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# INTRODUCTION

This book was written to feed your faith and stir your heart about the significance and relevance of the Holy Spirit. Christian life was never supposed to be lived “naturally” apart from Him. And as you study the Scriptures for yourself, I believe you will see that Christian life simply CANNOT be lived successfully apart from the reality of the Holy Spirit.

I have not written this book as one who has arrived, but as one who is ever being confronted by the Scriptures as to just how significant a factor the Holy Spirit should be for us today. I am personally challenged! Have we received all that’s available from the Holy Spirit and His ministry in our lives? Or could there be still more? I believe that there is still so much more for each one of us!

My prayer is that this little book would increase your desire to be more greatly filled with and more aware of God’s greatest gift to the Church—the Holy Spirit!

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# The First Step: Prayer of Salvation

*...And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.*

**Ephesians 1:13 (NLT)**

The FIRST step to receive the Holy Spirit into your life and benefit from the GIFT that He is, is to receive Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. Jesus is the Son of God, who died on the cross and shed His blood to pay the price for the sins of the whole world.

The Bible tells us in Romans 10:13 that *“whoever calls on the name of the Lord [Jesus] shall be saved.”*

The Scripture also tells us in Romans 10:19 *“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

When you call on the name of Jesus and receive Him as your Lord, you receive eternal life and you become God’s child.

Accepting the gift of Jesus into your heart gives you relationship with the Living God! Only then are you in a position to receive all that the Holy Spirit has for you.

If you have never taken this FIRST STEP, then pray this simple prayer in sincerity from your heart:

Dear God,

I believe that Jesus is Your Son, and that He died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins. I believe that Jesus has been raised from the dead and that He is alive!

Right now, I call on the Name of Jesus. Jesus, come into my heart. I receive You as my personal Lord and Savior. Forgive me of my sins and cleanse me by the power of Your blood.

Thank You for saving me and giving me eternal life!"

Congratulations! You are now a child of God!

CHAPTER ONE

# THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FOR YOU

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* **John 3:16**

*“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.”* **Acts 1:8**

**I** was in a meeting one time where I heard the speaker say this:

*“Jesus is God’s gift to the world,  
but the Holy Spirit is God’s gift to the Church.”*

What a powerful statement! Think about that for a moment.

Clearly, the most important thing for any *unbeliever* is to receive Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. First and foremost, we must each be saved from our sins, receive eternal life, and have our names written in The Book of Life.

Jesus truly is God’s gift to the world that we might each be reconciled to God! Nothing could be of greater value or importance than to receive God’s gift of Jesus Christ!

But once we have received eternal life through putting our faith in Christ, having been born again into God's eternal family and the Church universal, there is perhaps no greater or more significant gift than that of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is God's gift to the unsaved world in order that "*whosoever believes*" in Him can be saved and reconciled to God the Father. He is the way, the truth, and the life! No one can come to God except through faith in Jesus Christ. (Jn 14:6)

But the Holy Spirit, on the other hand, is God's gift to the believer in Jesus, enabling him to know, to find, and to fulfill God's supernatural purpose and assignment for his life.

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The Bible reveals that the Holy Spirit has been given that we might know the things which have been freely given to us through Christ, as a result of our salvation. (1 Cor 2:10-12)

For us believers, the Holy Spirit is not only our personal escort and guide into all that God has prepared and provided for us, but then He is also the One Who empowers us to walk in those things! His role and function is critical for us as believers!

Without knowledge of the Holy Spirit and learning to cooperate with Him, our life assignments and callings

simply cannot be accomplished as the Lord has planned. They will go largely unfulfilled! This is what makes the Holy Spirit such a vital gift to the Church.

## **The Holy Spirit—the Promise of the Father**

In the Scriptures, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as “*the Promise of the Father*” and made it very clear that this promise was for all!

*“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.  
And also on My menservants and on My maidservants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”*

—Joel 2:28-29

*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; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with **the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.”*

—Acts 1:4-5

*This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father **the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He poured out this which you now see and hear.*

—Acts 2:32-33

*Behold, I send **the Promise of My Father** upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. —Luke 24:49*

Look again at this verse in Acts 1. It says that Jesus “commanded” His disciples to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit. A command? That’s pretty strong language! This was clearly not a side issue with Jesus.

Why would Jesus have been so adamant that the disciples not go anywhere or attempt any ministry without the Holy Spirit? Why did He command them to receive the Holy Spirit first?

I believe the answer to these questions can be clearly seen as you read through the gospel accounts and study the life and ministry of Jesus. But perhaps no verse of Scripture gives us more revelation about this matter than this single verse in The Book of Acts:

*how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. —Acts 10:38*

Did you see that? “God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.”

Jesus understood and knew firsthand the reason for His own success and empowerment. And what was it? THE HOLY SPIRIT! “God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power!”

As we will discover from the Scriptures, Jesus submitted to the Holy Spirit. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit, led by the Holy Spirit, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

So why the “command” to wait for the Holy Spirit? Simply put, Jesus knew that without the help of the Holy Spirit, these disciple could not get their job done! Even in their best efforts and most earnest zeal, they would come

up short! The same is true for each one of us today who desires to fulfill God's purpose for our lives on the earth. The Holy Spirit is required.

Although the Holy Spirit has become a point of division for some in the body of Christ, I always find it helpful to remember that anything the Lord gives or reveals to His people is never given for the purpose of dividing them, but rather TO ENABLE them. This is also true regarding the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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to ENABLE the Church.

The Holy Spirit was given *TO EMPOWER* God's people, not to divide them. And this is where our focus should remain. We should focus our attention on what Jesus actually said about the Holy Spirit and learn all that we can about how to fully cooperate with this precious gift and empowerment. Thank God, this gift and empowerment is for all—including you!

## **How Did Jesus Operate on the Earth?**

Let's take a moment to look through the gospels at HOW Jesus operated as a Son of God on the earth.

- How did He operate?
- How did He function?
- How did He get results?

And as we do, let's remember this important point: *The things which Jesus did (with the exception of dying on*

*the cross for our sins) were done not only as our Savior, but also as OUR EXAMPLE. Jesus came to show us how to live life on earth as a “son of God.”*

When Jesus walked on the earth, He was THE ONLY begotten Son of God on the earth. He was the ONE AND ONLY SON. But now, through God's plan of redemption and the work of Jesus on the cross, He has brought “MANY SONS to glory.”

*For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing **many sons to glory**, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. —Hebrews 2:10*

Through new birth in Christ, we are also now “*sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*” (Gal 3:26) If you have received Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, then you are one of those many sons!

As believers and “sons” we are called to do “*the same works and even greater works*” than those that Jesus did. As challenging as these words may seem, they are the words of Jesus Himself! And to make it even stronger, He prefaced these words with the doubt-destroying words “*most assuredly.*”

*“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.” —John 14:12*

Imagine for a moment—“*The same works that Jesus did?*” “*Greater works?*” How could we possibly do such things? But of course, the same way He did them! BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

In fact, just a few verses later we find Jesus' first mention of the Holy Spirit being sent was in direct reference and context to doing *the works* that He did.

*“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.” —John 14:16-17*

Let's look carefully at what the Scriptures say about Jesus' operation on the earth:

- Jesus received the Holy Spirit.

*When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And **the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him**, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.” —Luke 3:21-22*

- Jesus was filled with the Spirit and then led by the Spirit.

*Then Jesus, **being filled with the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was **led by the Spirit** into the wilderness, —Luke 4:1*

- Jesus operated in the power of the Spirit.

