
**Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.**
- Later, Peter and John pray for them that they may receive the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:**

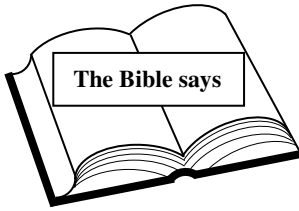
**:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:**

**:16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)**

**:17 Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**

The result was: a second experience.

### Paul at Ephesus: an example



- Paul enquires of the Ephesians as to their receiving of the Holy Spirit:
  - Acts 19:1** And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,
  - :2** He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.
  - :3** And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
  - :4** Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.
- They were then baptized of the Holy Spirit:
  - Acts 19:5** When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
  - :6** And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.
  - :7** And all the men were about twelve.

The result was: a second experience.

**The baptism of the Holy Spirit is promised to every believer and follows regeneration. That is being born again.**

#### 4. What of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and those Living in the Old Testament?

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a New Testament experience for every born again believer. It was:

- Foreshadowed by the Feast of Pentecost (Lev 23:15-22).
- Seen in type in the anointing oil (1Sam 16:13).
- Foretold by the prophets (Isa 28:11; 1Cor 14:21; Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:16-18).

Various personalities during the Old Testament period knew an anointing of the Holy Spirit for service. The following are examples with each speaking of the Holy Spirit:

**Othniel** (Judges 3:10).

**Gideon** (Judges 6:34).

**Sampson** (Judges 14:6).

**David** (1Sam16:13).

} They all did mighty deeds in the power of Spirit of the Lord

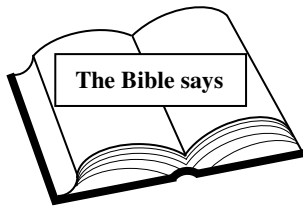
#### Under the New Covenant

Under the New Covenant, the promise is: When the Holy Spirit is come He will dwell in the believer forever:

**John 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

**:17** *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

## 5. What is the Ministry of the Holy Spirit?



- The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, who has come from the Father promised by Jesus:

**John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;**

- He will teach you all things.

**John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

- He will bring all things to your remembrance (John 14:26).

- He will testify of Christ:

**John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:  
:27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.**

That is: you will bear witness of all that you have heard me say and seen me do, and what the Holy Spirit tells you after I have ascended to my place at the right hand of the Father.

- His ministry to the unsaved is threefold:

**John 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

**:9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;**

**:10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;**

**:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.**

1. It is to reprove: That is convict or convince of sin.
2. Of righteousness: That is, reveal how a man may be in right standing with God.
3. Of judgment: It is to reveal God's justice as it is upon the obedient and the disobedient; the just and the unjust; the righteous and the unrighteous.

All three continue in their operation throughout the Christians life.

- His ministry to the saved is also threefold:

**John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.**

**:14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.**

**:15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.**

1. The Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth.
2. He will show you things to come.
3. He will glorify Christ.

## 6. Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for Today?

There have been those who would deny the believer the experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the accompanying sign of speaking in tongues. The reasons for such a denial range from downright unbelief in the Holy Spirit as a person to the denial of the gift being for today.

- What God gave His church of the first century whether it be the gift of salvation, ministry, the gifts of the Spirit or the baptism of the Holy Spirit, they all are for every generation:

**Rom 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.** Therefore the favors or benefits which God bestows on men are irrevocable.

- On the Day of Pentecost on the question of the promised gift of God, Peter in answer establishes the experience of the gift for all generations:  
**Acts 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

**Peter establishes the promise is:**

1. Unto you. That is the present generation.
2. To your children. That is the following generation.
3. All that is are afar off. Peter is speaking generationally not geographically though through the Gospel the promise comes to all that are in the world. It is every following generation. Our generation.

**The promise of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all generations of believers, of all races, of all nations.**

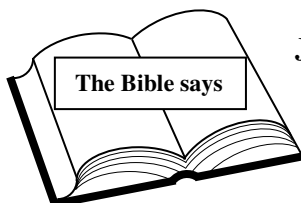
## 7. Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit Essential?

On the question of growth and development one might ask: “Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit essential?” The answer must be a very definite yes. Why?

- The Holy Spirit is essential for us to be changed into the likeness and image of Jesus Christ.  
**2Cor 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. :18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**
- We cannot be led into all truth, nor have all things brought to our remembrance, nor have Jesus glorified in us without Him (John 16:13).
- We need Him if we are to manifest the nine aspects of the one fruit of the Spirit:  
**Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, :23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (Col 1:10).**
- We need Him as Jesus and the apostles’ needed Him for power to serve God:  
**Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**
- We need Him to be or become holy for He is Holy and is our means to holiness:  
**1Pet 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; :16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

**Holiness, like righteousness is not of ourselves, but of God who is Holy and grants us holiness through the change of our lives into the likeness of Christ through the influence of the Holy Spirit.**

- We need him for empowerment to do the miraculous:



**John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.  
:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.  
:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**

- We need Him for power as both a dynamic and an authority to operate the nine gifts of the Spirit, These gifts are His gifts given to us, but given us that we might operate them with His direction and wisdom.

