

How To Receive!

The only prerequisite to receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, is that you must already have received Jesus as your Lord and Savior and are born again. Like any promise in God's Word, it is received by faith. According to Romans 10:17, faith comes by hearing God's Word. You must study these Scriptures and resolve any questions or doubts that you may have about it. Unfortunately, for some believers they have been taught incorrectly on this subject and it may take some time to remove those mental roadblocks.

Once we have faith in our heart from God's Word to receive, all we have to do is ask, *Luke 11:13, "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!"*

The Holy Spirit provides the utterance to speak, but we have to give volume to those sounds. He is a gentleman and will not make us speak in our new devotional tongues— we do the speaking. Sometimes our mind will fight it, but just yield to the Holy Spirit and speak.

Please pray this: "Father God I come to you in Jesus' Name and I ask you to baptize me with the Holy Spirit and power according to Acts 1:8!"



If you did not speak in tongues initially, don't let that trouble you. When we ask God in faith to receive His promises in His Word, we have confidence to receive no matter what happens.

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

Just continue to thank God for having baptized you with the Holy Spirit and be sensitive to speak out whatever sounds the Holy Spirit gives you. Please contact us if you have any further questions or would like someone to pray with you.

If you don't already have a place to fellowship, I would like to encourage you to find a good Bible believing church that teaches Jesus is Lord, so you can grow in your new relationship with God. This next step is so important in your walk with Jesus. There are so many wonderful things for you to learn and experience along with other believers in Jesus Christ.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit



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Acts 1:8



There has been a lot of confusion in the Body of Christ over the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, and the initial evidence of speaking with other tongues. First of all

allow me to point out that every born again child of God has the Holy Spirit within them. Jesus told His disciples right after His resurrection in John 20:22, “And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” This is when they were born of the Spirit, and He came to dwell on the inside of them. Likewise, when we confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit makes us a new creation and dwells inside our spirit according to 2 Corinthians 5:17; Titus 3:4-7.

Subsequent to Salvation

Some are of the belief that a Christian has all there is of the Holy Spirit when they were born again. Let’s see what the Bible has to say about that. Even when the disciples of Jesus had the Holy Spirit dwelling within them, He told them about yet another experience with

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.

Luke 24:49

the Spirit, coming upon them in power. Jesus made further reference to this fact in the first chapter of the Book of Acts, when He gave a command not to fulfill the Great Commission without being baptized with the Holy Spirit. This endowment of power is just as critical for us today as it was for the early church.

“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. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 1:4-5

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When Philip the evangelist had a great revival in Samaria, many were saved and water baptized. Later on however, Peter and John prayed for these same people to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. If these new believers in Samaria had all there was to the Holy Spirit when they got saved, there would have been no need for Peter and John to pray for them. We see a similar account with the apostle Paul in Acts 19:1-7, praying for believers to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. As a result they spoke with other tongues and prophesied.

The Initial Evidence

When the day of Pentecost came, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Church as Jesus had promised.



What seemed to be tongues of fire, came and rested upon each of them and they all spoke with other tongues. This is the initial evidence that a believer has been baptized with the Holy Spirit. Notice, the first thing that

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:4

happened after this wonderful event, about 3,000 people were saved! Just like Jesus had said in Acts 1:8, power to be a witness. Being bold for Jesus and having signs and wonders confirming His Word. I was initially saved for eight years, having never been taught about this wonderful promise. Upon receiving it, everything in my Christian life was tremendously amplified: reading my Bible, prayer, praise and worship etc. Without anyone telling me, I had an unquenchable desire to witness to the lost. There was a fire, conviction and boldness in my Christian life like never before. Now I understand why Jesus told them not to leave Jerusalem until they received this promise.

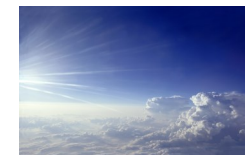
A New Prayer Language

This is a supernatural utterance given by the Holy Spirit. There are two platforms by which speaking in tongues operates. First there is the utterance gift given as the Spirit wills in a group setting that is accompanied by interpretation according to 1 Corinthians 12:10-11. Then there is the devotional gift of speaking in tongues that can be done as much as the believer wants— as he/she wills.

For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:2

In 1 Corinthians 14:18, Paul says, “I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.” He said this to encourage them. The whole chapter was written to instruct the Corinthian believers the proper place for speaking in tongues for ministry and devotional uses-



Romans 8:26-27; Jude 20. The sky is the limit with this powerful enablement.