*Then **Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee**, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. —Luke 4:14*

- Jesus preached, healed, and brought deliverance because the Spirit was upon Him.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He has anointed Me  
To preach the gospel to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed."*

—Luke 4:18

- Jesus cast out demons by the Spirit of God.

*But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God,  
surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

—Matthew 12:28

- Jesus gave commandments and instructions through the Holy Spirit.

*The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He **through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen.***

—Acts 1:1-2

- And as we have already mentioned, Jesus did good and healed because God had anointed Him with the Spirit.

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Can you see the emphasis on the Holy Spirit in these verses? Jesus did all these things by *the Holy Spirit*.

Many people have the idea that Jesus was able to do the mighty things He did simply because He was the only begotten, all-powerful Son of God. Well, that's partly true. It's true that He was the only begotten Son of God, but that's not HOW or WHY He was able to do the supernatural things that He did. Jesus did what He did because the Holy Spirit empowered Him!

Jesus was able to do the supernatural things He did because the Holy Spirit empowered Him.

And that same Holy Spirit is available for all God's children today! In fact, not only is He *AVAILABLE*, but according to Jesus, He is also *REQUIRED*!

## Why Did Jesus Need the Holy Spirit?

Some might ask, "If Jesus was the Son of God, why did He need to be anointed? Why did He need God the Holy Spirit if He was already God Himself?"

That is a very good question! The answer to which will continue to highlight the relevance of the Holy Spirit in our lives today. The answer can be found in the Book of Philippians:

*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but **made Himself of no reputation**, taking the form of a bondservant, and **coming in the likeness of men**. —Philippians 2:5-7*

The margin of my NKJV Bible says that “*He emptied Himself of His privileges.*” The New Living Translation says that “*He gave up His divine privileges.*” From this verse we learn that Jesus laid aside and emptied Himself of His divine privileges to operate as God, and instead became as a man.

Let that sink in for a moment: Jesus Christ became as a man!

**Jesus laid aside His omniscience**, which would give Him the ability to know all things about everyone at all times. Instead, He was now dependent upon what the Father revealed to Him through the Holy Spirit. That’s one reason He often withdrew Himself to spend time in prayer and communion with The Father.

**Jesus laid aside His omnipotence**, which would give Him the sovereign ability to do whatever He wanted whenever He wanted, and to heal whoever He wanted whenever He wanted. Instead, He was now subject to and empowered by the anointing of God’s Holy Spirit. That’s why Jesus said, “*I can of Myself do nothing.*” (Jn 5:30)

And clearly, **Jesus laid aside His omnipresence**, which would enable Him to be everywhere at the same time. Instead, He could only be in one physical place at a time. That’s why Jesus’ return to the Father God and sending the Holy Spirit was such a great advantage for all of us! (Jn 16:7) Instead of being limited to one place at a time, Jesus now lives and dwells on the inside of every believer through the Holy Spirit, all at the same time!

So Jesus didn’t operate on the earth as God. Was He God? Emphatically yes! But He operated on earth *as a man!* This

is a powerful revelation! Indeed, Jesus was God in the flesh, yet He operated and functioned on earth as “the son of man,” anointed by the Spirit of God—AS OUR EXAMPLE.

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As you read through the four gospel accounts, you will notice more than 50 references to Jesus as “*the Son of Man.*” Please do not misunderstand. Jesus was God, and Jesus is God. That should never come into question! Jesus went to the cross and paid the price for our sins as God—“*the just suffering for the unjust.*” (1 Pet 3:18) Yet, He fulfilled His earthly ministry as a man, with the help and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

This is even further substantiated when we discover that Jesus didn’t do any miracles or signs until AFTER He received the Holy Spirit. (Jn 1:32) When Jesus turned the water into wine, The Bible says that this miracle was the “*beginning of signs*”; meaning it was the first one He did.

*This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.*  
—John 2:11

So how did Jesus do what He did? How did He successfully fulfill God’s mission and purpose for His life? He did it BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. And, my friend, that is precisely how you will be able to fulfill God’s earthly mission and purpose for your life as well.

## God's Plan for Your Life Is Supernatural

What God has planned for you to do is beyond the ordinary—beyond the natural. It's super-natural! Jesus understood the power behind what He did. That's why He was so adamant that the disciples not try to fulfill the great commission without the Spirit—the very same Spirit Who enabled Him.

*There is one body and **one Spirit**, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; —Ephesians 4:4*

*But **one and the same Spirit** works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

—1 Corinthians 12:11

I have good news for you as you read this book today! There is only ONE Holy Spirit. And who is this Holy Spirit?

- He is THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT Who anointed and empowered Jesus.
- He is THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT Who was present at creation, hovering over the face of the waters while waiting for God's Word to be commanded.
- He is THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT Who anointed the Apostle Paul and every great man and woman of The Bible.

And this ONE and SAME SPIRIT is now available for you and every other child of God!

*The Spirit alone gives eternal life. **Human effort accomplishes nothing.** And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. —John 6:63 (NLT)*

What God has designed for you to do in this life—that which will have an eternal impact—cannot be accomplished with human effort or zeal alone. It requires a life that is filled with the Spirit, directed by the Spirit, and empowered by the Spirit of God. This is true no matter what field or walk of life the Lord leads you into.

Ministers and churches need the Holy Spirit! Businessmen and fathers need the Holy Spirit! Homemakers, teachers, and educators need the Holy Spirit! In fact, if there were any education or schooling worthy of pursuit for a child of God, it would be the school of the Holy Spirit! Nothing could be of greater value!

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Jesus clearly understood these things, but I am not so sure that many of us have the same understanding. We often try to fulfill God's words and God's plans in our own strength. Many have treated the Holy Spirit and what Jesus said about Him as if He were *OPTIONAL*, when Jesus made Him *A PREREQUISITE*.

When Jesus commanded His disciples to receive the Holy Spirit before continuing with their earthly callings and assignments, He was not being demanding. He was being practical and realistic! Jesus knew firsthand that a supernatural life and ministry could not be fulfilled without supernatural ability from the Holy Spirit.

We should stop and ask ourselves these questions:

*“Do we require any less of the Holy Spirit today in our Christian endeavors, churches, and ministries than they did in the early church?”*

*“Have we given the Holy Spirit the full place of expression and leadership that He desires to have in our lives?”*

Our sophisticated world of advancing technology, information, and intelligence may seem to create a narrative that tells us we can get by just fine without the Holy Spirit and His power. The argument is, *“After all, we are more advanced these days than during those old Bible days.”*

But is that really true? Has humanity really grown beyond the need for God's supernatural empowerment and help? Can we really achieve true success and eternal impact on our own? Or do we need the Holy Spirit just as much as we ever have? I propose to you that we need Him as much as ever, maybe even more!

CHAPTER TWO

**UNDERSTANDING  
THE WORK OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT  
IN YOUR LIFE**

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**2 Corinthians 13:14** (NIV)

**A**s believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, what an exciting world awaits us as we become more increasingly acquainted with the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and learn how to cooperate more fully with Him!

As you are reading this, I want you to know that this third Person of the God-head, the Holy Spirit, greatly desires to manifest Himself to you! I pray that this book is causing you to hunger and thirst for greater fellowship and communion with Him. The Holy Spirit desires to be everything to you that God's Word promises Him to be!

Although the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives is much deeper and farther reaching than I could ever begin to describe here in a few pages, for the sake of simplicity, I will divide his work into *three basic categories*.

I believe this will not only help us in our understanding, but may even clear up some confusion.

And what are those categories?