**1Cor 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.**

- :8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;**
- :9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;**
- :10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:**
- :11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.**

## 8. What is the Sign of the Baptism of Holy Spirit?

Every experienced promise of God given us in the process of our redemption is accompanied by **signs** and **evidence**. For example:

### **If you are born again:**

The sign is that of assembling in that part of the body of Christ in which God has planted you. The evidence is that of a changed life. A genuinely born again believer will gravitate to assembling with people of like mind and experience.

### **If you have been baptized in water:**

The sign is a life that is now dead unto sin which is selfish by nature but now alive unto God. The evidence is in the works of faith accompanying a life living unto God (Rom 6:11).

**If you are baptized of the Holy Spirit:** The sign is speaking in tongues (spiritual languages) and the evidence is a life of holiness and power.

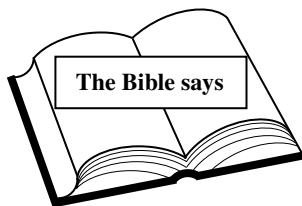
Jesus spoke of speaking in tongues as a sign following them that believe:

**Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;**

- :18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

### **The evidence of Scripture:**

#### **The one hundred and twenty on the Day of Pentecost:**



**Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.**

**:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.**

**:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.**

**:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

### **The Samaritan believers:**

**Acts 8:17 Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**

**:18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,**

**:19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.**

Though there was the sign following, there is no mention of speaking in tongues in this account, but Simon, witnessing the evidence of power in the apostles following the impartation of the gift and desired that power. We may ask: What was it Simon saw or heard that caused him to desire the power

of the apostles? If we compare the account with other scriptures the sign evident to Simon was that of speaking in tongues.

#### **The household of Cornelius:**

**Acts 10:44** While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

**:45** And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**:46** For they heard them speaking with tongues, and magnify God.

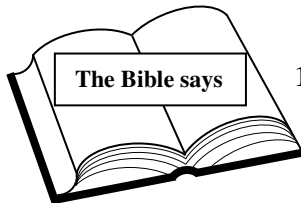
#### **The Ephesian believers:**

**Acts 19:6** And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

**:7** And all the men were about twelve.

#### **Paul the apostle:**

Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit in Damascus (Acts 9:17) and though we are not told he at that instant spoke in tongues he later had the following testimony:

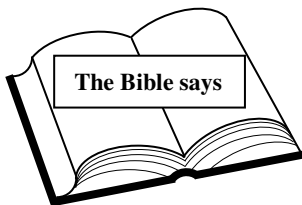


**1Cor 14:18** I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all.

**Speaking in your spiritual languages is not the guarantee of spirituality. The evidence of spirituality is a life of holiness and power, both to do the miraculous and to have authority over your life and circumstances.**

## **9. Should People Deny You the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?**

The simple answer is No! Yet there are people who will attempt to discourage you from believing for the gift and its value to you in this generation. Who should we believe? Jesus who promised the gift, and the early disciples' testimony, as well as the account of the Scriptures or those in unbelief and denial?



**Mark 16:17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

- Paul, to the Corinthians said:  
**1Cor 14:39** Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.
- Again Paul speaks to the Corinthians of all the promises of God and their availability to all that believe:  
**2Cor 1:20** For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Why then do people deny this essential gift? It is because of ignorance or unbelief. Unfortunately their ignorance is sometimes willing ignorance. A fact of life is: There are believers who do not believe.

**You will know the opposition of those in unbelief to every promise you will experience of God's grace, possibly persecution and particularly from the religious. But remember: Those with the experience should never feel threatened by those who only wish to argue.**



## 10. Did Jesus Speak in Tongues?

Yes! Jesus did speak in tongues. There are three instances recorded in Scripture accounting Jesus speaking in tongues. Each instance is recorded in the Gospel of Mark and each instance is interpreted by Mark when writing his Gospel. It has been argued, Jesus could not have spoken in tongues for it was an experience for the New Covenant believers which did not come into effect until after the resurrection of Jesus. Speaking in tongues certainly was and is for all believers under the blessing of the New Covenant, But Jesus is the messenger of the New Covenant (Malachi 3:1), He was baptized of the Holy Spirit and on three recorded occasions spoke in a language that needed interpreting. It is more than likely Jesus spoke regularly in tongues with His disciples hearing Him.

### The Raising of the Daughter of Jairus

**Mark 5:41** And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

**:42** And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was *of the age* of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

### The Opening of the Ears of the Man Deaf

**Mark 7:32** And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

**:33** And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;

**:34** And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

### Jesus on the Cross

**Mark 15:33** And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

**:34** And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

## 11. How Do You Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?



The key is you believing for it, followed by you seeking after it. Remember: Jesus said it is for the believer and as you are a believer, it is for you, so seek (desire) it.

