



The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

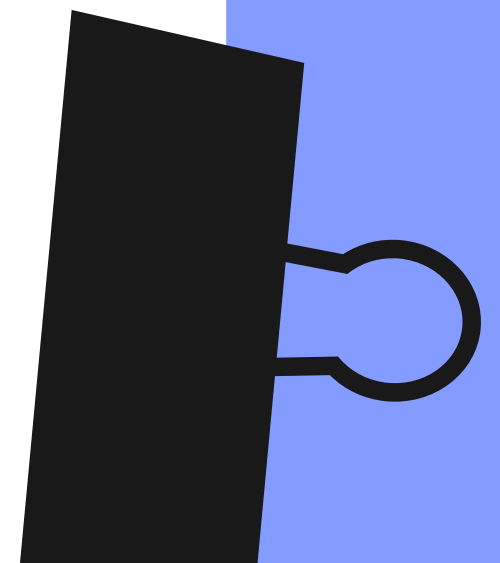
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Opening Verse

Matthew 3:11 

11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. *He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*



Holy Spirit & Fire

2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began *to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

Acts 2:2-4 NRSV





Receiving The Spirit

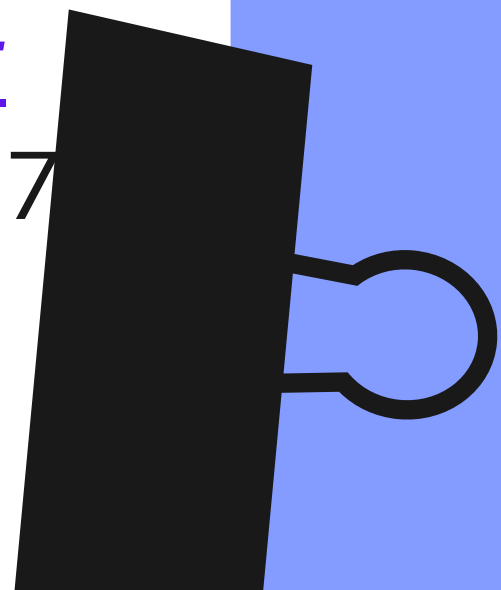
14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:14-17

Did you receive when you believed?

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. 2 He said to them, "**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?**" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 Then he said, "Into what, then, were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." 4 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.** 6 When *Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied,* 7 altogether there were about twelve of them.

Acts 19:1-7 NRSV





Gifts of the Spirit 1

8 To one is given through the Spirit the **utterance of wisdom** and to another the **utterance of knowledge** according to the same Spirit,

9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healing** by the one Spirit,

10 to another the working of **powerful deeds**, to another **prophecy**, to another the **discernment of spirits**, to another **various kinds of tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues**.

11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1 Corinthians 12:8-11 NRSV



Gifts of the Spirit 2

Word of Wisdom: is the supernatural revelation concerning the **purpose and plan** of God. This gift is a word from God that gives a person understanding of the plans and purposes in the mind of God.

Word of Knowledge: is the supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of **certain facts** in the mind of God

Gift of Faith: is the supernatural power to **believe God for anything**. Some people refer to this as special faith

Gift of Healing: is the supernatural **power to heal** an ailment by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Gift of Miracles: is the supernatural leading of the Holy Spirit to **perform miracles** that bring glory to God.



Gifts of the Spirit 3

Word of Prophecy: is the supernatural leading of the Holy Spirit **to speak forth the things of God.** A forth telling Believers can operate in this gift and not be a prophet.

Discerning of spirits: is a supernatural **leading of the Spirit in differentiating between heavenly, satanic, and human spirits** (Holy Spirit and His Gifts). God can give us spiritual discernment on what kinds of spirits that may be influencing a person's actions. There are familiar spirits, spirits of divination, and principalities. This gift is important because it will help you discern if certain supernatural or miraculous events are from God or from the devil.

Various Tongues: is the supernatural leading of the Holy Spirit in the utterance of an earthly or heavenly language. This is used to pray to God, magnify God, speaking mysteries, and edifying others and ourselves.