*The Holy Spirit WITHIN*

*The Holy Spirit UPON*

*The Holy Spirit AMONG*

## The Spirit Within Us

*But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,*

—**Titus 3:4-6**

This verse refers to the “*the regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit*” which takes place when God saves us from our sins and we become born again.

*Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

*Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”*

*Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit.”*

—John 3:3-6

When we believe the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and call upon the Lord to save us, **the Holy Spirit is present to recreate and regenerate our inner man**, making us “*a new creation in Christ.*” (2 Cor 5:17)

This miraculous experience is what Jesus referred to as being “*born again*” or “*born of the Spirit.*” It is through our miraculous new birth that **God seals us with the Holy Spirit**, marking us as His very own! (Eph 1:13)

I have discovered that there are still many people who don’t truly understand what it means to be born again. But God wants us to understand these most precious things!

Being born again is not “finding religion.” Neither is it a church affiliation that we may identify with. Being born again is an experience! **Being born again is the spiritual transformation that takes place in our inner man when we place our faith in Jesus Christ and call upon Him to save us from our lost condition.**

At the moment of our new birth, we are spiritually delivered from the power of Satan, and translated into the eternal kingdom of God’s Son. In that same moment, we are reconciled unto God and become His children forever—His sons!

Look at these powerful verses!

*‘And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.’ —Acts 2:21*

*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: —John 1:12*

*He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,*

—Colossians 1:13

All of this takes place WITHIN US—in our hearts—and is the work of the Holy Spirit as we put our faith in Jesus Christ. This is the FIRST WORK of the Holy Spirit in a person's life—being born again of the Holy Spirit.

The first work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is being born again of the Holy Spirit. This is the rebirth and regeneration of our inner man as we are reconciled back to God.

The moment we are born again, there are some very significant changes that have taken place WITHIN US. For one, the Holy Spirit, who has regenerated our hearts, also comes to live WITHIN US. **We become the temple and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.**

*Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? —1 Corinthians 3:16*

**The person of the Holy Spirit and His anointing then begin to work INSIDE US, as our personal Teacher and Guide into spiritual truths.** Imagine that! The greatest Teacher of all teachers now resides in you!

It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit that causes us to know the things that have been freely given to us through Christ's redemptive work, as revealed through God's holy

written Word. **The Holy Spirit is the revealer of truth INSIDE each one of us!** Look at these powerful verses!

*But the Helper, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things**, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*  
—John 14:26

*However, when He, **the Spirit of truth**, has come, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*  
—John 16:13

***But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.***

*But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as **the same anointing teaches you concerning all things**, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. —1 John 2:20,27*

The Holy Spirit was sent to do for each one of us what Jesus did for His disciples when He was physically present with them. Jesus was their personal teacher and guide. He is the One Who would explain all things to the disciples. And this is what the Holy Spirit is doing WITHIN every child of God, through the Word of God, as we learn to recognize and follow Him.

**Now, as sons of God, we are to be led and directed in life by the leading of the Spirit of God WITHIN US.**

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God... The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, —Romans 8:14,16*

The Holy Spirit within us “*bears witness*” with our spirits. This means that He will testify to the deepest part of our being as to what’s true and what is not. *He causes us to know and discern things that we wouldn’t otherwise know*, including God’s specific plan for our lives.

This is amazing! The Holy Spirit is really supposed to be that real to each one of us! And what a great and necessary help—especially in these last days, with so much darkness and widespread deception all around.

It is always important to mention that **the Holy Spirit’s leading and ministry WITHIN US will never contradict what we find written in The Bible**. After all, it was the Holy Spirit Who supernaturally inspired men to write and record The Scriptures. Therefore, it only stands to reason that His direction and ministry in our lives will also be in agreement with the same Word which He inspired. (2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:21; 1 Jn 5:7)

For this reason, one of the surest ways to familiarize yourself with the Spirit’s leading WITHIN YOU is to spend regular time reading and meditating on God’s Word. **You can learn to recognize the voice of the Spirit within you by making consistent time for the voice of God’s written Word.**

This is just a brief look into the work of THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN. And what a great work it is! There is really so much more that could be written, but let me mention just one more point.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. —Galatians 5:22-23*

At this same moment of miraculous new birth in Christ, **the “fruit” of the Holy Spirit are also imparted into our inner man.** These fruit display the character and nature of God Himself, against which the forces of darkness are defenseless! These fruit will grow and develop within us as we continue to renew our minds with God’s Word and practice a lifestyle of obeying Him.

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, the things described here are already your reality! These things just need your attention and cultivation. As you take time to go back to God’s Word for yourself, in order to study and affirm all that the Holy Spirit is doing WITHIN YOU, the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit will become even more real to you!

## The Spirit Upon Us

*“for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

—Acts 1:5

Once a person is born again of the Holy Spirit and becomes a child of God, he should immediately be educated about this SECOND WORK of God’s Spirit. There is still so much more of the Holy Spirit available! Jesus referred to this as being *“baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*

To be baptized is to be totally immersed! That’s what this word actually means. To be baptized with the Holy Spirit is to be filled and flooded with Him. What sincere child of God wouldn’t want that!

Among other things, **this second work of God’s Spirit in our lives provides us with POWER FOR SERVICE.**

We receive power to testify for Him, as Jesus describes here:

*“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.”*

—Acts 1:8

Jesus said the Holy Spirit will come *“UPON YOU.”* That’s why we call this second work “the Spirit upon.” This is different than being born again of God’s Spirit. This experience comes AFTER we are born again.

**This second work brings the Spirit’s anointing and empowerment for kingdom service in a greater dimension.** God desires to empower each one of us to live and serve Him supernaturally, with power!

*“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father UPON YOU; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”* —Luke 24:49

Being baptized and immersed with the Holy Spirit *is not required* in order to be saved from your sins, but Jesus did consider it essential for those who want to carry out the furtherance of His mission upon the earth. This second work of the Holy Spirit will greatly enhance the spiritual lives of all those who have been born again!

We find several scriptural examples of this second work of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts, including:

- Those in the upper room on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)
- Peter preaching to Cornelius’ household (Acts 10:44-46)
- The disciples at Ephesus (Acts 19:1-6)

But perhaps one of the most outstanding examples took place with the believers in Samaria. I would encourage you to read these verses for yourself. (Acts 8:5-17)

In this portion of Scripture, we find Phillip the evangelist preaching the gospel to those in Samaria. Many gladly received the Word of God and were even water baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. But there was still more that God had for them! They had not yet received the second work of the Holy Spirit.

The Apostles, Peter and John, were subsequently sent to this same group of people to pray for them that they might also receive THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON. They had been born again of God's Spirit but had not yet been "baptized with the Holy Spirit." As the Apostles laid their hands on them, they received the Holy Spirit.

## Tongues

*While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word... For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.*

—Acts 10:44-46

One of the most profound marks of the second work of the Holy Spirit is **the evidence of speaking and praying in tongues.**

The Spirit UPON our lives brings the evidence and added benefit of praying in "tongues."

But the scope and purpose of speaking in tongues goes far beyond just being an initial sign of being baptized with

the Holy Spirit. Tongues also provides us with a great spiritual benefit!

There are actually many benefits to speaking in tongues. Most profoundly, tongues gives us the ability to communicate with our Creator supernaturally! (This will be discussed more specifically in the fourth chapter.)

On top of that, receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues, is like **A DOORWAY into the nine supernatural gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit.**

These gifts are listed in 1 Corinthians 12 and are available to all of God's children at the direction and discretion of the Holy Spirit, as we give place to His fullness in our lives.

