

Baptism in The Holy Spirit

Introductory Comments:

- One of the most controversial, misunderstood and opposed topics in the Christian faith.
- Numerous opinions - but we are not interested in man's opinions, but The Truth, which sets free from all the lies & wrong views & understanding,
- In everything pertaining to life, we must **GO TO THE WORD OF GOD**. This is God's authority! The true foundation to build upon.
- Through The Holy Spirit, we have access to the mind, will, purpose, power, presence of God Almighty 🔥 Wow!
- The devil is terrified of tongues. The baptism in the Holy Spirit "weaponised" the NT church that turned cities upside down. Transformed communities and nations, Christ followers lived fearlessly and advanced the gospel beyond local borders.
- Satan will do everything he can to stop you from being filled and speaking in tongues. He often uses confusion & past bad experiences people may have had or heard about. He is ok with people just attending church & living a nominal life... but a Spirit filled believer?, that's trouble for him. Gives him headaches & sleepless nights 😊 You become a huge threat to his schemes.
- Tongue have ceased is a lie many believe. No scriptural backing! The Bible speaks about 4 types of tongues primarily. Two are public and 2 are private.

Two key factors with the Holy Spirit baptism:

FIRE & FRUIT - Encounters with Holy Spirit, leading to a transformed life!

"The wind blows wherever it wishes ..." John 3:8

1. **A sign to unbelievers - 1 Corinthians 14:22 - Pentecost - people understood. Didn't need interpretation.**

2. **Tongues and interpretation** - one of the 9 gifts
3. **Tongues for intercession** - Romans 8:26 - “we do not know how we should pray as we ought to, but The Spirit Himself makes intercession for us.... “ . Language of heaven to demolish demonic power & activity, praying the perfect will of God.
4. **Tongues for personal prayer** - 1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (praying and singing in the Spirit); Jude v.20 - “building yourselves up by praying in The Holy Spirit”. Language of prayer. Helps us draw counsel from the heart of God.

See Isaiah 28:11-12 - REST & REFRESHING

Isaiah 28:11-12 (NKJV)

*“For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, 12 To whom He said, “This [is] the **rest** [with which] You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This [is] the **refreshing**”; Yet they would not hear.”*

Q. Why don't people hear from God? Too busy. Mind is busy. Holy Spirit gives us counsel, wisdom, advice, direction, guidance etc.

Luke 11:9-13 (NKJV)

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 “If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if [he asks] for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 “Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Mark 16:15-18 (NKJV)

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 “And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name

*they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;
18 “they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything
deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on
the sick, and they will recover.”*

*Other scriptures: Church in Acts was birth in FIRE, and we
continue living in “The Book of Acts” ...*

*Acts 1:4-5 - wait in Jerusalem. Jesus will baptize with The Holy
Spirit not many days from now.*

Acts 2:1-4 - Day of Pentecost

*Acts 2:11 - Cretans and Arabs declaring the wonders of God in
their our own tongue.*

*Acts 8:5-8;12 - Philip in Samaria - about 8 years after
Pentecost. Miracles! Unclean spirits, many healed ... Joy to
that city. Believers were water baptized.*

*Acts 8:14-17 - Peter and John sent to Samaria - lays hands on
believers & they received The Holy Spirit.*

*Acts 8:18 - Simon the sorcerer saw this & offered the apostles
money for the power to lay hands...!*

*Acts 10:44-46 - About 10 years later - Cornelius ‘ household-
gentiles - while Peter was preaching, The Holy Spirit fell on the
listeners. They heard them speak with tongues and magnify
God.*

*Acts 19:1-3,6 - About 20 years later, Paul in Ephesus finds
some disciples (believers) - “Have you received The Holy Spirit
since you believed?” Paul lays hands on them, Holy Spirit
falls, they speak with tongues and prophesy.*

Acts 9:10-12,17 - Ananias from Damascus in a vision instructed to go and lay hands on Saul of Tarsus.. to receive his sight and be filled with The Holy Spirit. (Hence 1 Corinthians 14:18 - “I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than you all”.

