

Baptism in the Holy Spirit Seminar

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What Did Jesus Have To Say About It?

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

Priority (see also Acts 9:17)

Promise

Acts 1:6-8 NIV Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (7) He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. (8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Power

Purpose

The Promise of the Father

Luke 24:45-49 NIV Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. (46) He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, (47) and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (48) You are witnesses of these things. (49) I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

- What are they to be witnesses of? _____
- What should be preached? _____
- Where should it be preached? _____
- What was Jesus going to send? _____
- The promise is described as what? _____

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- What is the gift the Father promised? _____
- When do we receive this power from on high? _____
- What is the result of having received this power? _____

So they waited - and

Acts 2:1-4 NIV When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. (2) Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. (3) They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. (4) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Act 2:32-33 ESV This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

- How is the promise of the Father described here? _____

- What are the physical properties of this promise? Something was _____ and something was _____?
- The promise is touched by the entire Godhead
 - The **Holy Spirit** is the gift
 - Promised by the **Father**
 - Poured out by the **Son**

Act 2:38-39 ESV And Peter said to them, "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. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

- Who is the promise for? _____
- Does this include you? _____
- What is required? _____
- How do you receive a gift? _____

A 2nd Experience

Some people are confused by this since - thinking that a 2nd work of the Holy Spirit somehow means that you only received some portion of the Holy Spirit at the new birth, thus they reject the notion that a believer needs the baptism in the Holy Spirit, or they would say the baptism in the Holy Spirit IS salvation.

Keep in mind, the Holy Spirit's ministry into our lives is multi-faceted: He is a teacher, He is a guide, He is the giver of spiritual gifts, He is an advocate etc - You don't have only a "partial" Holy Spirit when he teaches you - then MORE of the Holy Spirit if He uses you in the gift of prophecy, then even MORE if He gives you guidance.

When you were born of the Spirit - the Holy Spirit came to live within you

- Romans 8:9 NIV ... And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.
- John 3:5-7 NIV Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

On Easter the apostles received salvation and were born again

John 20:21-22 NIV (21) Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (22) And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost they received the outpoured Spirit and the power to be witnesses

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

The importance of foundations.

Here are some examples showing being born of the Spirit and being baptised in the Holy Spirit are separate events.

Example: Samaria

Acts 8:14-17 NIV When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. (15) When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, (16) because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (17) Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- They accepted the word of God (Salvation)
- They were baptized in the name of Jesus (Water Baptism)
- There received the Holy Spirit (Baptism in the Holy Spirit)

Example: Saul

Acts 9:17 NIV Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord--Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here--has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

- Saved on the road to Damascus
- Filled with the Holy Spirit
- Water Baptized (see Acts 9:18)

Example: Cornelius

Acts 10:44-48 NIV While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. (45) The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. (46) For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, (47) "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." (48) So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

- Salvation -upon hearing the words of Peter (see also Acts 11:18 & Acts 15:9)
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit - Simultaneously
- Water Baptism immediately

Example: Ephesus

Acts 19:1- 7 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

- Salvation - Acts 18:24-25
- Baptism into the name of the LORD Jesus
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit - evidence of speaking in tongues

Initial Evidence **That I Have Been Baptized in the Holy Spirit**

The LORD chose to introduce speaking in tongues as the immediate, uncontested truth that people had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Every case of tongues in the New Testament that a person was baptised in the Holy Spirit. **Why tongues?**

- Possibly to reveal that the most unruly member is yielded to the Holy Spirit? (Jas 3:8)
- **A universal experience** - the evidence of speaking in tongues links us to Pentecost with the same convincing evidence (just like the Gentiles in Cornelius' household - Acts 10:46) not leaving its validity to numerous individuals' subjective circumstances

In 3 places tongues is mentioned

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- Act 19:6 NIV When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and **they spoke in tongues and prophesied.**

In 2 places nothing is mentioned - a good case can be made for tongues in each

Paul said he spoke in tongues more than anyone. (1 Cor 14:18)

- Acts 9:17-18 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and **be filled with the Holy Spirit.**" 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized

Simon was willing to pay for this...never offered to pay after seeing miracles

- Acts 8:15-19 & 21 When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit,¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money 19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."You have no part or share in this **ministry**, *{Gk logos - word utterance}* because your heart is not right before God.