*But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.*

*But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

—1 Corinthians 12:7-11

The gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned here provide God's children with a very necessary "supernatural component." How necessary? So necessary that we are told to "covet earnestly" these gifts! (1 Cor 12:31, KJV)

Notice that all these gifts are “*through the Spirit*” or “*by the Spirit*” as we make room for more of Him in our lives. **Speaking in tongues is like an initial step through the doorway into God’s supernatural realm, where these gifts become more accessible.**

As we regularly take the first step of yielding and surrendering ourselves to the Holy Spirit by speaking in tongues, we will be much more likely to yield and surrender to Him as He desires to use us in these other supernatural manifestations of His Spirit.

## **Staying Full. Living Full**

Although there may be one initial and very distinct experience of Holy Spirit baptism in our lives—a moment where we are filled with God’s fullness and speak in tongues for the first time—this is just the beginning of the Spirit-filled life! There are still many subsequent re-fillings for the child of God!

God’s will is that we maintain a life of spiritual fullness! **Speaking and praying in tongues is not to be just a one-time happening in our lives, but rather a continuous stream that never runs dry!**

Both the words of Jesus, and the writings of the Apostle Paul confirm this, exhorting us to “*drink*” of the Holy Spirit; and then, to be continually “*filled with the Spirit.*”

*On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, **let him come to Me and drink.** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit...*

—John 7:37–39

*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, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, —Ephesians 5:18-20*

Staying full of the Holy Spirit will not only help you to be more sensitive to the Spirit's leading within you, but it will also open up your life to many exciting adventures in God!

The Holy Spirit UPON your life will open you up to many exciting adventures in God.

## The Spirit Among Us

This brings us to the THIRD WORK of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Born-again believers who assemble together on different occasions for divine purposes can also enjoy the multiplied and synergistic benefit of THE HOLY SPIRIT AMONG them. This can also be described as “a corporate anointing.”

**The corporate anointing is a manifestation of God's Spirit and presence that comes as we unite and assemble together collectively.** It is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit which can only be realized when we are joined together by the Lord Jesus Christ into our churches and God-appointed places of worship, in fellowship with other believers.

*Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, **being fitted together**, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom **you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.** —Ephesians 2:19-22*

*But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. —1 Corinthians 12:18*

Notice from these verses that the Lord “fits” us together with other believers by His design. He actually “builds us together” as we follow Him and acknowledge these supernatural relationships in our lives.

And what is the result? Together we become “a dwelling place” of God’s Spirit! In other words, His Spirit comes AMONG US to accomplish His purposes. In most cases, these purposes are far greater than any one of us could accomplish on our own.

The Lord fits us together with other believers by divine design.

## Don’t Forsake Assembling

*And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. —Hebrews 10:24-25*

Why would the Scripture exhort us not to forsake meeting and assembling with other believers? Is it really that important? Can't we just get by with worshipping God on our own, in our own way?

Yes, it really is that important, particularly when you understand the significance of this third work of the Holy Spirit—THE HOLY SPIRIT AMONG. There are parts of God's plan and purposes that simply cannot be accessed and accomplished alone. We need each other!

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By design, we are collectively "*the body of Christ*" and "*members of one another.*" (1 Cor 12:27; Eph 4:25) Some aspects of our full inheritance in Christ are only revealed and made manifest as we honor God's design, obey the Scripture, and physically assemble. This gives place and opportunity for the Holy Spirit to come AMONG US—  
an opportunity that He wouldn't otherwise have.

*A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire;  
He rages against all wise judgment. —Proverbs 18:1*

How convenient it would be if we could just do and receive everything God has for us on our own, without needing to bother with anyone else. Let's face it! Working together with other people can be "messy" at times. But if we desire to live and walk in God's highest and best,

there is really no way around it. We cannot afford to isolate ourselves.

The Scripture teaches us that where “*one can chase a thousand, two can put ten thousand to flight.*” (Deut 32:30) More can be accomplished TOGETHER as we acknowledge one another and take time to assemble together.

When God’s Spirit comes AMONG US, we are able to go *FARTHER* into the plans and purposes of God than we would ever be able to go alone. And, we are able to do it *FASTER*. We can go farther—faster! In other words, spiritual breakthroughs come more quickly and easily. Victories in areas of personal struggle are more easily realized!

When God’s Spirit comes AMONG US,  
we are able to go farther...faster!

Perhaps there is nothing more powerful than being born again, personally filled with God’s Spirit, AND THEN in the right place, connected together with other like-minded believers. I would call these *DIVINE ASSEMBLIES!* These are times and atmospheres which can mark our lives eternally and where we will see some of the greatest moves of God take place! (Acts 4:23-31; Acts 2:1-4)



## CHAPTER THREE

# HOW TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

*giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.*

**Colossians 1:12**

**I**f you have received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you are God's child—born again of His Spirit. What has taken place inside you, by the grace of God, is nothing short of miraculous!

As a child of God, Jesus has already *qualified you* to partake of your full spiritual inheritance. This inheritance includes what has been described in the previous chapter—*the Baptism with the Holy Spirit!*

This Holy Spirit baptism brings with it a supernatural empowerment upon your life for kingdom service, including the wonderful gift of a heavenly prayer language—tongues! If you are still reading at this point, you are obviously very hungry, or at the least, curious about this baptism.

I've included this chapter on "*How to Receive the Holy Spirit*" for the specific purpose of assisting you and others to be able to more fully and easily RECEIVE all that God has prepared for you.

It's important to understand, that even though our spiritual inheritance has already been freely given in Christ, that doesn't mean that all of God's children will automatically partake of and enjoy that inheritance. **We still need to learn how to come and RECEIVE from Him.** We have to learn how to "*partake*" of those things for which Jesus has freely qualified us.

As was the case in my own life, even though I had been exposed to God's Holy Spirit baptism through certain ministries and other people around me, I still needed some help to be able to receive for myself. It didn't all just happen automatically.

When it comes to receiving from God, there are certain METHODS involved—certain spiritual principles and protocols which God has given us to utilize and apply. We need knowledge of God's methods so that we can cooperate with Him.

But our receiving can also be greatly affected, or even hindered, by our MENTALITIES. In other words, our thinking must be right and in alignment with God's Word. **Methods and Mentalities**—both affect our ability to receive from God.

We must have knowledge of God's METHODS so that we can cooperate with Him, and our MENTALITIES must be right and in alignment with God's Word.

I will briefly touch on both of these in this chapter as it relates to the Holy Spirit's baptism. I pray that the points

mentioned here will not only be a blessing to you personally, but will also assist you as you seek to minister to others in these life-changing matters of the Holy Spirit.

## Mentalities—Thinking Right

*Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?*

— **Amos 3:3**

Let's begin with our MENTALITIES, and a few basic things that must be straight in our thinking in order to receive easily from God.

### **#1. Recognize and acknowledge that the Holy Spirit and tongues is God's promise for ALL.**

*"And it shall come to pass afterward that  
I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh..."*

—Joel 2:28

Here's some good news for every believer! The Prophet Joel prophesied that God would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. This should make you smile right here! If you are a believer, then "*all flesh*" includes you! If you are still not sure, take a moment to pinch yourself, and you will be reminded that you qualify.

Sadly, some very sincere people have missed out on God's fullness in this area simply because of this wrong thought and belief: **the belief that the Holy Spirit and tongues are a special gift for some, but not for all.** This is simply not true! (See Appendix: *Do All Speak with Tongues?* on [page 75](#).)

