

How to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit

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Today the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance separates more churches and people than any other doctrine. Even most mainline non-Pentecostal organizations have a hard time accepting this gift even though several of their constituents practice it everyday in their personal prayer time. Friend today this doctrine needs to be taught and practiced more than ever, since many Pentecostal churches have more non-tongue talking members in them than tongue talking members. So in an attempt to clear up some of the confusion about the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues I've prepared this little brochure.

Receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not a difficult practice. The Holy Spirit is not some elusive spooky being. He is God, the third person of the Trinity and rank does not make him any less important. He is a person with a personality. He is not an IT; but a HIM. Many confused people think that tongues are the Holy Spirit. This is not true. Tongues are only the sign of his infilling. You are perfectly able to have the "indwelling" of the Holy Spirit without having the "infilling." When you have an infilling that means that he has come upon you and is filling you to overflowing with his presence. The result will be an overflow of tongues flowing freely from your lips.

To receive the baptism you must do so by **faith**. The same way you received salvation through Christ, and were baptized in water, you must also receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Take these suggestions and put them into practice and let the Holy Spirit infill you.

First you must understand that the Spirit of God has already been poured out and given to man, so there is no need to tarry for him. He wants to fill you. It's completely up to you whether you receive him or not. You don't have to beg, all you have to do is ask him, and respond to his prompting.

Secondly; according to Acts 2:38 the only prerequisite to being filled with the Spirit is to have personal salvation.

Acts 2:38 (NKJV) ³⁸Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Thirdly; if you are saved, you are a candidate for the baptism when hands are laid on you. When you are ready to receive you must let the Holy Spirit using your vocal cords, believing by faith that the words you are speaking are from the Holy Spirit. You do the talking, but it is the Holy Spirit that speaks. If you won't talk, he can't speak.

Acts 2:4 (NKJV) ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Many people are afraid to speak out because they are afraid it will be just them, and not the Holy Spirit that is talking. That is where faith comes into play. You must by faith believe that the words are his, even though you won't understand them.

1 Corinthians 14:2 (NKJV) ²For 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.

You must understand that you speaking in tongues **is in the flesh**, because God has promised to pour out his Spirit upon all flesh.

Joel 2:28 (NKJV) ²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

Forth; believe that what you are receiving is one of the good gifts of the Father and he won't allow any substitute thing to come into your life.

Luke 11:11 - 13 (NKJV) ¹¹If a son asks for ^εbread 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? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³If 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!”

The Holy Spirit is known as one of the good gifts that the Father bestows on his children. Every Father wants to help their children out in life, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit is one of the ways that our good heavenly Father aids us in this life. We won't need the baptism when we are in heaven, so the baptism is given to us to aid us in this life and give us more power to witness and propagate the gospel for God.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) ⁸But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be ^εwitnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Are you ready to receive him?

Now here is where your act of faith comes into play. Close your eyes, and raise your hands, and ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit. Quietly whisper praises to him in your natural language, and after you have worshiped and praised him for a few minutes- speak out loud the words that his is placing in your mind You must open your mouth wide to let him speak. Tell yourself; “I'm receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit by faith now.” And then speak!

If you keep talking in English or your natural language **stop it!** It is physically impossible to speak two different languages at the same time, so in order to be filled with the Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues you must allow him to speak in whatever language he chooses to speak in. Remember that even though you don't understand the words that you are saying that doesn't mean that it is not the Holy Spirit doing the speaking. He is giving the utterance of words even though he is using your mouth to do the speaking from. Our only responsibility is to let the Holy Spirit do the speaking, by opening our mouth wide and allowing him to use our speech. Once you receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit allow him to speak everyday. You will feel a release in your Spirit every time you let him speak, because he is using your spirit to speak to God directly, and no one understands what is being spoken but God himself.

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The devil doesn't know what is being said and neither does any angel, just God himself communicating to himself through your spirit. The more you practice this gift the more your faith will increase.

Jude 1:20 (NKJV) ²⁰*But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,*

So let the Holy Spirit build your faith by allowing him to speak everyday of your life. He wants to take you to a higher level in your faith with him and he does so with the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

Go be filled with His Spirit!

