

The Promise of the Father
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Clothed with Power
Purpose

To worship in Spirit and Truth we must be willing to receive the 'promise of the Father', the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the overflowing into, upon, out of a born-again believer, clothing one with the potential to be a powerful witness and worshipper before the Lord!

Something More? Satisfied? Thirsty? Gen. 2:7 – God intended us to be more than 'mud' figures!

Ez. 37:4 – God intended us to be more than 'dry-bones!' Do you feel muddy or dry? The Lord is breathing upon us! John 20:21-23 (in the flow of the Spirit) But how are you dressed? Clothed with Power? 'power suit?' Many are 'alive spiritually,' but have no 'power suit.' Overflow of the Spirit: A new suit of clothes! But we **MUST** be willing to surrender! Give up the old! **How?**

- A. Its **Divine** Pre-Requisite (1-3): Born Again!
1. All Jesus began to do and Teach: Eyes opened; breathes upon them. Inward anticipation of an outward manifestation.
2. Proofs (plain indicators): Of bodily resurrection, yet still not bold! Needed to wait (v-4) for power
Kingdom of God: The rule of God, not politics.
Therefore: They were already in what they were to be baptized into.
- B. Its **Scriptural** Command (94-5): Wait!
Promise of the Father: Lu. 20:49 – How are you dressed?
Spiritual thirst quencher: Jn. 7:38 – rivers...
Jesus is the baptizer! In (en); immediate, sudden, not filled.
Therefore: don't leave 'unclothed!'
- C. Its **Serious** Misunderstandings (6-7): Political power.
Kingdom restored? Politics, nationalism – to narrow.
There is to be a restoration! In the Father's time.
- D. Its **Spiritual** Equipping (8): Witnesses!
Holy Spirit power: Dynamic – inherent power; not *exousia*; right to become a child of God. Power of the Holy Spirit, not humanism
A potential, not spiritual maturity: Power to perform signs, etc.
Witness: martyrs by word and deed. Obligation of all Christians
- E. Its **Continuous** Results: continued Works of the Holy Spirit!
Acts 10-11: Gentiles receive 10 years later; 19:1-6 – Ephesians 25 years later.
1 Cor. 1:2 – To all, everywhere who call upon the Lord.
How to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit today
Repent – Expect (be thirsty) – Ask-Drink-Yield (surrender) – Speak!

Motive: To love one another!

Are you 'Clothed' for spiritual battle? The Baptism enables one to enter into a new dimension of worship and charismatic (grace-gifted) life...

Why Speak in Tongues

Acts 2:4

PURPOSE: To proclaim why you should speak in tongues when baptized in the Holy Spirit and continue to do so throughout your life.

Matt. 5 "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst..."

What are you hungering and thirsting after?

Many are not baptized in the Holy Spirit and do not speak in tongues because they are content.

1. What ARE HINDRANCES TO TONGUES?

- A. *NEGATIVE attitudes and confessions*
 - 1. Prov 6:2; 23:7
 - 2. No expectancy.
- B. *Reliance upon FEELINGS.*
 - 1 Must be initiated by an act of faith (Gal. 3:2, 14; Jude 20)
- C. *Confusion between SIGN and GIFT of Tongues*
 - 1. Initial sign of Baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - 2. One of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- D. *OCCULT Bondage*
 - 1. Confess as sin
 - 2. Renounce Satan
- E. *Lack of UNDERSTANDING*
 - 1. Importance in prayer.

2. WHY SPEAK AND CONTINUE TO SPEAK IN TONGUES

- A. *Personal ministry for oneself*
 - 1. 1 Cor. 14:4 Self- edification (Jude 20)
 - 2. Isa. 20:11-12 - Spiritual Rest (1 Cor. 14:21-22. Heb. 018)
 - 3. Ro 8:26-27 Personal Intercession
- B. *Devotional Ministry to God: 1 Cor. 14:2*
- C. *Ministry on behalf of others*
 - 1. Spiritual Intercession
 - 2. Edification of the Body of Christ 1 Cor. 14:12-13
Tongues & interpretation = prophecy
 - 3. Supernatural sign to unbelievers: 1 Cor. 14:21-22

Are you 'hungry,' 'thirsty?'

Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Activate the gifts in your

First: You must be born again

Ten Reasons Why Every Believer Should Speak In Tongues

Rom. 8:7

<p><u>PURPOSE:</u> It is 'vital to judge things spiritually and not carnally. Speaking in tongues is essential to full insight into this important area.</p>
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1. Tongues is one sign of the Baptism in The Holy Spirit Acts 2:4
2. Tongues for spiritual edification: 1 Cor. 14:4
3. Tongues indwelling presence: in. 14:16-17
4. Tongues will keep our prayers in line with God's will: Rom. 8:26
5. Tongues stimulate faith: Jude 20
6. Tongues keep us away from worldly contamination: I Cor. 14:28
7. Tongues enable us to pray for the unknown:
8. Tongues give spiritual refreshing: Isa. 28:11-12
9. Tongues for giving thanks: 1 Cor. 14:15-17
10. Tongues brings the tongue under subjection: Jas. 3:8

Therefore speaking in tongues will help us to discern things that are spiritual vs. things that are merely physical. In other words, we won't spiritualize everything (i.e. Believe God will deposit money in your bank account in some mysterious way). Also, we will be open to the supernatural acts of the Holy Spirit (God can provide ways for us to get money through people we meet and jobs we get). Speaking in tongues will help us to keep both feet on the ground. We will not deny the humanity or deity of Christ. We will have an Incarnational ministry.