The Bible makes it clear that God does not show partiality or play favorites. He is not a respecter of persons! Certainly He wouldn't withhold the very Promise that

Jesus considered to be absolutely essential for His disciples and for all those who were part of the early days of His church. What would lead us to believe that we are among those whom God has excluded from this Gift and Promise?

*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, **they were all with one accord in one place.** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and **one sat upon each of them.** And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. — Acts 2:1-4*

If God filled ALL in the early church and they ALL spoke in tongues, would He desire less for us today? Surely not!

*And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; **they will speak with new tongues;**” —Mark 16:15-17*

As we can see here, tongues is a sign that is to follow all those who believe in Jesus Christ. Are you a believer? Then speaking in tongues is for you!

**Sometimes, just a simple adjustment in our thinking and in what we believe can make all the difference in our ability to receive from God.** It is very difficult to receive something from God that you are not sure He wants you to have. That's why it is imperative to know what The Bible really says about the Holy Spirit and tongues, and then to align yourself with His Word.

*I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; —1 Corinthians 14:5(a)*

This passage reveals the heart of God as expressed through the Apostle Paul, “*I wish you all spoke with tongues.*” If this is God’s desire for all, wouldn’t He have also made provision for such a desire to be fulfilled for all His children? I believe He has made such provision!

Many in the church have missed out on all that God has for them simply by believing that the Holy Spirit and tongues are a special gift for some, but not for all.

**God’s Word is His will!** Having knowledge of the will of God gives us the necessary confidence to approach our Heavenly Father, with faith, to receive all that He has prepared and provided for us. Once we discover the will of God, through the Word of God, we can set our hearts and minds in agreement with His will. This makes receiving easy!

So, when it comes to receiving the Holy Spirit, first of all, it’s important to recognize and acknowledge that the Holy Spirit and tongues is *FOR ALL*—including you!

**Stop and declare this:** “*Thank You, Lord! The Holy Spirit and tongues is for all Your children! The Holy Spirit and tongues is for me!*”

## #2. Your desire and your faith matter.

*Therefore I say unto you, **What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.** —Mark 11:24 (KJV)*

*But **earnestly desire the best gifts.** And yet I show you a more excellent way. —1 Corinthians 12:31*

It's not enough for someone else to desire the baptism of the Holy Spirit for you. That someone else might be your pastor, your spouse, a good friend, or even your own mother! It's not even enough that God Himself wants you to receive more of the Holy Spirit. You must hunger for the Holy Spirit and desire more of Him for yourself! This is also extremely important.

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This point is written to underscore an important truth: **that Jesus will not in any way FORCE His Spirit upon you or another person.** Neither will He force a person to speak in tongues against their own will.

God does not overpower people. He does not operate this way. This goes against His character and nature. We learn from the Scripture that He is meek and gentle. (Matt 11:29) Instead, He is looking for your heartfelt agreement and participation.

**God will move in your life based upon YOUR DESIRE and YOUR FAITH.** That's why it's important to answer the following questions for yourself:

- What do you really desire?
- What are you hungry for?
- What's important to you?

It's very personal with the Lord. That's why Jesus said, "*Whatever you desire, when you pray...*" Yes, God's will matters, but your will and your desire also matter!

There were only 120 in the upper room on the day of Pentecost, but there could have been more. Jesus' ministry reach obviously went well beyond 120! But among those who showed up, *ALL were filled with the Holy Spirit, and ALL spoke with tongues.*

Because God loves us, He will not make us receive something we don't want, even if it's a good thing. Neither will He force something upon us that we still have doubts and apprehensions about.

*I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; **therefore choose life**, that both you and your descendants may live; —Deuteronomy 30:19*

**God always honors our free will TO CHOOSE His will for ourselves**, even when our choices contradict His perfect will and good wishes for us. This also applies when it comes to receiving the Holy Spirit and all that He has made ready for us.

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. —Matthew 5:6*

To receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and to continue in a life of fullness with Him, we must continually live with an open heart that says a big “YES!” to Him. Spiritual hunger is required. God fills the hungry! We should hunger for more of God and for all that He has to offer, including the Holy Spirit.

To receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we must have an open heart that says a big “YES!” to God. Our personal desire and spiritual hunger are required.

For me personally, I’m sure this was a factor in my receiving the Holy Spirit and His baptism. After I had been exposed to the Holy Spirit and found out from the Scriptures that the Lord had something more for me, my heart immediately said, “*Count me in!*” If the Lord wanted me to have it, I wanted it! It was as simple as that for me.

**With a good foundation from the Scriptures, and a humble and willing heart, receiving from God becomes easy! But what do you really want?**

God is so faithful! When you sincerely desire all that He has for you and reach toward Him in faith, He will move heaven and earth to ensure that you get the help you need to be able to receive from Him. God desires to answer your questions, in order to remove any and all doubts, so that you can approach Him with confidence and certainty. I pray that this book is helping you with that very thing!

So, our personal desire and spiritual hunger really matter! We must desire the Holy Spirit for ourselves!

If we are willing to live without the things described in this book, we most certainly will. In such cases, God will very much honor our wishes and allow us to remain right where we are. Amazingly, His love for us still does not waver or change!

But if you are reading this book right now, I believe it's because your heart desires more of God. You want all that He has for you! And according to the words of Jesus—*“Blessed are you who hunger and thirst...for you shall be filled!”*

**Stop and declare this:** *“I am hungry for the Holy Spirit. I know that as I approach God in faith I shall be filled!”*

### **#3. Understand that the Holy Spirit *has already been poured out.***

*“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will **pour out of My Spirit on all flesh...**’ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, **He poured out this which you now see and hear.**” — Acts 2:17,33*

Please take note of the words *“poured out.”* The Holy Spirit was already poured out more than 2,000 years ago on the day of Pentecost! As was previously mentioned, when we open our hearts to receive the Spirit, we are simply accessing what the Lord *has already given*. This is extremely significant!

Why is this so significant? It's significant because the struggle is over! There is no longer any need to wait or "tarry" for the Holy Spirit, as they did in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost. He has already been given! He has already been poured out!

**Being baptized with the Holy Spirit is now simply a matter of coming to God and RECEIVING what He has already poured out and made available for all.**

Thank God! We don't need to beg God or plead with Him to baptize us with the Holy Spirit. He needs no convincing! In fact, the Holy Spirit is His idea, His will, and His desire for us!

The Holy Spirit has already been given!  
We must simply COME and RECEIVE  
what God has already poured out for all.

Understanding these truths and adjusting our mentalities accordingly will bring great ease in our ability to receive from God. The struggle is over! God's will for you is the Holy Spirit, AND He has already been poured out for you!

**Stop and declare this:** *"Receiving from God is easy for me! The Holy Spirit has already been poured out!"*

## God's Methods—Receiving the Holy Spirit

### #1. Ask and Receive

Once you have discovered and settled God's will from the Scriptures—that all be filled, and that all speak in tongues; and once you have settled your own will and what you desire, nothing remains but to simply come to God in order to ASK and RECEIVE. It's now receiving time!

*“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For **everyone who asks receives**, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*

*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? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?*

*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!**”*

—Luke 11:9–13

Notice here from this verse that this “asking and receiving” was written specifically in reference to asking for the Holy Spirit. Now that the Holy Spirit has already been poured out and made available for all, this is a reliable method for any of God's children to be able to receive. *We ask—and we receive!*

We can also take great comfort from the words of Jesus here. He makes it clear that if we ask for the Holy Spirit, our Heavenly Father will not give us a serpent or a scorpion.

In other words, we don't have to be afraid or concerned that we will receive an evil or demonic spirit. Surprisingly, some have had concerns about this.

