

The Spirit and Tongues

Living in the Spirit – Part 3

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Acts 1:4-5 (NIV) ... he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:4 (NIV) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:38-39 (NIV) 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. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Acts 2:6 (NIV) When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

Acts 2:16-17 (NIV) No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

1. Tongues are the _____ of Spirit baptism

1A. Tongues were the _____ of Spirit baptism for Peter

Acts 10:44-48 (NIV) While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 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. Then Peter said, "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

1B. Tongues were the _____ of Spirit baptism for the Jerusalem church

Acts 11:15-18 (NIV) "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

2. _____ did God choose tongues?

John 7:38-39 (NIV) Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

2A. The tongue expresses what is in the _____

Luke 6:45 (NIV) A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

2B. Tongues are God's power expressed in _____

1 Corinthians 14:2 (NIV) For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

3. The _____ of praying in tongues

1 Corinthians 14:18 (NIV) I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

3A. Tongues spiritually _____ you

1 Corinthians 14:4a (NIV) Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves.

3B. You can pray _____ in tongues

1 Corinthians 14:14 (NIV) For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

3C. Prayer in tongues is _____ answered

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV) In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

3D. Tongues defeats _____

Ephesians 6:18a (NIV) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon
 - Tue
 - Wed
 - Thu
 - Fri
 - Sat
 - Sun

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Intro. In Acts 1:4-5, Jesus commanded every believer to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Why do you think that this command has been ignored by so many?

According to Acts 2:4, what part does the believer and what part does the Holy Spirit play in speaking in tongues?

In what ways is the outpouring of the Spirit in Spirit baptism the culmination of Jesus' ministry (Acts 2:33, 38-39)?

What types of languages are being spoken when someone speaks in tongues (Acts 2:6, 1 Corinthians 13:1)?

According to Acts 2:16-17, what is the time frame in which people will be baptized in the Spirit (Hebrews 1:2)?

- 1A. According to Acts 10:44-48, how did Peter know that the Gentiles had received the gift of the Holy Spirit (Spirit baptism)?
- 1B. How did Peter persuade the Jerusalem church that the Gentiles could be saved (Acts 11:15-18)?
- 1C. How can a person know whether they have been Spirit baptized or not?

- 2A. How is Spirit baptism like rivers of living water flowing from within a believer (John 7:38-39)?
- 2B. Why would speaking in tongues be evidence of Spirit baptism (Luke 6:45)?
- 2C. Why does it take humility and faith to speak in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:2)?
- 2D. How can pride, fear, sin or wrong teaching inhibit someone from receiving Spirit baptism?
- 3A. What is significant about the fact that the apostle Paul spoke in tongues more than anyone else (1 Corinthians 14:8, Acts 9:17)?
- 3B. According to 1 Corinthians 14:4a, why should every believer speak in tongues as much as possible?
- 3C. Since the mind is not involved in praying in tongues, how do tongues help believers to pray continually (1 Corinthians 14:14, 1 Thessalonians 5:17)?
- 3D. Why are your prayers in tongue always answered (Romans 8:26-27)?
- 3E. How can praying in tongues help you overcome temptation (Ephesians 6:18a)?
- 3F. How can you grow in praying in the Spirit (tongues) (1 Corinthians 14:15)?