

GIFT of SPEAKING in TONGUES – Part One: OUTPOURING of the SPIRIT, LOVE

Let's go to the first scripture we have on this subject and begin there. In the following passage of scripture Jesus has already resurrected and is about to ascend into heaven and He is speaking to His disciples:

Acts 1:4-8 - And, being assembled together with *them*, (Jesus) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith He*, ye have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons (dates), which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (unto the ends of the earth).

The promise of the Father was the gift of the Holy Spirit. Notice that Jesus equates being filled with then being effective witnesses for Him in all the world. When you are baptized into the Holy Spirit, you are filled with the power of God and are emboldened to speak out God's Word and to testify of Jesus Christ. When the Bible talks about testifying it is speaking of telling others about Jesus Christ. He is to be our testimony. That He left heaven and came here in the flesh, He lived and died for each one of us to be forgiven of sins and that He rose again and is seated at God the Father's right hand and He lives forevermore. The disciples were not empowered to do anything for God until they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:14 – These all continued with one accord (in agreement) in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus and with His brethren (Jesus' brothers).

They were all in the upper room waiting to be empowered. They were in agreement and continuing to pray.

Acts 2:1-18 - And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord (in agreement) in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind (like the roaring of a mighty windstorm), and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire (tongues of fire), and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), and began to speak with other tongues (other languages not known to them), as the Spirit gave them utterance (the ability). And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men (God-fearing), out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad (When they heard the loud noise), the multitude came together (everyone came running), and were confounded (bewildered), because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue (native language), wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene (near Cyrene), and strangers of Rome (visitors of Rome), Jews and proselytes (converts to Judaism), Cretes and Arabians (Cretans and Arabs), we do hear them speak in our tongues (our languages) the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt (perplexed), saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine (they are drunk). But Peter, standing up with the eleven (apostles), lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day (9 o'clock in the morning). But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy (preach or speak God's Word), and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream

dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens (on men and women alike) I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Each one of them began to speak in a language not known to them. Obviously they were earthly languages, they were languages of other nations, because the people who were there recognized them speaking in their own languages.



As the Holy Spirit gave them utterance. The power of God caused them to speak out and He gave them the words and the ability to do this. Look at what they were speaking, “the wonderful works of God.” God empowered them to be bold witnesses for Him! That fire was an outward display or sign of the Holy Spirit as well.

The people there were from other places and they could hear them speaking and they understood what they were saying because they were speaking in their languages. Notice, the people were God-fearing people. This was a witness to them because they knew those disciples did not know their languages naturally and they were speaking of the wonderful works of God and they knew what they were saying.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - Now concerning spiritual *gifts* (Gifts of the Spirit), brethren, I would not have you ignorant (uninformed). Ye know that ye were

Gentiles (pagans / nations), carried away unto these dumb idols (influenced to these mute or speechless idols), even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit). Now there are diversities of gifts (different kinds of gifts), but the same Spirit (distributed by the same Spirit). And there are differences of administrations (service), but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations (different kinds of workings), but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal (A spiritual gift is given to each one so we can help each other). For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom (message of wisdom / the ability to give wise advise); to another the word of knowledge (message of special knowledge) by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles (miraculous powers or power to perform miracles); to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits (the ability to discern whether a message is of the Spirit of God or from another spirit) ; to another *divers* kinds of tongues (the ability to speak in unknown languages); to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally (separately or individually) as He will.

About no one being able to say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. This is speaking of saying it and meaning it from the heart. If He is not the Lord of your life then your words are empty and mean nothing. God knows the condition of our hearts and He knows those that are truly His.

Please play this video – Obama is heckled by a Christian. And he says “Jesus is the Lord, I believe in that.”(about 2 min’s)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZsySsdTlkg>

That is an example of someone who does not love Jesus, saying He is Lord. We have to understand just because the tv witches say or pray in Jesus’ name, that does not mean they love Him and obey Him and belong to Him, it does not mean that He is truly the Lord of their lives.

The Holy Spirit knows how to equip the body of Christ. He gives gifts to equip each church or body of believers. Our gifts work together within the Body to build up the kingdom of God. He isn't just going to give everyone in a body of believers the same gifts. There will be a variety of gifts in any church or body of believers.