Jesus' authoritative words of assurance serve to eliminate any such fears or apprehensions. When we come to our Heavenly Father to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we can be confident that we will receive exactly what we ask for!

The following verses also give us great confidence in our asking!

**John 16:23-24 (Ask and You will Receive!)**

*"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, **whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.** Until now you have asked nothing in My name. **Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.**"*

**1 John 5:14-15 (You can be confident!)**

*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

**Mark 11:24 (Believe you have it!)**

*"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."*

Having God's Word as the basis for your asking will give you confidence that God hears your prayer and that you will receive what you are asking for. That's why I've written this book, so that you can see and study the Scriptures for yourself.

We can now come boldly to our Heavenly Father, in Jesus' Name, *ASKING HIM* for the Holy Spirit, including the benefit and evidence of speaking in tongues.

You can pray a prayer that sounds something like this:

*"Father God, in the Name of Jesus, I ask You to baptize me now with the Holy Spirit.*

*I ask You to fill me with Your fullness and give me power to be a witness for You! I desire all that You have for me, including tongues!"*

And, as you ask, don't forget to also "*believe that you receive*" what you are asking for. In other words, **believe that at the very moment you ask—at that same moment you also HAVE what you have asked for.** Believe that God has heard you, and believe you have received exactly what you have asked for!

Now begin to lift your hands and THANK GOD that He has heard you. THANK GOD for baptizing you with the Holy Spirit! THANK GOD for filling you to the full with His promise! This is simple faith!

As you thank God and believe you have received the Holy Spirit's baptism, OPEN YOUR MOUTH and begin to speak those words that rise up on the inside of you—not words in your own language, but words that seem to "bubble up" from the inside of you. These will not be words that your mind understands. These will be words and sounds that rise up from within you.

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

The Holy Spirit will not move your mouth for you. He will not make you speak in tongues. He will not do the talking for you or express the words for you. **YOU ARE THE ONE WHO DOES THE SPEAKING.**

The Holy Spirit gives the utterance. In other words, He will bring a release of new words and sounds from within you. It will be up to you to SPEAK OUT those words and syllables. **The Holy Spirit within us gives us the words, and we then give expression to what He gives us.**

(Please find more on “tongues” in the next chapter.)

## **#2. Laying on of Hands**

God is so eager for us to receive the Holy Spirit and tongues that He has given more than one method by which we can receive from Him. Through this method of “the laying on of hands,” we can receive the Holy Spirit through the help of others.

*Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then **they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.***

— Acts 8:14-17

*And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” ...And **when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.** — Acts 19:1,2,6*

As you can read in these examples, the believers mentioned here received the Holy Spirit “as hands were laid upon them.”

Having someone lay their hands upon you is certainly not required to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, but it can definitely be a powerful means of assistance for those who might benefit from the encouragement and mutual faith of another believer who has already received from God in this area.

*“Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.” –Matthew 18:19*

One believer, who is baptized with the Holy Spirit, can place his hands on another believer, and together they can ask and receive the Holy Spirit by faith. We know from the teachings of Jesus that the prayer of agreement is a powerful means of receiving from God together.

Some ministers even have a special gift from God to impart the baptism of the Holy Spirit to others. This can be extremely helpful. But, whether or not such a minister is present, any believer can come to God, asking and receiving the Holy Spirit for himself.

**When done “by faith”, this elementary doctrine of The Bible—the laying on of hands—can provide a powerful means of transmitting and receiving spiritual things.** Although it’s most commonly done by pastors and ministers, it can also be done by any true disciple of Jesus Christ at the Lord’s direction. (Heb 6:1-2; Acts 9:10,17; Mk 16:17-18)

## Corporate Atmospheres

In the second chapter of this book, I wrote about the power of corporate assemblies and atmospheres. These are gatherings of multiple believers together, where God's Holy Spirit and presence is especially manifested.

These types of church assemblies and corporate gatherings often make for the perfect place to receive the Holy Spirit. It becomes easier to receive and yield to the Holy Spirit when you are in the presence of other like-minded believers who are doing likewise.

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For me, I didn't realize the full release of my heavenly prayer language—tongues—until I found myself in one such gathering. I had already prayed to receive the Holy Spirit's baptism, but for some reason I was having difficulty fully expressing myself in tongues.

But, when I found myself in the presence of God with other hungry believers, a greater release of heavenly utterance came to me. And how sweet it was! These heavenly utterances felt like honey on my lips as I released them joyfully to God. And thank God, I have been going ever since!

## CHAPTER FOUR

# SPEAKING IN TONGUES

*While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 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.*

**Acts 10:44-46**

**A**s has been briefly mentioned already, the Bible pattern is very clear throughout the Book of Acts, that those who were filled and baptized with the Spirit also spoke in tongues and magnified God. In fact, the reason that Peter's companions knew that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out was because of what they heard. And what exactly did they hear? *"For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."*

The same will prove true for you, as you receive the Holy Spirit's baptism of power! You can also expect to receive a wonderful, heavenly prayer language—a language of the Spirit called "tongues." The freedom and ability to express yourself through speaking in tongues will bring a significant upgrade to your spiritual life!

**“Tongues” consists of words and groanings, given by the Holy Spirit, which enable you to communicate directly from your heart to your Father God—from your spirit to the Father of spirits. (1 Cor 14:14; Heb 12:9)**  
What a blessing this is!

*For he that speaketh in **an unknown tongue** speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.*

—1 Corinthians 14:2 (KJV)

When you speak in tongues, you are not speaking words which originate from your own mind, in your own language. In fact, the King James Version of the Scriptures often refers to tongues as *“an unknown tongue”*, because **tongues consists of words that are not known or understood by your intellect—words which flow freely from your inner man.** (Jn 7:38-39)

As you receive the Holy Spirit's baptism upon your life, you can expect to receive a wonderful, heavenly prayer language called “tongues.”

So, for example, if you are fluent in English or Korean, tongues will not include words in English or Korean, but rather, words that seem foreign to your own mind. For this reason, simple childlike faith is required in order to open your mouth and begin to speak words from your heart that don't make any sense to your natural mind.

I will never forget the first time I ever heard someone praying in tongues! I was attending a prayer meeting at church, when a gentleman walked past me praying in tongues. He was praying somewhat under his own breath, yet loud enough that I could hear him.

When I heard these unknown words, my mind immediately thought, “*What’s that? That’s kinda strange!*” Yet, at the same time from deep within me I had this impression, “*That’s God! That’s supernatural! And you need that!*”

Somehow, I immediately knew that this language which I was hearing for the first time was genuinely from God. It was strange to my mind, yet I had a peace about it inside. Only later would I come to understand that it was the Holy Spirit within me Who was testifying to my own heart that what I was hearing for the first time was indeed from God and true. The Holy Spirit within us is our Guide into all truth! (1 Jn 2:20,27; Jn 16:13)

*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. —1 Corinthians 14:2*

This same verse also reveals that when we speak in tongues we are speaking to God. **Men may not understand us when we speak in tongues, but we are not speaking TO MEN! We are talking TO GOD!** That’s the point here.

**Tongues is like a direct line to God—spirit to Spirit!** Even though people don’t understand what’s being said, God understands! And, beyond that, something very significant is taking place in our hearts and in God’s spiritual realm.

## Help For Our Infirmary

*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. —Romans 8:26-28 (KJV)*

How many times have we also felt “infirm”, as this verse so accurately describes? If we will be honest, there are many times when we feel inadequate to tackle life’s challenges and to fully express ourselves to God in prayer.