The Blessing of Speaking/Praying Tongues

After a person is baptised in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence - you should continue to exercise this blessed gift with frequency. 1 Corinthians 14:18 NIV I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

Speaking in tongues is a praise to God

- Acts 2:11 NIV (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"
- Acts 10:44-45 NIV The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. (46) For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.
- 1 Corinthians 14:15-17 NIV So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding. (16) Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying? (17) You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified.

It reminds us of the focus of the Great Commission

- Acts 2:7-10 NIV (7) Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? (8) Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? (9) Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, (10) Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome

God gave people languages before to scatter them

- Genesis 11:6-7 NIV The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. (7) Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

He gives them now gather them from every tribe and language

- Revelation 5:9 NIV And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

It is prayer according to the will of God

Romans 8:26-28 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. (27) 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. (28) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

1 John 5:14-15 NIV This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. (15) And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

We are speaking to God

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.

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My spirit prays

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

We edify ourselves

1 Corinthians 14:4 NIV Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.

“Praying/singing in the Spirit” is Praying in Tongues

1 Corinthians 14:15 NIV (15) So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

Enabled to praise God

1 Corinthians 14:16 NIV (16) Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying?

Tongues is a sign of our belief

Mark 16:17 NIV And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

Helps bring spiritual strength to our lives

Jude 1:20-21 NIV But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, (21) keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

It is part of the armor of God

Ephesians 6:13-18 NIV Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. (14) Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, (15) and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. (16) In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (17) Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (18) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Objections - Q&A

It's Up To God

"If God wants me to have the gift of speaking in tongues He will give it to me"

This is not God's style. The LORD makes His gifts available. He then encourages us to "Ask, Seek and Knock". He does not force His gifts onto anyone. They will come in response to our desire, responsive heart and faith.

- Luke 11:9-13 NIV "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (10) For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (11) "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? (12) Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? (13) If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

He tells us to desire spiritual gifts

- 1 Corinthians 14:1 NIV Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

It's Too Emotional

Speaking in tongues becomes a universal experience that can lessen the focus on emotional displays that are typically a function of personality - some people will be emotional, some will be more laid back (watch a group of people watching a football game).

Speaking in Tongues is of The Devil

Jesus said we would speak in tongues

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Paul's concern at Corinth was not the source of tongues, but its proper use

- 1 Cor 14

Jesus gives us a sense of calm that Satan would not be involved in this request.

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It's Discouraging to Seek and Not Receive

What is your focus? - should be being filled with the Spirit - drawing closer to Jesus - give unreserved loving worship to Jesus and you will find yourself speaking in tongues

- Are you thirsty?
- Are you seeking with expectation
- What are you expecting? - We should expect the same thing that happened in the book of Acts...
- Are you willing to speak as the spirit gives utterance
 - Interface of natural and miraculous
- Jeremiah 29:13 NIV You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
- Romans 12:6 NIV We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

Tongues Were Only For the Infant Stage of the Church

It is odd that many things set into place in the early church are held as biblically sound and foundational - yet the spiritual gifts, baptism in the spirit, speaking in tongues and such have been relegated to the first century. The church does not follow a linear timeline that allows it to lay aside certain things because it becomes mature - each generation must contend for the faith.

- Jude 1:3 NIV Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people.

Tongues Promotes an Invisible Caste System In the Church

We must remember that tongues is not for the elite special group - it is for all...it is for empowerment in ministry, and does not guarantee immediate maturity

Tongues was a Lesser Sign-Gift in the Early Church

The emphasis was upon being edifying - NOT in describing tongues as a lesser or unnecessary gift.

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

1 Corinthians 14:39 NIV (39) Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

How To Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Focus on Jesus - He is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11; Luke 24:49). Ask him to baptize you with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of an unknown tongue.

