

Gateway into the Supernatural
Power for Life – Part 4
Life Church St. Louis – January 28, 2018
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1 Corinthians 14:2 (ESV) For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15a (ESV) For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also;

1. Spirit baptism in the life of _____

A. Paul was _____ on the Damascus road

Acts 9:3-5 (ESV) Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

B. Paul was water and _____ baptized

Acts 9:17-18 (ESV) So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;

C. Paul spoke in _____ tongues more than everyone

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

2. Spirit baptism in the _____

A. The Gentiles were _____

Acts 10:43 (ESV) To him [Jesus] all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

B. The Gentiles were Spirit baptized and spoke in _____

Acts 10:44-46 (ESV) While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

C. The Gentiles were _____ baptized

Acts 10:47-48a (ESV) "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

3. Benefits of _____ tongues

1 Corinthians 14:5a (ESV) Now I want you all to speak in tongues, ...

A. Tongues spiritually _____ you

1 Corinthians 14:4a (ESV) The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself ...

B. Prayer in tongues is _____ answered

Romans 8:26-27 (ESV) Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

C. Tongues are the gateway into _____ gifts

1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV) Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts ...

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading (1-2 chapters in Acts) & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Read 2-3 chapters of the book Power for Life this week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. How would you define supernatural?

Why do you think that the Bible is filled with supernatural miracles from Genesis to Revelation?

Why do you think many churches teach that God no longer works supernaturally when there is zero biblical support for that view?

How does the Bible define the supernatural gift of tongues (1 Corinthians 14:2)?

What would be the benefit of praying with the spirit when your mind doesn't understand what you're saying (1 Corinthians 14:14-15a)?

1A. Why should we seek to follow Paul's example in the things of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 11:1)?

1B. What was unique about Saul's conversion experience (Acts 9:3-5)?

1C. How did Saul's water and Spirit baptism follow the pattern of Acts (Acts 9:17-18)?

1D. Why did Paul speak in tongues more than everyone else (1 Corinthians 14:18)?

1E. Why do you think that tongues is a controversial gift (Hint: Satan has something to do with it)?

2A. What was different about the Gentiles' Spirit baptism from the other examples in Acts (Acts 10:43-46)?

2B. How did Peter know that the Gentiles had been Spirit baptized (Acts 10:46, 11:15-16)?

2C. What does the Gentiles' water baptism tell you about the normal sequence with Spirit baptism (Acts 10:47-48a)?

2D. Why do you think that there are so many different accounts of Spirit baptism in Acts?

3A. Paul refers to personal tongues in 1 Corinthians 14:5a and public tongues in 1 Corinthians 12:30. What is the difference?

3B. According to 1 Corinthians 14:4a, what is a benefit of tongues?

3C. Why is prayer in tongues always answered (Romans 8:26-27, 1 John 5:14-15)?

3D. In what ways are tongues the gateway into spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 14:1)?

3E. How can praying in tongues help you to pray continually (1 Thess. 5:17)?