As Christians, we may know that there is help available for us from God through the avenue of prayer, yet “*Lord, how do I really even begin to pray about this?*” Have you ever felt this way? Some issues just seem too complex and complicated! This is where praying in tongues is appropriate and can be so helpful.

As we give ourselves to speak the unknown words and groanings that come up from within us, **the Holy Spirit is taking hold together with us and interceding in prayer through us, according to the will of God.** What an advantage this is!

But it doesn’t stop there! As we yield to the Holy Spirit’s intercession through us, we can be sure that God is causing “*all things to work together for good*” in these situations. That’s the immediate context of this often quoted verse.

## Expressing Deeper Matters

*But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.*

*These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

**—1 Corinthians 2:9-10,13**

And how about expressing the deeper matters related to God's purpose and personal plan for your life? The Bible says that God has placed eternity within our hearts. God has placed eternal purposes and destinies within each of us from before the foundation of the world. That's deep stuff! These aren't things you can learn in school or at university. (Eccl 3:11; Jer 29:11; Eph 2:10; 2 Tim 1:9)

Where would we ever find sufficient words to speak to God about such things? These are things that neither eye has seen, nor ear has heard, yet they are real and have been prepared by God for us! We can do so through praying in tongues—by speaking words "*which the Holy Spirit teaches.*"

These verses teach us that the Holy Spirit has been sent for these very matters—"*to search out the deep things of God.*" **The Holy Spirit, Who knows all things, will give you adequate, satisfying expression through tongues!**

As we discover from our passage from Romans 8, tongues enables us to pray and speak supernaturally "*according to the will of God,*" without being hindered or

limited by our own natural minds and human reasoning. This is also extremely helpful!

Let's face it—there are some things that just can't be figured out! There are some things that no amount of discussion and reasoning can fix! Yet, God has answers! And praying in tongues allows us access to God's spiritual realm, where these answers can be found. **Praying in tongues helps us “tune in” to God, making us more spiritually sensitive and aware of His unseen realm.**

Instead of relying on our own understanding and trying to *FIGURE THINGS OUT*, some things just need to be *PRAYED OUT* from deep within us! And they can be prayed out perfectly with the help of the Holy Spirit, through giving expression in tongues. The Spirit knows all things and is able to give us perfect utterance in prayer, despite the human limitations which cause us all to be somewhat “infirm.”

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Tongues is such a powerful tool in the instances described here, because it enables us to pray *BEYOND* our own knowledge and understanding of any situation, giving us access to “*the mind of the Spirit.*” This is knowledge and understanding from God's eternal perspective!

## A Language of the Spirit

*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.*

—1 Corinthians 14:2

Tongues is a language of the Spirit. It is “spirit talk” that you will find to be wonderfully satisfying to the deepest parts of your inner man. The Apostle Paul referred to speaking in tongues as praying “*in the spirit.*”

**Praying in tongues allows your spirit to access hidden secrets of the kingdom of God, referred to as “mysteries.”** As you consistently seek God’s will, read your Bible, and spend time praying in tongues, you will find yourself more readily picking up bits and pieces of what God knows, as the Holy Spirit gives you the words to speak from your own spirit in tongues.

**As you pray in tongues, you will find yourself with greater awareness of THE GREAT TEACHER—The Holy Spirit, Who has been sent to teach you all things! (Jn 14:26)**

The same Holy Spirit Whom you are accessing and yielding to through praying in tongues, is the same One Who has been sent to teach you all things and to lead you into all truth. That’s why spending consistent time praying in tongues will only assist in making you more aware of Him and all that He has been sent to help you with.

## Satan Hates Tongues

Praying in tongues may feel foolish or seem awkward when we first begin. But why should that surprise us? Anything we do for the first time can seem uncomfortable as we are just getting started.

And if he could, your adversary, Satan, would try to use this awkwardness to discourage you from continuing to speak out words in tongues. He will whisper lies such as, *“That’s a waste of time”* or *“That’s just you making up words.”* Naturally, he is hoping you will feel discouraged and back off before you begin to realize the benefits of praying in tongues for yourself.

So, it’s good to know this up front: the devil hates tongues!

I’m not sure I can say this strongly enough! And why does he want to stop you from speaking in tongues? What’s the big deal? Satan hates tongues because he doesn’t know what you are saying! You are no longer broadcasting to him how you feel or what you plan to do.

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When you speak in tongues, you are operating in “stealth mode” with the Holy Spirit. You absolutely leave Satan “in the dark” as you step out and communicate supernaturally with your Heavenly Father in tongues. This puts him in a

place of always having to react and play “catch up” with you as you move offensively forward in God’s perfect will!

**Speaking in tongues gives you access to a place and to plans that the devil has no access to! Not only that, but praying in tongues is also one sure way to pray God’s perfect will.** That’s one of the most beautiful things about tongues! It’s very difficult, if not impossible, to pray a self-ish prayer in tongues! No wonder Satan hates tongues.

So don’t allow the enemy to discourage you. He is a thief and a liar! Just continue speaking whatever words or sounds that the Holy Spirit gives you, no matter how simple they may seem. Praying in tongues can be exercised in your own personal devotional time with the Lord, and also together with other believers, as you come together to pray about God’s will.

If you won’t quit, your prayer language will develop and become even more “fluent” over time. Before long, praying in tongues will become a regular part of your devotional life and your pursuit of God’s plan for your life!

## Supernatural Edification

*But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, —Jude 20*

Praying in tongues is also a means by which you can “build yourself up” and charge your own spiritual life.

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

—1 Corinthians 14:2,4

What is the point and purpose of this personal edification through tongues? **The Spirit of God will cause us to be edified so that we can go and edify someone else!** This is the Christian life—*“Blessed to be a blessing!”*

As we all know, the Christian life is a life of building and serving others as we learn to walk with God. But we can only do so from a place of strength. This should be our ultimate aim in wanting to excel in matters of the Holy Spirit, including tongues—so that we can be closer to God, find and fulfill His will, and be a greater blessing to others! (1 Cor 14:12)

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**As you pray in tongues, you can become stronger and stronger spiritually, enabling you to remain stable and steadfast when others might faint or fall away.** Instead of being the one always looking for someone to pray for you, you can become one of the strong ones!

Through praying in tongues, the Holy Spirit will cause you to be supernaturally edified on the inside, making you more aware of the Spirit's leading, with reserve strength “on tap”, ready to face whatever the occasion might de-

mand. You will begin to experience firsthand what it means when the Scripture says, “*Greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world!*” (1 Jn 4:4)

## Seek the Holy Spirit, Not the Tongues

Even as wonderful as tongues is with all of its many benefits, it is still important to note that when we come to God to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we are not just coming for the tongues...

- We are coming for **God’s Spirit!**
- We are coming for **His empowerment!**
- We are coming **to receive ALL that God has for us!**

Our desire should not be merely to speak in tongues, but rather to live a surrendered life that is yielded to God’s purposes. The Holy Spirit, including tongues, is part of that!

As we submit ourselves to God and open our hearts to the fullness of His Holy Spirit, tongues then becomes a powerful tool that will serve us greatly in our pursuit of all that the Father has lovingly planned for us to fulfill.

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For further information on the benefits and advantages of spending time praying in tongues, please refer to our minibook—“*Take Advantage of Your Advantage: Maximizing the Holy Spirit’s Helping Ministry Through Praying in Tongues.*”

## My Prayer for You

*But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox;  
I have been anointed with fresh oil.*

### Psalm 92:10

My friend, as you are reading this right now, I trust that your heart is stirred for MORE OF THE LIVING GOD. You are hungry for a fresh anointing and baptism with the Holy Spirit. Good news! As you approach your Heavenly Father with simple faith and genuine hunger, He will be faithful to FILL YOU and to satisfy your deepest spiritual desire!