1 Corinthians 12:27-31, 13:1-2 - Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular (each one of you is part of it). And God hath set some in the church (God has placed in the church), first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps (helping), governments (guidance or leadership), diversities of tongues (those who speak in different languages, unknown to them). *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues (speak in tongues)? do all interpret? But covet (desire) earnestly the best gifts (the most helpful gifts): and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way (the way that is best of all).

1 Cor.13:1-2 - Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (love), I am become *as* sounding brass (noisy gong), or a tinkling cymbal (clanging cymbal). And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains (move mountains), and have not charity (love), I am nothing.

If we don't have love then none of these other things matter. God is love (1 John 4:8). If you are mean and nasty it isn't going to matter what gift you have because no one is going to want to receive from you.

Notice he doesn't say that everyone gets every single one of the gifts. He does not say everyone will speak in tongues. For those that are hung up on tongues being the only sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, I wonder if they have ever read this passage to see that it plainly states that not everyone will speak in tongues. It is made pretty clear here.

Everyone will receive at least one gift and when it manifests in your life it will be known to you and it is the one that you will walk in or exercise the most. God can

cause you to operate in any of the gifts at any time to serve His purposes but usually each person has at least one main gift. It is very rare for someone to have all of the gifts. Pastor Erustus and I were talking and he said he thought all of the gifts had manifested in Apostle Paul's ministry at one time or another.

What is the best gift or what gifts should we be desiring?

We should not drive ourselves crazy trying to get the gift of speaking in tongues. I have seen that too. Where people are begging God for this gift and want to speak in tongues so bad. I know a lady that said she kept praying for like 6 months and crying before God and then she finally spoke in tongues. We pray and seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit and then believe by faith we have received it and move on. Let's see what the Holy Spirit through Paul advised us to do and to desire:

1 Cor.14:1- Follow after charity (love), and desire spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy (especially desire to prophesy).

We are to desire spiritual gifts. We should want what the Holy Spirit has for us. But even above that we are to walk in love and keep love at the forefront of our Christian lives and in addition to that we are to desire to prophecy. The base meaning of prophecy is to speak God's Word.



Pastor: We have other gifts like wisdom, miracles, healing, discernment not everyone has them but are given to people as the Spirit desires and for His own reasons but for God's glory. The gift of speaking in tongues is not for everybody but the Holy Spirit gives as He desires. Each believer has got what I call dormant gifts to operate in and where need arises you may operate in other gifts depending on the situation in order to accomplish God's will. You don't force yourself to operate in a gift that is not in you, this is why there are many false servants and believers today. Operating in gifts that are not in them.

WHAT A POWERFUL STATEMENT THAT WAS!!! How many are trying to impress man by pretending to operate in gifts that they don't have, that are not in them??!!

Me: I have heard the tv witches/false teachers say that we receive all the gifts.

Pastor: No we don't receive all the gifts. Depending on the situation you can operate in either of the other gifts. God equips us differently as members of the body of Christ purposely to build the body. We can't all possess the same gifts, ministry or calling.

Me: That's right. We complement each other and fit together the way God wills. We are supposed to need each other.

CLOSING

Pastor shared an example of God moving through him in the gift of prophecy: One day in our Mumias Church during the service, I was just prompted and I prophesied to a lady who had lost several children. I told her that the following year she will get a child. And it happened, the baby is now about 5 years. But after that, the gift of prophesy vanished. It comes to me once in a while plus the others but my main gift is healing which God has coupled it with deliverance.

Pastor's main gift is healing paired with deliverance. But see what God did on that day, He caused him to speak out and prophesy. When you submit yourself fully to God so that you are a worthy vessel fit for His use, He can move through you at any time in any of the gifts to accomplish His purpose.

We spoke about desiring to prophecy.

Pastor: Paul emphasized on prophesy because the simple definition of prophesy is proclaiming God's Word to His people. It gives people to know what God wants out of them or how to live for Him.

PRAYER

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZsySsdTlkg>

Church website: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit – Part One

<http://www.threeheartchurch.org/index.php/sermons/sermon/449-baptism-of-the-holy-spirit-part-one>

THE BAPTISM of the HOLY SPIRIT - Part One

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