A Catechism on how to Pray in the Spirit

What does it mean to pray in the Spirit?

Most know the meaning of praying with the understanding (the mind). To pray in the spirit means:

“With all prayer and petition praying at all times in the Spirit...” (Eph. 6:18)

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.” (Jude 20)

The only Definition of Praying in the Spirit: 1Cor. 14:11A

“For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.”

Pray with the Spirit and with the Understanding: 1Cor. 14:15

“What is the outcome then? I shall pray with the Spirit and I shall pray with the mind (understanding) also; I shall sing with the Spirit and shall sing with the mind (understanding) also.”

What is the purpose of tongues? 1Cor. 14:4,5

1. To speak to God: “For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God.”
2. To edify oneself: “One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.”
3. To edify the church: (interpretation necessary)...

“...Greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in a tongue, unless he interprets, so that the Church may receive edifying.” (vs5)

4. To be a sign to the unbeliever: “So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to the “unbelievers.”

All five cases of Praying in the Spirit in the book of Acts:

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| Pentecost: | 1. Acts 2:4: “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” |
| | 2. Acts 8:17: “Then they began laying hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.” (Circumstantial evidence for tongues since Simon saw and heard the results of being filled with the Spirit.) |
| | 3. Acts 9:17: Paul is filled with the Holy Spirit. He then says in 1Cor. 14:18, “I thank God speak in tongues more than you all.” |
| 10 Yrs later | 4. Acts 10:40: “For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God.” |
| 25 Yrs later | 5. Acts 19:6: “And when Paul had laid hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.” |

What are the three kinds of Tongues in Corinthians?

1. A devotional prayer to God – the believers edification 1Cor. 14:2; Jude 20
2. Public worship – For edification of the Church (need interpretation) 1Cor. 14
3. Sign to unbelievers: Acts 2:6-8; 1Cor. 14:22; Isa. 28:11-12

What are some other Evidences to expect after being baptized in the Holy Spirit?

1. Clothed with power. Lu. 20:49
2. You shall receive power. Acts 10
3. Speak with other tongues. Acts 2:4
4. Signs and Wonders. Acts 2:43
5. Grace and Power. Acts 6:8
6. Tongues/Exalting God. Acts 10:46
7. Tongues and Prophesying. Acts 19:6
8. Victory over flesh. Gal 5:16
9. Inner man strengthened. Eph. 3:16

How can I receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit...2000 yrs. Later!!!

Repent (1Jn. 1:9) Expect Ask in Faith (11:13) Praise/Love/Worship (Ps. 22:3)

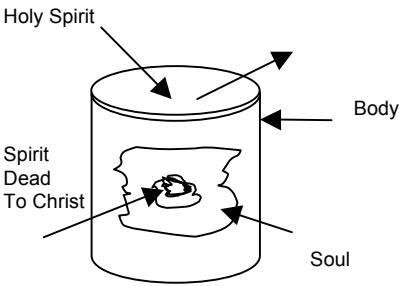
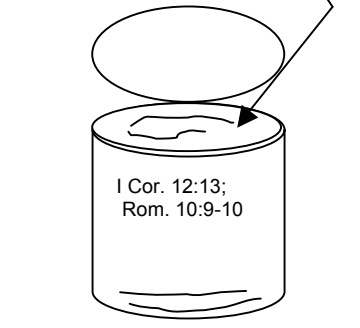
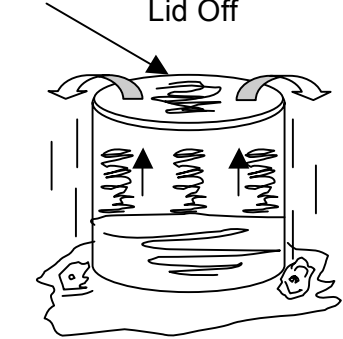
Three Baptisms For Christians

Hebrews 6:2

Speaks of Baptisms (plural)

Baptism	Person	Element	Minister	Purpose	Results
In Christ Ro 8:15-17 1 Cor. 12:13 Gal 3:27	Lost Person Adoption	The Blood Eph. 2:13 Heb 9:14	Holy Spirit	Salvation	Indwelling – Life of Jesus Salvation
In Water	Believer	Water	Priest/Disciple	Obedience	Salvation
In the Holy Spirit Matt. 3:11 Luke 24:49 Acts 2,8,9,10,19	Believer	Holy Spirit	Christ	Power	Overflowing – Ministry of Jesus Salvation

An Illustration Three Jars

JAR #1	JAR #2	JAR #3
Lost Person	Saved Person	Saved Person
Lid On	Incoming of the Holy Spirit Lid Off and On	Baptized and Filled Outgoing of the Holy Spirit Lid Off
 <p style="text-align: center;">Dead In Sins</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Spirit made alive in Christ Baptized into the Mystical Body of Christ John 20:21-23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yet, there is something more: Power! 1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 10:9-10</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">The Lord Jesus Christ baptizes you in what you are already in (the Spirit). The Holy Spirit comes upon from within you (Luke 24:49; Acts 11:13) Be baptized in the Spirit once; be filled daily (Eph. 5:18).</p>
Dead to Christ	Indwelling Life of Christ	Overflowing Life of Christ