

Praying in the Spirit
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What is Praying in the Spirit?

When do we use it and why is it powerful?

If you do not speak in tongues, tongues simply meaning a different language, you are still saved. It has nothing to do with salvation.

Overcoming 5 Common Obstacles of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues (praying in tongues-God's heavenly language):

I. Lack of knowledge and understanding:

Baptism of the Holy Spirit is about the release of the Spirit, not **getting** the Holy Spirit. We received the Holy Spirit at salvation. The baptism is to be immersed, which is what the word baptism means period. To be baptized in the Holy Spirit is the release of the Spirit, Whom you already have within you. You are asking Him to release the perfect will of the Father, His heavenly language in you and through you through the expression of tongues. You are still communing and praying in the Spirit when you read the Word of God and pray in your earthly known such as English or Spanish, and so on. The difference with tongues is it's an unknown language that you are not taught through human effort and practice. It is the gift given by the Spirit that cannot be tainted through human thought, will, or emotion.

The bible describes rivers of living water flowing through us. Speaking in tongues is the overflow of the Holy Spirit coming out of you. At salvation we receive him, at baptism we release him. Everything God does in you starts from within and works from without. Even divine healing is worked from within then manifests out. It's received as faith in the Spirit, that manifests outwardly in your physical body.

From the Spirit, to the soul, to the body.

Let's Clarify:

Just because you do not speak in tongues does NOT mean:

1. You are not a Christian. We are saved by grace through faith and nothing else, not any form of baptism, nothing else. By faith through grace alone.
2. You don't have faith
3. You don't have the Holy Spirit.

If you've asked for the baptism the Holy Spirit, you have received. Speaking in tongues is not the greatest expression of the Holy Spirit, but it is great! The greatest expression is the fruits of the Holy Spirit, evangelism, and righteous living. For me it was months later when I received my spiritual language in tongues. I was so hungry. I continued seeking God, praying, seeking God's will, and telling God I want to speak in tongues. Be patient and keep pursuing.

Nobody knows God like the Holy Spirit: In the scriptures below we learn we are communing with God spirit to spirit, the very depths of the spirit of God, for deep revelation, corporate and personal edification as well as the perfect communion with God. See the scriptures below:

I Corinthians 14: 2 & 4: (NIV): Being only of benefit between you and God. It edifies your inner being. There is a difference between the corporate gift of speaking in tongues afforded to every believer as opposed to the spiritual gift given to specific believers to edify the church.

I Corinthians 14:2:2 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.

- Being only of benefit between you and God.

I Corinthians 14:4: (NIV and NLT):

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Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.

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A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church.

- Away from your natural thinking, engaging and experiencing the purity of God's Word and His perfect will through the Spirit.
- When you don't know what to pray, pray in the Spirit.
- Corporate tongues as in the spiritual gift requires an interpreter.

Romans 8:26 (NIV and NLT): When you don't know what to pray, pray in the Spirit:

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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.

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And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

I Corinthians 2: 9 - 14 (NIV):

⁹ However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"^[a]—

the things God has prepared for those who love him—¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the

things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

2. **Over Analysis:** as derived from the meaning of scripture we studied above, **I Corinthians 2:9-14.** The flesh cannot comprehend the spirit. When you try to understand God by the flesh and not by revelation, when you try to grasp the word through information instead of revelation you find lack. When you're praying or a preacher lays hands on you, and you are just analyzing and assessing, processing everything through human thought, trying to figure it out, this hinders you from the release and the experience.
3. **Pride:** You are afraid to look silly. We must get rid of self. Ego is self. The focus is, God I want more of you and not the gift. The gift is the byproduct that comes from the gift giver God. Praying in tongues is the language of surrender, emptying of self, less of me and more of him. Empty yourself.
4. **Fear:** people have embraced an idea that speaking in tongues is demonic, hype, and not of God. All of these are false. If you ask God to impart the Holy Spirit into you with the evidence of speaking in tongues, he will! Not according to your discernment or understanding, but according to his word. You will receive of him something great, Not demonic, not against his will, not against him or his word. He gives good gifts to his children.
 - a. **Matthew 7:9-11:(NIV):** "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ 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 good gifts to those who ask him!

5. **Put it into Action:**
Acts 2:4 (NIV & NLT):

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

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And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

This might be the biggest problem of all. "I was waiting for something to happen." Overemphasizing the moment. "Too much focus on the messenger, or the process."

Jesus baptizes you in the Holy Spirit, not a person, not the messenger. I come boldly and faith, in him and his word because he and his are true because they are one in the same! When I lay hands on you, God's deposit is in there! People just stand around and wait and are fearful to put it into action. You have to move your tongue. The Holy Spirit is not going to just grab your tongue and start twisting it around and doing it by force. Remember, this language comes out of your spirit, not your head, and not the English language or any other human language that you may speak. It comes forth deep within your belly, but you must begin to speak the syllables.

Believe. Receive. Speak.