### Scriptures to Consider:

The following Scriptures reveal there is no set pattern, but the Holy Spirit knowing the heart will come to the believer at the opportune time:

- His coming can be sovereign as it was on the Day of Pentecost and the house of Cornelius:
  - Acts 2:1** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
  - :2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
  - :3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
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**Acts 10:44** While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

- :45** And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- :46** For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.
- His coming may be by the laying on of hands:
 

**Acts 8:15** Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

**:16** (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

**:17** Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
  - You may receive the Holy Spirit before water baptism:
 

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**:45** And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**:46** For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

**:47** Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

**:48** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.
  - You may receive the Holy Spirit at the same time as water baptism:
 

**Acts 19:4** Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

**:5** When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**:6** And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

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  - His coming may follow water baptism:
 

**Acts 8:12** But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

**:13** Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

**:14** Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

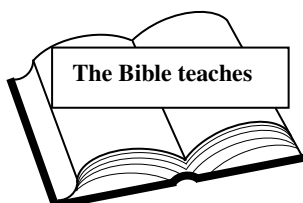
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**It is a baptism for the believer and follows regeneration (That is being born again)**

## 12. When Should You Speak in Your spiritual Languages?



The Bible teaches there are numerous instances revealing appropriate times when speaking in tongues may be exercised with the blessing there is in doing so:

- You will profit by speaking in tongues:  
**1Cor 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.**

This promise is given in context with the operating of the nine gifts of the Spirit and refers to the personal manifestation of the gift of the Spirit that is essential for the operating of the nine gifts of the Spirit (1Cor 12:8-11). The word profit means: contribute; to conduce; make advantage. It is first profitable to the one with the Holy Spirit and preparatory to the operating of the nine gifts of the Spirit that others through the gifts or gift ministered receives profit.

- You will commune (speak directly) with God.  
**1Cor 14:2 For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.**
- You will be edified in yourself. That is built up in your inner man.  
**1Cor 14:4 He that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue edifieth himself.** It is also true to say you will be edified by the results experienced through exercising tongues: i.e. Revelation, wisdom.
- You may pray unto the Lord in tongues.  
**1Cor 14:14 For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.**  
**:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.**
- You may sing in the spirit. That is sing in tongues.  
**1Cor 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.**
- You may give thanks unto God.  
**1Cor 14:16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?**  
**:17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.**

This may be when you are alone, together with others, with all speaking in tongues together. But if there were among you anyone unsaved or in unbelief of the gift, rather than cause a stumbling block it is better to give thanks in your common language.

- You may worship God in tongues in private or in services during worship time. You may speak in tongues in prayer, praise and worship God in your spirit and mind without vocalizing your words.

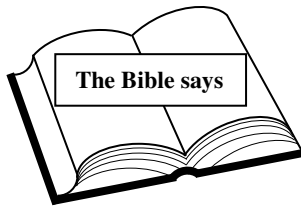
**It is in the context of these expressions of the operation of speaking in tongues that Paul says: 1Cor 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all. In this statement there is the suggestion, the exercise of the gift of speaking in tongues in its variety of purposes is an act of faith towards God while also believing for its reward.**

#### **Clarification:**

Throughout 1Corinthians chapter 14, Paul is speaking of the operating of two spiritual gifts of speaking in tongues:

1. There is the personal gift, which is for every believer to exercise towards God. This is the gift our study is about.
2. There is the gift of speaking in tongues in the church, which when operated should be followed by the interpretation so as all may be edified.

### 13. When Speaking in Spiritual Languages do you know what you are saying?



**1Cor 14:2** For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

- Note the terms: “An unknown tongue.” “No man understands him.” “He speaks in mysteries.” Paul is speaking in a general and natural sense. But, when we are sensitive to the Spirit, the Spirit may cause us to know at least what it is about and part of the exercise of faith in operating the gift is to accept God hears and He alone understands the exact words.
- Note: Paul speaks of “speaking in tongues.” It is plural. Speaking in spiritual languages, you may from time to time sense speaking a different language.



# The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

## *Points Worthy of Noting*



1. The Holy Spirit is the third member of the Godhead and is a person who desires our respect, honour, obedience and submission.
2. Jesus was baptized in water and in the Spirit, setting an example to those who follow Him.
3. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a second experience to salvation and being born again (born of the Spirit).
4. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was foreshadowed in the Old Testament in type and foretold by the Prophets.
5. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is numerous, but in a nutshell it is to transform our lives into the image of Jesus.
6. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all people of all races and nations.
7. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is essential to the believer for a life of power, holiness, service and fruitfulness.
8. The sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues, spiritual languages. The evidence of the genuineness of the experience is holiness and power because of a life dedicated to God and His Word.
9. You should not allow anyone to deny you the baptism of the Holy Spirit or speaking in your spiritual languages.
10. Jesus spoke in tongues. There are three recorded instances in the Gospel of Mark when Jesus did so. These were interpreted for us by Mark when writing his Gospel.
11. The key to receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is you believing for it, followed by you seeking it.
12. You should exercise your Spiritual languages regularly by speaking it unto God at opportune moments.
13. Speaking in your Spiritual languages God alone understands you, and you may speak in more than one language.

**Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**