

Opening: The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a real gift that is active for today. The Bible, God's word has explained the gift of tongues very well and even the purpose for tongues. This grace of God to the believer is truly powerful and is needed today in the Body of Christ.

1. The Spirit has senses, powers, and abilities just as the physical body has the same.

- a. The spirit can see, feel, hear, smell, taste, with spiritual senses.
- b. Ephesians 1:18 (Sight), John 10:27 (Hearing), Psalm 34:8 (Taste), 2nd Corinthians 2:15 (Smell), Hebrews 4:15 (Touch)
- c. **Ephesians 11:8** as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear, to this very day."

2. The Human Spirit has a voice or a language.

- a. **1st Corinthians 14:15** 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. 15 What then 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.
- b. **The mind is unprofitable because the tongue is the language of the Spirit which to us is unknown to the mind of men, but God knows it.**

3. What Kinds of Tongues do we see in Scripture?

- a. **Different languages that are unknown to the one who speaks them therefore this gift is useful in missions work. Acts 2:1-4**
- b. **A Prayer Language which does not need to be interpreted, because the speaker is declaring mysteries directly to God, and edifying themselves. These usually are more private tongues spoken at lesser volume since they are not meant for others. 1st Corinthians 14:2**

c. A Congregational tongue that must be interpreted since it is a form of prophecy for the body of Christ to be edified once it is interpreted. This is usually of greater volume and may be suddenly given without hesitation as the Holy Spirit leads. 1st Corinthians 14:13

i. Let the one who gives this tongue also pray that they may be able to interpret it. It is possible that the one who gives a tongue may interpret it, but we must also remember not to be manipulated by our emotions and then manipulate God's people.

d. A Worshipful tongue, which does not need to be interpreted, singing in the Spirit. 1st Corinthians 14:15

4. What are Tongues for?

a. Jude 1:20-21 20But you, beloved, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21keep yourselves in the love of God as you await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you eternal life.

b. Ephesians 6:18 Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition. To this end, stay alert with all perseverance in your prayers for all the saints.

c. 1st Corinthians 14:26-27 26What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a psalm or a teaching, a revelation, a tongue(congregational Tongue), or an interpretation. All of these must be done to build up the church. 27If anyone speaks in a tongue, two, or at most three, should speak in turn, and someone must interpret.

d. A congregational tongue is limited to 2-3 in a service by the Apostle Paul, because it must be interpreted in order to be edifying to the Body of Christ which is the purpose.

e. The interpretations spoken of by Paul in 1st Corinthians 14:27 has to do with a form of prophetic utterance in the body of Christ.

- f. **Side note:** Can a person pray in tongues in a church service without needing it to be interpreted. Yes! However, we should understand that to the one who does not speak in tongues it is of no value and if it is not a congregational tongue in general the praying in tongues should be kept to the person, or in praying for another person controlled within measure. Why? The Apostle Paul says, **“outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are insane?”**
- g. **In 1st Corinthians 14:19** Paul says he would rather speak in his known language 5 words rather than in tongues a thousand words because it will build up the others in the gathering. He doesn't forbid it. He simply puts speaking in tongues in its proper context.

5. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit comes with tongues.

- a. **Luke 11:11-13** 11What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13So if you who 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!**
- b. **Mark 16:17** “And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with **new tongues.**” (Greek γλώσσαις (glōssais), unknown languages.
- c. **Acts 2:1-6** 1When the day of Pentecost came; they were all together in one place. 2Suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in **other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**5Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6And when this sound rang out, a crowd came

together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking his own language.

- d. **Acts 10:44-46** “While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them **speaking in tongues and praising God.**”
- e. **Acts 19:5-6** “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.**”
- f. **Acts 8:14-17** 14When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15On their arrival, they prayed for them to receive the Holy Spirit. 16For the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 17Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received **the Holy Spirit.** 18When Simon **saw** that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money. 19“**Give me this power as well,**” he said, “so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.

6. The gifts abide until perfection comes. What is the perfect?

- a. 8Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are **tongues**, they will be restrained; where there is **knowledge**, it will be dismissed. 9For we know in part, and **we prophesy in part**, 10but when the perfect comes, the **partial passes away.** 11When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a

man, I set aside childish ways. 12 Now we see but a dim reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see **face to face**. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as **I am fully known**.

- b. Paul is saying when Jesus returns, and we receive our glorified bodies the gifts which are now necessary will no longer be necessary for we will “know as we are fully known. We won’t need the gifts to fill in for our shortcomings when we are in the Heavenly Kingdom.
- c. Paul is not saying that the Bible is the perfect that has come, so that we no longer need the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Cessationism holds to the belief, that the Apostles needed the gifts but that we do not need the gifts today. The Bible is perfect, but we are not known as we are known yet, and therefore we still need the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Knowledge has not passed away yet and therefore we still need the gifts.

7. What are Tongues?

- a. The gift of tongues is the Holy Spirit helping us to pray, to prophesy and to intercede for others. The Spirit does not have the earthly limitations of space, time, energy, knowledge, knowing the will of God. The one who prays or ministers through tongues can minister without knowledge.
- b. The gift of tongues allows God to bypass the human limitations of ministry to allow the one who uses this gift to enter the things of the Spirit more easily in order to minister more perfectly with the Holy Spirit. Tongues are a grace of the Spirit so that we may be more fruitful.
- c. The gift of speaking in tongues is when the human spirit speaks to God’s spirit directly.
- d. **1st Corinthians 14:2** 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**.

- e. Speaking in tongues is a supernatural gift, that once received at Holy Spirit Baptism a person can use whenever they desire. God does not force a person into baptism, and He does not force the tongue to obey but we willingly yield our tongue to God.
- f. **Life Lesson:** All ministry where we are teaching, preaching, praying, or speaking on behalf of God requires us to yield our intellect and tongue to His will. The gift of tongues is done in the same manner.

8. No human can tame the tongue, but God can wrestle control of it.

James 3:7-8 7All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, 8but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9. How to Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Luke 11:13 Jesus said, **“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!” (Luke 11:13).**

- a. There is an “IF” to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- b. John 14:16 15If you love Me, **you will keep My commandments**. 16And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever— 17the Spirit of truth.
- c. **John 7:38-39 38Whoever believes in Me,** as the Scripture has said: ‘Streams of living water will flow from within him.’ ” 39 He was speaking about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. For the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.
- d. The Baptism is for service to the King, to proclaim His message to the ends of the earth. It should be noted that if a person

does not have the desire to give their life in service of Jesus, then they will not receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit since this is the purpose of this gift.

- 10.** Altar: Search your heart, prepare to receive, and then come forward and ask. We will lay hands in agreement with you. Do not be afraid and do not be ashamed to proclaim God out loud or boldly.