- Your experience of receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit will be just like Pentecost
- What they saw and heard (people speaking in tongues) was described as the promise of the Father - the baptism in the Holy Spirit
- Peter said, **This** (what they saw and heard) is **That** which Joel prophesied about - that God would pour out his Spirit on all flesh
- When Cornelius and his household received the baptism in the Holy Spirit - they too spoke in tongues, this was the uncontested proof to the Jews that the Gentiles have been accepted into the kingdom of God.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift - there is nothing you can do to earn it - you must simply receive by faith

Receiving by faith means we do something & then God does something. For example, in salvation - We believe - He saves us ... or when Peter walked on water, his part was - he stepped out of the boat - God's part was to make the water solid ... we are told to lay our hands on the sick - this is a very natural thing we do, but when done in faith God heals them. In receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit YOU will speak and the SPIRIT will enable you.

You will ask Him to baptise you in the Holy Spirit ...He will -

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You will speak in other tongues ... the Spirit enables you

- 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.

You will ask the LORD to baptize you in the Holy Spirit. Then you must exercise your faith and begin to speak. When you open your mouth to speak - do not speak in your native tongue, simply focus on Jesus and the desire to receive power to be His witness - yield your tongue to the LORD and you will begin to speak in a language you have never learned.

John 7:37-39 NIV On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. (38) Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." (39) 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.

First, you must repent (be willing to turn from everything the Bible calls sin) and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord (Master) and Savior (Acts 2:38-39; Romans 10:8-13)...Act 5:32 NIV We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has **given to those who obey him.**"

If you've already done this then understand, believe and act upon the following steps:

- It is Biblical (be thoroughly convinced through examining the scriptures)
- It is God's will for you (Ephesians 5:17-18)
- It is applicable for today's Christian (Mark 16:17; Acts 2:39)
- It is not your salvation experience, but distinct from it (Acts 8:14-17)
- It is evidenced by speaking in a language (tongue) you won't understand (Mark 16:17; 1 Corinthians 14:2 and 15)
- It is for your spiritual growth and edification (1 Corinthians 14:4a; Jude 20)
- You must really want this gift, and believe God will give you what you have asked for (Luke 11:9-13; Hebrews 11:6; James 1:6-7)
- Jesus is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11; Luke 24:49). Ask him to baptize you with the evidence of an unknown tongue
- After you ask, say nothing more in the language or languages you understand because our mind won't be producing the new language (1 Corinthians 14:14). It will come from your spirit (i.e., out of your belly—see John 7:38). To speak from your mind is to shut off the valve from which the river flows
- Understand that God uses your lips and your voice when you speak. You can't speak with your mouth closed tight. Neither can you speak in tongues unless you begin to give voice, and step out to speak in a new language as the Holy Spirit gives the utterance. Speak it out loud
- Once you begin to speak in tongues, relax and let it go. Keep speaking for as long as you wish. Your language will grow, and your faith will increase. Your spirit is now speaking mysteries to God so don't give any thought to the fact that you don't understand what you're saying (1 Corinthians 14:2, 14)
- As you're speaking there's something else you can do with your new language. Paul says, "So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit ... I will sing with my spirit" (1 Corinthians 14:15). You can also sing in tongues! Put a tune to it, any tune. Sing in your new language! It's fun!
- Pay no attention to the lies the devil will fire into your thoughts, such as: "You're not really speaking in tongues, you're just making it up!" If this happens to you, it isn't uncommon. The majority of those who received their new language had the same thoughts. Why? Because it's new and doesn't seem possible. Or maybe our intellect is trying to reject it because it seems foolish. Whatever the doubts, understand it is Satan who wants to keep you from having this gift. Ignore him and keep speaking in tongues. In time, the doubts will cease as your faith increases.

- Finally, pray in tongues often. Paul did (1 Corinthians 14:18). Also understand you can start and stop at any time. You are in control of the praying. Tongues will not come without you initiating it (1 Corinthians 14:15) It brings the supernatural power (anointing) of God to

operate in the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:1-11). This is what happened to Jesus after he was anointed by the Holy Spirit at the Jordan River:

- Luke 4:1 — “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.”
- Luke 4:14 — “Jesus returned to Galilee in the power [Greek: *dunamis*] of the Spirit.”
- This same Holy Spirit power to operate in the gifts, Jesus promised to us, his disciples:
 - Luke 24:49 — “I [Jesus] am going to send you what my Father promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”
 - Acts 1:8 — “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.”
 - Acts 19:6 — “The Holy Spirit came on them, ... they spoke in tongues and prophesied [the gift of prophecy].”