- **Speaking in tongues is an initial supernatural sign or evidence of The Holy Spirit’s indwelling - it is the beginning of it all.**
- **The more we pray in tongues, the more the other gifts manifest.**
- **Speaking with tongues is the door into the rest of the spiritual gifts.**
- **One of the biggest hindrances is unforgiveness & unrepentant sin. He is HOLY SPIRIT. We are HIS temple. He wants to DWELL, LIVE in us. This is an incredible privilege.**

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NKJV)

“to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another [different] kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”

1 Corinthians 12:28-30 (NKJV)

“And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. 29 [Are] all apostles? [Are] all prophets? [Are] all teachers? [Are] all workers of miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?”

1 Corinthians 13:1-2 (NKJV)

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have [the gift of] prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.”

1 Corinthians 13:8 (NKJV)

“Love never fails. But whether [there are] prophecies, they will fail; whether [there are] tongues, they will cease; whether [there is] knowledge, it will vanish away.”

1 Corinthians 14:5-15 (NKJV)

“I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies [is] greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification. 6 But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? 7 Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? 8 For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle? 9 So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. 10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them [is] without significance. 11 Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks [will be] a foreigner to me. 12 Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual [gifts,] [let it be] for the edification of the church [that] you seek to excel. 13 Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is [the conclusion] then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.”

1 Corinthians 14:14 ,”for if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.” Spirit to spirit. Supernatural communication with God Himself - wow!

1 Corinthians 14:18 “I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all.”

1 Corinthians 14:21-25 (NKJV)

“In the law it is written: “With [men of] other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,” says the Lord. 22 Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. 23 Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in [those who are] uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? 24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. 25 And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on [his] face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.”

1 Corinthians 14:39-40 (NKJV)

“Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. 40 Let all things be done decently and in order.”

Kenneth Hagen mentions “Ten Reasons why every believer should speak in tongues”:

Mark 16:17 ,”and these signs shall follow them that believe... they shall speak with new tongues “.

1. Tongues the initial sign (Acts 2:4)
2. Tongues for supernatural edification (1 Corinthians 14:2-4) - edifies himself. Edify means to “charge” like charging a battery. He also speaks mysteries or divine secrets. We can communicate with God.
3. Tongues remind us of The Spirit’s indwelling Presence (John 14:16-17 - Jesus prays to The Father to send another Comforter to abide with us forever. The Spirit of Truth.
4. Praying in tongues is praying in line with God’s Perfect Will (Romans 8:26-27) The Spirit helps us- we don’t know what we should pray but The Spirit makes intercession for us with groaning’s which cannot be uttered.

5. Praying in tongues stimulates faith. Jude 20 "But you beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,"
6. Speaking in tongues, a means of keeping free from worldly contamination. (1 Corinthians 14:28)
7. Praying in tongues enables us to pray for the unknown
8. Praying in tongues gives spiritual refreshing (Isaiah 28:11-12) - Rest and refreshing for the weary
9. Tongues for giving thanks (1 Corinthians 14:15-17)
10. Speaking in tongues bring the tongue under subjection (James 3:8) - "but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison".

More Scripture References:

Acts 1:4-8:

"And while staying[fn] with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with[fn] the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 2: 1-18

"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord[fn] in one place.

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

3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

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

5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?"

8 "And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?"

9 "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

11 "Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

15 "For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

16 "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

Acts 19:1-7:

"And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland[fn] country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples.

2 And he said to them, "**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism."

4 And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus."

5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

7 There were about twelve men in all.

- Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem until....
- **Acts 1:8** - Dunamos - Dynamite!
- **Acts 4:13, "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."**
- What is the nature of this experience?
- What are the reasons which would cause one to desire to receive Him?
- What will it do for you?
- Every Christian should receive this mighty baptism in The Spirit!

