

THE UNFORGETTABLE FIRE 1-28-18

The inextinguishable, unquenchable **fire** of the Holy Spirit.
All of us as believers should seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire.

John 14:16 I'll ask the Father & He'll give you another Advocate, who'll never leave you.**17** He's the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. ...you know Him, because He lives **with** you now & later will be **in** you.

John 15:26 AMP ...the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) ...the Spirit of Truth

Acts 1:8 You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere...

Acts 2:1b NKJV ...Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind & it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire & one sat upon each of them. 4 & they were all filled w/ the Holy Spirit & began to speak w/ other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

When we're baptized w/ the Holy Spirit, we receive His power, boldness, passion, gifts, & spiritual prayer abilities.

Acts 4:29 Lord, hear their threats, give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching Your word. Stretch out Your hand w/ healing power; may miraculous signs & wonders be done through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." After this prayer, the meeting place shook, & they were all filled w/ the Holy Spirit; they preached the word of God w/ boldness.

*This Holy Spirit experience is **distinct from** being born again.*

Acts 8:12 The people believed Philip's message of Good News 'bout the Kingdom of God & the name of Jesus. As a result, many men & women

were baptized. ...**15** As soon as they arrived (Peter & John), they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. **16** The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then *Peter & John laid their hands upon these believers, & they received the Holy Spirit.*

Acts 10:44 As Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. **45** The Jewish believers who came w/ Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles too. **46** For they heard them speaking in other tongues & praising God. **47** Then Peter asked, “Can anyone object to their being baptized now that they’ve received the Holy Spirit just as we did?” **48** So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Acts 19:1 ...Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, where he found several believers. **2** “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked. “No,” “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” **3** “Then what baptism did you experience?” he asked. “The baptism of John.” **4** Paul said, “John’s baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus.” **5** As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them & they spoke in other tongues and prophesied.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is seen by the initial physical sign of praying in the Spirit/speaking w/ other tongues as the Spirit of God gives you utterance or vocal expression.

9 benefits of being filled w/ the Holy Spirit & praying in tongues

1. Builds up your inner man.

1 Corinthians 14:4 NKJV He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself (is strengthened personally), but he who prophesies edifies the church.

The inner man is the spirit & soul. When you pray in tongues, you edify/strengthen/build up your inner man.

2. Allows you to receive revelation knowledge.

1 Corinthians 14:2 NKJV He who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

Praying in the spirit is a language that only you & God can understand. You're speaking by the power of the Holy Spirit. It's a gift that is given to you by the Holy Spirit, by God. The Father wants to share divine secrets w/ us, but He won't do it through our minds. We receive revealed knowledge through the Holy Spirit. When we pray in tongues on a regular basis, we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit to receive revelation knowledge or things that cannot be known by the natural mind alone.

3. Enables you to hear the voice of your spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:13 NKJV let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

Praying in tongues releases our spirit & the works of the Holy Spirit. As we pray in tongues, we should pray for the ability to interpret what's being said. When I'm praying in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying. He works through the human spirit. When we pray in tongues our minds are not involved, so we can hear our spirit

4. Allows the Spirit to pray for things you don't know about.

Romans 8:26 NKJV The Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. We don't know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us w/ groanings which cannot be uttered.

This is one of the greatest tools of the believer: intercessory prayer in the Spirit. Helps us in prayer. In every need or weakness, the Holy Spirit wants to help us pray what's important. He can pray through us w/ sounds that cannot be spoken in articulate speech (English).

Praying in tongues brings revelation knowledge. We will be praying for things that our natural minds don't even know about.

5. Allows you to pray the perfect will of God.

Romans 8:27 He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

When we pray in the spirit and/or for a specific thing in other tongues, we will always be praying the perfect will of God.

6. Builds you up on your faith.

Jude 20 NKJV You, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy *faith*, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

To stay strong in faith & keep ourselves in God's love, we need to build ourselves up by praying in the spirit. If you sense your faith is weak, praying in the Spirit regularly will build you up on your faith, you can then put your faith to work.

7. Helps you keep our tongue in line with the Word.

James 3:8 NKJV No man can tame the tongue. *It's* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. W/ it we bless our God & Father, w/ it we curse men, who've been made in the simil'itude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing & cursing...

When we pray in the Spirit, we're taming & submitting the tongue to the Lord.

8. Gives thanks and magnifies God.

1 Corinthians 14:16 NLT If you praise God only in the spirit, how can those who don't understand you praise God along w/ you? How can they join you in giving thanks when they don't understand what you're saying? 17 ***You'll be giving thanks very well,*** but it won't strengthen

the people who hear you. **18** I thank my God I speak w/ tongues more than you all.

There's no greater avenue of worship than in the Spirit. Jesus said true worshippers, worship in the Spirit. (John 4)

9. Is a sign to unbelievers.

1 Corinthians 14:22 NKJV Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.

This is a sign that will help the unbelievers to realize that God is present, and His power is real.

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Steps To Receiving The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit***

Now that you've made Jesus Lord of your life, you can now receive the gift of the baptism of the Holy Spirit; which will strengthen your faith, give you boldness to be an effective witness for Christ, and enable you to pray with the Spirit by speaking in tongues.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

HE IS OUR HELPER AND TEACHER...

HE GIVES US POWER TO LIVE BOLDLY...

HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN I RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT? PRAYING IN TONGUES IS THE OUTWARD PHYSICAL SIGN OF BEING FILLED.

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WHEN YOU PRAY IN THE SPIRIT YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

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PRAYING IN TONGUES WITH THE HELP OF THE SPIRIT IS AN ACT OF YOUR WILL. GOD GIVES YOU THE ABILITY TO DO IT, BUT HE WILL NOT FORCE YOU TO DO IT OR DO IT FOR YOU.

1 Corinthians 14:15 I will pray w/ the spirit & I will also pray w/ the understanding. I will sing w/ the spirit & I will sing w/ the understanding
You can and should pray in the spirit (pray in tongues), but also pray in English. But it's an act of your will!!

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALREADY HERE FOR EVERY BORN AGAIN PERSON, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORK OR WAIT TO RECEIVE HIM!

Luke 11:13 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!

If you ask for the Holy Spirit in faith, the Father will give Him to you.

Would you like to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit now? If yes, pray this prayer from Luke 11:13, asking God to fill you w/ the Holy Spirit.

"Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I ask You to fill me w/ Your Holy Spirit. I receive Him from You & according to the Bible I can now pray in tongues."

After the prayer, pray confidently in other tongues & remember it's a matter of your will. God will not force anything on you, but you must submit & pray out what you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you to say.