

An aerial photograph of a river with turbulent, white-water rapids. In the center of the river, there is a large, dark, jagged rock formation. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the overall scene is dynamic and powerful.

The River of God

Part 9 - The Holy Spirit Prays

37 "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ...

John 7:37-39 (ESV)

***...39 Now this he said about the Spirit,
whom those who believed in him
were to receive, for as yet the Spirit
had not been given, because Jesus was
not yet glorified.***

John 7:37-39 (ESV)

***There will be swarms of living things
wherever the water of this river flows.***

***Fish will abound in the Dead Sea,
for its waters will become fresh.
Life will flourish wherever this water
flows...watered by the river flowing
from the Temple.***

Ezekiel 47:9,12 (NLT)

The Holy Spirit

Prays



For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, that they all may call on the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one accord.

Zephaniah 3:9 (NKJV)

Three Kinds of Tongues



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1 Corinthians 14:2,4-5, 14, 17-19; 28

Romans 8:15-16,26-27; Jude 20

I Pray in Tongues...





1. Because it is Biblical

***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 (NIV)

***For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays,
but my mind is unfruitful...***

1 Corinthians 14:14-17 (NIV)

***...If you are praising God with your spirit,
how can one who finds himself among
those who do not understand say
"Amen" to your thanksgiving, since he
does not know what you are saying?...***

1 Corinthians 14:14-17 (NIV)

***...You may be giving thanks well enough,
but the other man is not edified.***

1 Corinthians 14:14-17 (NIV)

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.


Romans 8:15-16 (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 with groans that [human] words cannot express...

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV)

...And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV)



2. Because it
Strengthens Me

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

1 Corinthians 14:4 (NIV)

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

Jude 1:20 (NIV)

**Dispelling the Lies,
Misconceptions,
and Fears**



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3. Because I Choose to

So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.

1 Corinthians 14:15 (NIV)

***I thank God that I speak in tongues
more than all of you.***

1 Corinthians 14:18 (NIV)

***We all make many mistakes,
but those who control their tongues
can also control themselves in
every other way...***

James 3:2-4 (NLT)

...We can make a large horse turn around and go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. And a tiny rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot wants it to go, even though the winds are strong.

James 3:2-4 (NLT)