

the only one that allows you to communicate with God. All Christians use the natural earthly level of communication with God when they pray. The Bible calls this speaking with the “tongues of men.” When entering into worship and praise, however, many people feel limited when using only “tongues of men.” Often, repetition sets in. It is there that God frees us with His supply for another level of worship: the “tongues of angels” spoken of in 1 Corinthians 13:1. This is also called “tongues.” Your heavenly language gives you a new capability: you can now communicate with God without the limitations of your natural mind. “For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one understands, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful” (1 Corinthians 14:2, 14).

The Holy Spirit in you already understands God’s thoughts and His ways. Now He wants to communicate to God accordingly, and He wants to speak those thoughts to you. While your natural tongue is controlled by your mind, your “unknown” tongue speaks by the Spirit of God.

You should speak in tongues simply because this is one evidence of the Holy Spirit inside you. Speaking in tongues is one way that God builds you up, spiritually: “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit;...” (Jude 20). When you pray in the Spirit you pray directly to God and bypass your understanding. Praying in tongues eliminates selfishness from our prayers as they are guided directly by God. You pray according to His will, and even pray over matters which you may know nothing about!

“And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:26–28).

You are yielding that unruly member of your body, your tongue, to God as you pray in the Spirit, for you must yield your tongue to the Holy Spirit in order to speak in tongues. Regular praying in tongues makes it easier for you to constantly yield your whole self to God.

### STAY FILLED

Your baptism with the Holy Spirit is a one-time event. But your “infilling” is continuous. Being filled with the

Spirit begins at Holy Spirit baptism, but you should never stop drinking of the Spirit of the Lord. Ephesians 5:18 tells you to be filled with the Spirit, and it really means “to ever be filled and stimulated with the Holy Spirit.” “Being filled” is the continuous present tense. The filling of the Holy Spirit goes on and on, never stopping. You have a fountain within you. Don’t allow sin or self-life to stop this flow. You can be filled daily. Keep being filled, keep being filled, keep being filled. You are on your way to the richest life you have ever had, as you walk in the abundance of the Living Christ each day.

If you desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit please don’t hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

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# WE NEED THE FULNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

## RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Believe God's Word

I know that God must have highly esteemed the baptism of the Holy Spirit, for He prophesied about it: "And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see vision. And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days" (Joel 2:28, 29).

John the Baptist and Jesus Himself also prophesied about the baptism of the Holy Spirit:

"John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but He who is mightier than I is coming, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He Himself will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire." (Luke 3:16).

"...but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

You must first know that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a gift that God wants you to have. Believe that God wants to give you His best, just as He gave His best when He gave you His Son, Jesus Christ. If Jesus, the disciples and the early church were all baptized in the Holy Spirit, then you should be, too. You are a member of the same Body, and God will withhold no good thing from you:

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him? (Luke 11:13).

God is not a respecter of persons. Many feel that they have to become "good enough" to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit. On the contrary, it is the reverse: you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit to empower you to do better.

## ASK FOR HIM

Jesus said that God would give the Holy Spirit to those who would ask. Is that different from asking Jesus to be your Savior? It certainly is! In John 14:17 Jesus called Him the Spirit of truth Whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him." To get saved you had to behold Jesus. No one preached to you about the Holy Spirit; they told you about Jesus Christ.

But now you know the Holy Spirit, because you received Him when you were born again. You only have to ask the Father for Him.

## PRAISE THE LORD

Expect the Lord to give you a new language of praise, just as He gave the disciples in Acts 2:4:

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance."

They "began to speak," just as you must "begin to speak." Then as you speak, know that it is the Holy Spirit Who gives you the utterance. Praise Him in your new language.

## BELIEVE YOU RECEIVED

The Father gives good gifts, and He will not give you a counterfeit. Receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit by faith, just as you received salvation by faith. If your heavenly language does not flow immediately, do not doubt that you have received. Just keep praising and thanking God.

God imparts the baptism of the Holy Spirit in two ways:  
1. By sovereign outpouring (Acts 2:1-4; Acts 10:44-48). Many times Jesus simply baptizes people with the Holy Spirit anywhere they are, wherever they ask Him. Other times, they may not even ask, and they are baptized with the Holy Spirit because of someone's prayer for them. Jesus is a giver, and He loves to give people His most precious gift—the Spirit of God.

2. By the ministry of laying on of hands. Sometimes Christians may have another member of the Body of Christ lay hands on them to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-19).

## YOUR EVIDENCE

On the day of Pentecost the evidence of the Holy Spirit baptism was seen through the apostles boldness in preaching, after which 3,000 people were saved! They also heard sounds of rushing wind, saw tongues of fire, and they spoke in tongues, praising God (Acts 2:1-4). The Holy Spirit overflowed from their spirits and filled up their senses, causing an overflow!

Acts 8:14-19 tells of the Samaritan Pentecost and the Bible doesn't tell us what the evidence was. I do know that it was certainly something to be seen, for Simon the magician was present and the Bible says he "saw" what happened and wanted to buy the power of the Spirit. Needless to say he was harshly rebuked! Jesus' blood is the only way that the Holy Spirit could be purchased for mankind.

When the apostle Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit the "scales" which had represented spiritual blindness disappeared from his eyes. Later he told the Corinthians, "I speak with tongues more than you all." Though the Bible does not specify, Paul probably received the gift of speaking with other tongues when he was filled with the Holy Spirit, since that is when others received the gift (Acts 9:17-19). We know by his own testimony in 1 Cor. 14 that he prayed in tongues.

At the Roman Pentecost, the baptism of the Holy Spirit was given by God to Gentiles who believed on His Son. This happened while Peter was preaching to them, and suddenly the Holy Spirit came upon all who were present. They immediately responded by speaking in tongues and exalting God (Acts 10:45, 46).

At the Greek Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon some believers and they began to speak in tongues and prophesy (Acts 19:1-6). All who received the Holy Spirit demonstrated supernatural power.

## WHY YOU SHOULD SPEAK IN TONGUES

You don't have to speak in tongues if you don't want to—God will not force you to. However, when you yield your tongue to the Holy Spirit you indicate your willingness to yield the rest of your body to Him. It is your tongue which rules over the rest of your body: "For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well" (James 3:2).

As a believer you function on two levels: the spiritual level and the natural level. The natural level refers to your five senses; of those five senses your tongue is