Gifts of the Spirit 4

Interpretation of Tongues: is the supernatural understanding and revelation of the various kinds of tongues.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are for believers today. We need to be equipped to walk in the calling that God has for us.

Cessationists / Doubters

These are people who believe in Jesus but **do not believe in the gifts of the Holy Spirit for current Christians today**. They believe that the gifts have ceased and are no longer working in the church.

Modern Day Sadducees

The Sadducees were a Jewish group of the Sanhedrin **who did not believe in the resurrection**. They disagreed with the Pharisees who did believe in the resurrection and angels.

****God chose Paul as an apostle who was a Pharisee. Paul believed in the power of God.***



5 holding to the outward form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid them!

2 Timothy 3:5



Sadducees



Matthew 22:23,28-29

23 The same day some Sadducees came to him saying *there is no resurrection*, and they asked him a question:

28 In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.”

29 Jesus answered them, “**You are wrong because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God.** **30** *For in the resurrection* people neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels of God in heaven.



Paul & Sadducees



Acts 23:6-8 NRSV

6 When Paul noticed that some were Sadducees and others were Pharisees, he called out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. ***I am on trial concerning the hope of the resurrection of the dead.***”

7 When he said this, a dissension began between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided.

8 (**The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection or angel or spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge all three.**)

Are Tongues Demonic/Gibberish?

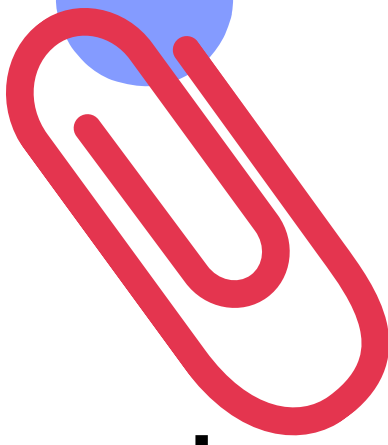


Some people believe that Christians speaking in tongues/languages today is demonic. The bible does not teach this at all. There is no scripture for anyone to believe this. The bible encourages speaking in tongues and it is a sign that will follow believers in Jesus.

There are currently over **7,000** living languages in the world. How can anyone say that another person is speaking gibberish when they have not heard ALL **7,000** **7,139** languages to make that statement?

Well, the answer might surprise you. With “only” 195 countries in the world, the total number of different languages spoken is impressive. According to the Ethnologue guide, there are **7,139** **officially known languages** in the world, but this number is declining.

Receive the wrong spirit?

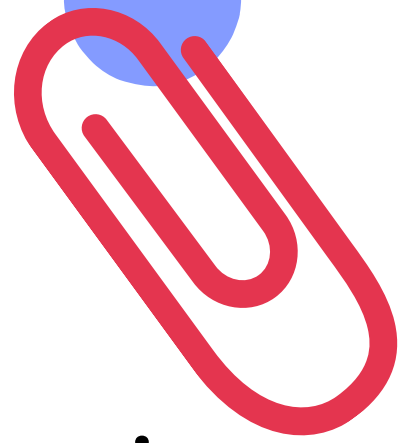


Some people believe that you may receive the wrong spirit (demonic) if you ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Jesus doesn't teach or say that anywhere. Jesus gives us encouragement to ask the Father.

9 "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 **For everyone who asks receives**, and **everyone who searches finds**, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? 13 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"**

Luke 11:9-13 NRSV

Only Apostles could lay hands?



Some people believe that only apostles could lay hands on Christians to receive the Holy Spirit. This is also unbiblical as we have Ananias a disciple who laid hands on Paul to receive the Holy Spirit.

10 Now there **was a disciple** in Damascus *named Ananias*. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then

he got up and was baptized,

Acts 9:10, 17-18 NRSV



Ending Message

31 But *strive for the greater gifts.* And I will show you a still more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12:31 NRSV

Strive for the gifts of the **Holy Spirit** to operate in your life. **BUT** make sure you operate in **LOVE!**