

New Testament Baptisms
PPT Baptism in the Holy Spirit Part 2
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are taken from the NKJV.

1. Receive God's good gift
 - a. To be baptized in the Holy Spirit is a personal act of faith.
 - b. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift. 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!" *Ask!*

2. What about tongues?
 - a. Early Christians receive Holy Spirit and speak in tongues.
Acts 19:6-7 "And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all."
 - b. The gift of tongues is a heavenly language which magnifies God.
Acts 10:45-46 "And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."
 - c. Tongues is often an outward sign of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
Acts 2:4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

3. I wish you all spoke in tongues
 - a. Speaking in tongues is not some out of control impulse!
1 Corinthians 14:32 "And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets."
 - b. Paul wished everyone spoke in tongues because it was an important part of his spiritual life.
1 Corinthians 14:18 "I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;"

4. By passing the devil!
 - a. We pray with our mind and with our spirit.
1 Corinthians 14:14-15 "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding."
 - b. We understand when we pray with our mind. When we pray with our spirit, we are praying directly to the Father without having to accept the limitations of our human intellect.

- c. The devil cannot understand this language of angels.
1 Corinthians 13:1 “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.”
1 Corinthians 14:2 “For 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.”

5. Kinds of tongues

- a. Tongues for personal prayer and intercession.
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. 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.”
**When we do not know how to pray Holy Spirit prays for us.
- b. Gift of tongues to be used in the church. This is when a prophecy is given in tongues and then it is interpreted.
1 Corinthians 12:28-31 “And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.”

6. Eagerly desire

- a. When Paul lists the ministry gifts of the Holy Spirit to the church, he says we should eagerly desire the “greater gift” and a “more excellent way.”
- b. The greater gift is what you need at the time: healing, etc. The excellent way is love.
- c. To possess the gifts without love amounts to nothing.
- d. Until we see Jesus face to face, the gifts, including tongues, are given to us to use for His glory on earth.
1 Corinthians 13:8-13 “Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

7. Continue to be filled with the Spirit

- a. If you are not sure you are, ask to be baptized in the Holy Spirit today!
- b. After we receive, we must continue to be filled because we leak!
- c. Early believers were filled again after they were filled at Pentecost.

Acts 4:31 “And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”

- d. To maintain the fullness of the Spirit, we must live lives separate from sin.
Ephesians 5:18-19 “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,”
- e. The baptism in the Holy Spirit happens in the context of committed discipleship to Jesus Christ.