Please allow me to pray this prayer over you and your life. (Read it aloud and allow your heart to agree with these words.)

*“Father God, I thank You for my dear friend who is holding this book right now. You said in Your Word that those who hunger and thirst for You would be filled. You also said in Your Word that all who ask for the Holy Spirit would receive Your empowerment from on high.*

*So Father, I now ask for a release of the anointing of Your Holy Spirit upon my friend right now. I speak over their life right now and I say, ‘Be filled with the Holy Spirit! Be empowered with the Holy Spirit in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ! Receive all that He has for you!’*

*Father God, I pray that You would lead and guide my friend into Your very highest and best! I pray that they would experience Your FULLNESS and walk in all that You have prepared for them. In Jesus’ Name I THANK YOU. Amen.”*

Friend, take a moment to thank Him right now! Take a moment to sit in His presence and worship Him. There is still so much more for you!



CHAPTER FIVE

# HOLY SPIRIT SCRIPTURES

*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

**Joshua 1:8**

**L**isted below are several “Holy Spirit” verses that will feed your faith to receive more of the Spirit’s working in your life.

I would encourage you to read them, speak them aloud, and personalize them as appropriate. As you do, the Person and ministry of the Holy Spirit will become more real and tangible to you.

Remember, this same Holy Spirit is God’s gift to you!



**The Spirit of the LORD** shall rest upon Him,  
**The Spirit** of wisdom and understanding,  
**The Spirit** of counsel and might,  
**The Spirit** of knowledge and of the fear  
of the LORD.

ISAIAH 11:2





“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.  
And also on My menservants  
and on My maidservants  
**I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”**

JOEL 2:28-29



“...Not by might nor by power, but **by My Spirit,**”  
Says the Lord of hosts.

ZECHARIAH 4:6



“But if I cast out demons **by the Spirit of God,**  
surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

MATTHEW 12:28



John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with **the Holy Spirit and fire.**”

LUKE 3:16





When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And **the Holy Spirit** descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

LUKE 3:21-22



Then Jesus, being **filled with the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was **led by the Spirit** into the wilderness.

LUKE 4:1



Then **Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit** to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

LUKE 4:14



**"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,**  
Because He has anointed Me  
To preach the gospel to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed."

LUKE 4:18





“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 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? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 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!**”

LUKE 11:9-13



“Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For **the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.**”

LUKE 12:11-12



Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit.

JOHN 3:5-6





**It is the Spirit who gives life;** the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

JOHN 6:63



**The Spirit alone gives eternal life.** Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

JOHN 6:63 (NLT)



On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” **But this He spoke concerning the Spirit...**

JOHN 7:37-39



And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—**the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

JOHN 14:16-17





**But the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

JOHN 14:26



However, when He, **the Spirit of truth**, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

JOHN 16:13



The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He **through the Holy Spirit** had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen.

ACTS 1:1-2



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; for John truly baptized with water, **but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.”

ACTS 1:4-5





**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.

ACTS 1:8



When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

ACTS 2:1-4



‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that **I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;** Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants **I will pour out My Spirit in those days;** and they shall prophesy.’

ACTS 2:17-18





This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father **the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

ACTS 2:32-33



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.

ACTS 4:31



Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, **full of the Holy Spirit** and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

ACTS 6:3



Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, **prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit**. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and **they received the Holy Spirit**.

ACTS 8:14-17





**how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power**, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

ACTS 10:38



While Peter was still speaking these words, **the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word**. 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.

ACTS 10:44-46



As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, **the Holy Spirit said**, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

ACTS 13:2



Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, **they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit** to preach the word in Asia. After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but **the Spirit did not permit them**.

ACTS 16:6-7





And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, “**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**” ...And when Paul had laid hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.**

ACTS 19:1-2,6



For **the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** has made me free from the law of sin and death.

ROMANS 8:2



But if **the Spirit** of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit** who dwells in you.

ROMANS 8:11



For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are sons of God.

ROMANS 8:14



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.

ROMANS 8:26-27



And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but **in demonstration of the Spirit** and of power.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:4



But as it is written:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

But God has revealed them to us **through His Spirit**. For **the Spirit** searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 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**. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but **the Spirit who is from God**, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-12



Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that **the Spirit of God dwells in you?**

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16





Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19



But **the manifestation of the Spirit** is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom **through the Spirit**, to another the word of knowledge **through the same Spirit**, to another faith **by the same Spirit**, to another gifts of healings **by the same Spirit**, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But **one and the same Spirit works all these things**, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-11



Now the Lord is **the Spirit**; and where **the Spirit of the Lord** is, there is liberty.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



Therefore **He who supplies the Spirit to you** and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

GALATIANS 3:5





But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...

GALATIANS 5:22-23



Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom **you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.**

EPHESIANS 2:19-22



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, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EPHESIANS 5:18-20





But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of **regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit**, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

TITUS 3:4-6



For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but **made alive by the Spirit**.

1 PETER 3:18



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

JUDE 20



## APPENDIX

# Do All Speak with Tongues?

*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. —1 Corinthians 12:28-31*

There are many honest, Bible-believing Christians who don't believe speaking in tongues is for all. These sincere believers often refer to these specific verses while reaching the conclusion that tongues is a special gift for some Christians, but not necessarily for all.

In this passage, a series of rhetorical questions is being asked by the Apostle Paul, including “*Do all speak with tongues?*” Based upon the context, the obvious answer to each of these questions, including the question about speaking in tongues, is “no.” This is often where people come up with this logical argument—“*See! Even the Bible says all do not speak in tongues.*”

A key to understanding and applying these verses accurately is to recognize that there is more than one use and application of “tongues”, for more than one purpose. There are a variety of administrations. **Tongues are given by God to be used for different purposes and within different contexts.**

**One such use and application of tongues is PERSONAL and PRIVATE—to be used within our own personal prayer times and devotional lives.** This is what the Apostle Paul was referring to when he said, *“I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all.”* (1 Cor 14:18) And that’s largely what I have written about in this book.

This administration of tongues IS FOR ALL BELIEVERS and can be utilized regularly as part of one’s devotional life and prayer life. You simply don’t want to live your Christian life without it!

**Another use and application of tongues is PUBLIC—to be used as part of public ministry, in a public assembly.** The context for this application of tongues is “in the church.” This administration of tongues operates by God’s appointment, at the discretion of the Holy Spirit—*“And God has appointed these in the church...varieties of tongues.”*

Tongues for public use, in such a ministry setting, is not for all believers, but is reserved for those who God specifically calls and sets in these special places of ministry service.

Not all believers have the gift, the place, and the calling from God to stand before a congregation and to give out a public message in tongues. So, do all speak with tongues in this setting? The answer is “no!” And why? Because not all have this special calling from God in this ministry capacity.

This is also the type of tongues and the setting in which the message in tongues should always be interpreted. And why would an interpretation be necessary in a public church assembly? Naturally, for the sake of those who are

receiving the ministry and the message—that they might be able to understand what is being communicated by the Lord. (1 Cor 14:13-19)

There is more than one use and application of tongues, for more than one purpose.

*“Personal vs. Public”*—without the basic understanding of the distinction between these two uses and applications of tongues, it’s easy to see how someone could prematurely reach the conclusion that tongues are for some but not for all. It really depends upon which application you are referring.



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