

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit (part 4)
Ten Reasons Every Believer Should Pray in Tongues
9.23.2018

Review

Acts 1:4-5 - NKJV

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; (5) for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Notice Acts 1:8 - NKJV

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

9.2.2018

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

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 (2:1-4; 8:12-22; 10:44-46; 19:1-6) where the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is mentioned, and how to personally receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

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Ten reasons every believer should pray in the spirit every day.
(we covered 3)

Today we continue with ten reasons every believer should pray in the Spirit every day.

- 1. It is God's will for every believer to pray in tongues or in the spirit.**
- 2. It helps unseat the control the unrenewed natural mind exerts over your spiritual life.**

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

1 Corinthians 14:2 - AMP

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.

Example - Cameron.

1980 - February - go to Rhema...

1984 - In the name of Jesus

1989 - Offer this amount on that house...

1993 - Go check your oil.

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....

4. Provides a way to charge yourself up spiritually.

1 Corinthians 14:4

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

Jude 20

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

We all need to be charged up spiritually so we can face all the negatives around us.

Car battery is charged by alternator.

5. It provides a way to be refreshed spiritually.

Isaiah 28:11-12

For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, (12) To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing"; Yet they would not hear.

6. It magnifies God in your life.

Acts 10:46

For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Makes Him bigger than all the opposing thoughts, feelings, and circumstances around you.

Keeps you aware of His presence inside.

7. It provides a way to offer praise and thanksgiving to God.

1 Corinthians 14:16-17

Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? (17) For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

8. It helps you control your tongue!

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.

9. It provides a way to pray God's perfect will.

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (27) Now 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.

1980 - Go to Rhema.

1984 - You will have his job.

1994 - Already existing church

2001 - Financing for building

2013 - Spoke to me about another building

10. It provides a doorway for other spiritual gifts to manifest in your life.

When you pray in tongues, your spirit, motivated by the Holy Spirit, is praying. Because praying in tongues makes you more aware of the Holy Spirit living in you, you will find a greater manifestation of other spiritual gifts after a season of praying in tongues.

God wants to use every believer in the simple gift of prophecy. (1 Cor. 14:1,5,9) Praying in tongues is the best way to stir up that gift.

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).

3. To receive today or during a service:

Come down front at the close of the service and ask to be baptised 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...