

# The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

## Why Every Christian Should Receive the Baptism

### Lesson 1: *Speaking in Tongues* Acts 2:4

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## Why Every Christian Should Receive It

### ▲ *Prophecy must be fulfilled*

**Isaiah 28:11-12** Very well then, with foreign lips and **strange tongues** God will speak to this people, 12 to whom he said, “This is the resting place, let the weary rest”; and, “This is the place of repose”— but they would not listen.

**1 Corinthians 14:21** In the Law it is written: “**With other tongues** and through the lips of foreigners I will speak to this people, but even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord.”

**Joel 2:28** “And afterward, **I will pour out my Spirit** on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

**Acts 2:17** “ ‘In the last days, God says, **I will pour out my Spirit** on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

**Matthew 3:11** “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will **baptize you with the Holy Spirit** and fire.

### ▲ *The Command of Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Apostles as promised by the Father*

**Luke 11:11** “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**”

**Luke 24:49** I am going to send you what my Father has promised; **but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.**”

**Acts 1:4-5** On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait for the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit.**”

**Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when **the Holy Spirit comes on you**; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Acts 2:33** Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received **from the Father the promised Holy Spirit** and has poured out what you now see and hear.

**Acts 2:38** Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the **gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you** and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

**Ephesians 5:18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit,**

### ▲ *The Practice of the Early Church*

**Mark 16:17** And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will **speak in new tongues**;

**1 Corinthians 14:5** I would like every one of you to **speak in tongues**, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.

**1 Corinthians 14:15** So what shall I do? I will **pray with my spirit**, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will **sing with my spirit**, but I will also sing with my understanding.

### ▲ *Perfect holiness or sinless perfection are not a prerequisite*

**Acts 15:7** After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. 8 God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. 9 **He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.**

**John 14:16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. **The world cannot accept him**, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.**

# Why every Christian should receive it

## ▲ *The Example of the Early Church*

**Acts 2:4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to **speak in other tongues** as the Spirit enabled them.

**Acts 4:29** Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” 31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they **were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and spoke the word of God boldly.

**Acts 8:14** When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. 15 When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and **they received the Holy Spirit**. 18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money 19 and said, “Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”

**Acts 9:17** Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be **filled with the Holy Spirit**.”

**1 Corinthians 14:18** I thank God that I **speak in tongues** more than all of you.

**Acts 10:43** All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the **Holy Spirit came on** all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that **the gift of the Holy Spirit** had been poured out even on Gentiles. 46 **For they heard them speaking in tongues** and praising God. Then Peter said, 47 “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have **received the Holy Spirit** just as we have.”

**Acts 19:1** While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, “**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” 3 So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. 4 Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the **Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues** and prophesied.

## ▲ *Objections overruled*

**1 Corinthians 12:8** To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another **speaking in different kinds of tongues**, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

**1 Corinthians 12:30** Do all have gifts of healing? **Do all speak in tongues?** Do all interpret?

**1 Corinthians 13:8** Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are **tongues, they will be stilled**; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

**1 Corinthians 13:13** And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is **love**.

**1 Corinthians 14:5** I would like every one of you to **speak in tongues** ...

# What does tongues do for us?

## ▲ *It gives us a supernatural way of praising God*

**Acts 10:46** For they heard them **speaking in tongues and praising God**.

**1 Corinthians 14:2** For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter **mysteries by the Spirit**.

## ▲ *It gives us a supernatural and sure way of praying according to the will of God and for the unknown needs of others*

**Romans 8:26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but **the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans**. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with **the will of God**.

## ▲ *It is a way of edifying oneself*

**1 Corinthians 14:4** Anyone who speaks in a tongue **edifies themselves**, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.

**Jude 1:20** But you, dear friends, by **building yourselves up** in your most holy faith and **praying in the Holy Spirit**,

# How to Receive the Baptism in the Spirit

**Ask - James 4:2** You do not have because you do not **ask** God.

**John 16:24** Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. **Ask** and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

**Believe - Hebrews 11:6** And without **faith** it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must **believe** that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

**Confess - Psalm 81:1** Sing for joy to God our strength; shout **aloud** to the God of Jacob! ...

**10** I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. **Open wide your mouth** and I will fill it.