1. If Christ and the Apostles needed the Baptism in The Spirit, then we sure need it also.

- Christ, The Son of God came down from Heaven, emptied Himself of His Glory and became a man - 100% human!
- As 100% man, He needed The Holy Spirit.
- Before His first act of Public Ministry, He received The Holy Spirit as He was being Baptized by John in the Jordan River (**Matt 3:16**).
- The 12 Apostles received The Baptism in the Upper Room.
- The woman who followed Jesus received the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:14**)
- Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Who by the Spirit conceived The Saviour, received The Holy Spirit.
- Christ's brothers in the flesh, received this glorious baptism!

- Every one of the 120 people in the Upper Room received The Holy Spirit baptism.
- Every person of the 3000 who heard Peter preach his sermon on The Day of Pentecost was given the Promise of The Gift of The Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:37-39**).
- Therefore, if all of these needed This Baptism, then you and I need this just as much!

2. The Holy Spirit gives power to Witness

- **Acts 1:8 - "...But you shall receive power..."**
- We need Power to live a victorious, overcoming Christian life.
- We need Power to be able to Witness.
- This is evidenced in "**ignorant / unschooled and unlearned men**"
- This Power, in a small group of "**ordinary**" men, turned the world upside down!

3. The Holy Spirit gives Power to Live a Holy Life

- **Romans 8:1,2,13**
- Holy Spirit frees us from the law of sin and death.
- Without The Holy Spirit, mans attempt to live a Holy life are futile and vain.
- We cannot live an overcoming life in our own strength.
- Now every Christian has The Spirit of Christ to some degree (**Romans 8:9**).
- But the experience as received on the Day of Pentecost represents a fuller measure of The Spirit.
- He was **WITH** the believer, but now He is **IN** the believer!

4. The Holy Spirit is The Comforter Who will abide forever

- **John 14:16**, "And I will pray The Father, and He shall give you another comforter that He may abide with you forever."
- A million years from now, He will still be with us to guide, comfort, and give us eternal fellowship with God.

- The glorious Holy Spirit infilling is the only thing that can fully satisfy the human spirit.
- Man is so made that he is not complete in himself.
- In his soul there is a spiritual vacuum.
- If it is not occupied with God, it will eventually be filled with that which is evil (***Luke 11:24-26***).

5. The Holy Spirit will quicken our mortal bodies

- ***Romans 8:11***, "But if The Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwells in you."
- The context is not just futuristic, but referring to the life we are living now.
- The Spirit quickens our physical bodies now so that we have the necessary strength to perform the work that God has called us to do.
- The Anointing - enablement by The Spirit to accomplish His will.

6. The Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth

- **John 16:12-15**,
- 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
- 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
- 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
- 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."
- If we yield completely to The Spirit leading, He will keep us from serious errors.

7. The Holy Spirit will help us pray supernaturally

- **Romans 8:26**, "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.
 - 27 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."
 - The Spirit of God within us will intercede and help us to pray and get answers to the difficult problems.
 - We don't know how to pray like we ought to, but The Spirit helps us.
 - Paul tells us that he prayed sometimes with The Spirit and at other times with his understanding (**1 Corin 14:14-15**)
- i) Christ taught that believers should ask for The Spirit (**Luke 11:13**).
 - ii) Every child of God receives a measure of The Spirit at Conversion (**Romans 8:9**), but a fuller Baptism was only given at Pentecost (**Acts 2:4**). Christ told them to wait until....
 - iii) The experience received on Pentecost was the "rivers of living waters " that Jesus spoke about in **John 7:37-39**.
 - iv) Philip the Evangelist went down to Samaria and preached Christ to the people. He had wonderful success. Philip had a water baptism for many who believed. The converts were now saved people (**Acts 8:14-17**). Peter and John had to go there to lay hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit baptism. From this, it is obvious that the infilling normally follows conversion.
 - v) Paul received The Spirit subsequent to conversion (**Acts 9:8-17**). This happened 3 days later when Ananias came and prayed for him.
 - vi) Paul taught that The Baptism of The Holy Spirit follows conversion. **Acts 19:2, "Have you received The Holy Spirit since you believed?"**
 - vii) This shows that the Holy Spirit baptism does not happen automatically at salvation. There seems to be a difference between The Holy Spirit **PRESENCE** and His **POWER**. **Conversion releases His Presence, but Pentecost released His Power.**