

**The Baptism with the Holy Spirit** (part 3)  
Ten Reasons Every Believer Should Pray In Tongues  
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Review

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On September 12, I celebrated my 42nd year of Spirit-filled living. On September 12th, 1976, at 7:20pm, after rededicating my life back to Jesus, I received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit changed my life forever! And this experience will forever change yours too, if you will yield to it!

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit came to the church on the Day of Pentecost, and has been available to us ever since.

3 supernatural things happen when you're baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Supernatural Witness

Supernatural Understanding of the Word

Supernatural Way to Pray

9.9.2018

We talked about the 4 places in the book of Acts where the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is mentioned, and how to personally receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Today we will begin: 10 Reasons Every Believer Should Pray in Tongues Every Day.

**I encourage you to listen with an open mind to this subject. What I am sharing has changed who I am and how I live! And made Jesus so much more real!**

Praying in the spirit, speaking in an unknown tongue, praying in tongues - are all terms used to express the outward physical manifestation of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit (BWHS).

It's the initial outward sign of the Holy Spirit Baptism...

All N.T. experiences of BWHS include speaking with other tongues.

Acts 2:4; Acts 8:12-16; Acts 10:46; Acts 19:6 - they spoke with tongues...

Acts 8:18 – When Simon saw...vs. 21 - Matter- Gk –Logos – Word/Utterance

EVERY person Baptized with the Holy Spirit should expect to speak with other tongues!

**Praying in the spirit helps elevate the spirit above the mental in you. It helps unseat the control the unrenewed natural mind has over your spiritual life.**

Let's go back to the book of Genesis for an observation about Adam and Eve and their original relationship with God.

Adam and Eve related *spiritually* to God before their fall into sin.

After their fall into sin, their minds, emotions, wills, and bodies were elevated to a position above their relationship with God. Now, our reasoning rules us. Our emotions often rage out of control. And our wills are stubborn in allowing us to live independently of God.

With the New Birth, our relationship with God is reinstated. And with the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, there comes a heightened awareness of the spiritual life.

God-talk, praying in the spirit or in tongues, helps us elevate our spiritual person above our natural mind, emotions, and wills.

And, praying in the spirit enables us to talk to God from our spirit. It is our spirit talking to Him, bypassing the mind. It's amazing!

Now what this does is -- it helps unseat the control the mind has over life, and helps restore that spirit-to-spirit communion with God that was available before man sinned.

You may ask: Why would God include praying in other tongues with the Baptism with the Holy Spirit? It seems so crazy to the normal person!

James 3:2

For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

What controls the tongue controls the life!

God taps into the faculty of speech in the Baptism with the Holy Spirit to help Him get control of your natural person.

Praying in the spirit on a regular basis will help you keep spiritual things first place in your life.

## **10 Reasons Every Believer Should Pray in Tongues Every Day. (We will cover 3 today.)**

### **1. It is God's will for every believer to pray in tongues.**

1 Corinthians 14:5

I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

1 Corinthians 14:18

I thank my God I speak in tongues more than you all.

1 Corinthians 14:19

But in a church meeting I would rather speak five understandable words to help others than ten thousand words in an unknown language.

### **2. It helps unseat the control the unrenewed natural mind exerts over your spiritual life.**

\*1 Corinthians 1:26-29

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. (27) But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; (28) and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, (29) that no flesh should glory in His presence.

Isaiah 55:8

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways", says the Lord. (9) "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."

1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

\*1 Corinthians 14:14 - Amplified

For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody].

Since God is a spirit, and since the Holy Spirit resides in our spirit, when you pray in the spirit, you are praying prayers that originate with God!

You don't always know what you are praying, but you are being totally effective.

### **3. It provides a way for you to pray about things you don't know about.**

1 Corinthians 14:2 - AMPL

For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands or catches his meaning, because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding].

1 Corinthians 2:11

For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

Examples:

1984 - In the name of Jesus.

1995 - Every hour on the hour - I woke up - wreck

2004 - Don't get on that plane

2008 - Congo - tank - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm - intercessors were praying in tongues....

2013 - Current building

2016 - Trendsetter

### **Action Points:**

To receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, you must be a born-again Christian. You can receive alone or with someone ministering to you.

1. To receive alone:

Luke 11:11-13 - NKJV

If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 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!

In faith, pray and ask the Father to baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

*Father, thank you for saving me from my sins and making me a child of God. As your child, I*

*ask you to baptize me with the Holy Spirit, from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet, fill me with the Holy Spirit now. I believe that I will speak with other tongues as the Holy Spirit enables me, in Jesus' name, Amen.*

Lift your hands to the Lord in thanksgiving, take a deep breath, and open your mouth and begin to speak in the language the Holy Spirit gives you from deep within you.

2. To receive with some help:

Call or email our offices and ask for an appointment with Pastor Mitch or another staff member. (Phone: 919-779-5180 | Email: [info@victorychurchraleigh.com](mailto:info@victorychurchraleigh.com))

3. To receive today or during a service:

Come down front at the close of the service and ask to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Pastor Mitch or a staff team member will pray with you today.

### **Extra:**

### **Objections Answered**

1. Not all who are baptized in the Holy Spirit will speak with other tongues...

1 Corinthians 12:30 – *Do all speak with tongues...* some say this infers that not all will speak with tongues...

There are two different uses of tongues... devotional and public (tongues and interpretation).

Same in essence, different in usage.

This verse is saying that not all will be used in tongues and interpretation in public assembly.

Yet all who are baptized in the Holy Spirit should expect to speak in their private devotional life.

2. Other tongues was just for the day of Pentecost to witness to the other nations present.

8 years, 10 years, 25 years after Pentecost they spoke with tongues, too.

This experience was only for the early church...

Acts 2:38-39

3. Paul said I had rather speak 5 words with my understanding that I with my voice might

teach others than 10,000 words in an unknown tongue. (1 Cor. 14:19)

Vs. 18- I THANK MY GOD I SPEAK WITH TONGUES MORE THAN YOU ALL.

VS. 39 – DO NOT FORBID TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES!

4. To receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, it is not necessary to speak with tongues.

To receive the BIBLE experience, you want to do what they did – they spoke with tongues.

There are no Bible examples of people receiving without speaking with tongues...