

Empowered: A Study on the Holy Spirit  
The Infilling of the Holy Spirit  
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**What are your greatest spiritual needs?**

Two categories of answers:

Greater spiritual **intimacy**\_\_\_\_\_ with God. (Acts 1:5)

Greater spiritual **power**\_\_\_\_\_ from God. (Acts 1:8)

General Observations:

Acts 2, 10 and 19 the Holy Spirit comes on people in a specific way: **gift of tongues**\_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 2 is the account of the birth of the church with the demonstration of the Holy Spirit gift of tongues. If this was to be a temporary gift, why would God attach it to the birth of His church?

When a person has the Holy Spirit gift of tongues, they are declaring the **wonderful works**\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

When on display correctly, the unbelieving will recognize the **presence**\_\_\_\_\_ of God. (1 Corinthians 14:22-25)

**James 3:3-12** - <sup>3</sup>When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup>Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup>Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup>The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

<sup>7</sup>All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

<sup>9</sup>With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup>Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. <sup>11</sup>Can both fresh water and salt

water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup> My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

How do we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

1. Seeker's **hunger** \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus (Acts 10:30-33)
2. Holy Spirit gives **gifts** \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Something **dramatic** \_\_\_\_\_ will occur.

**Luke 11:9-13** - <sup>9</sup>“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. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> 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!”