

14. **Which spiritual gift should we desire?**

1 Corinthians 14:4, 5, 12

Paul attached more importance to the gift of prophecy than to tongues for the purpose of building up the church.

15. **What is the main reason God fills His people with His Spirit?** – Acts 1:8, 4:31

God fills us with His Spirit to give us power for witnessing!

16. **Is it possible to tell whether or not one has been filled with the Holy Spirit?** – Matthew 7:20

We do not determine if someone has been baptized by the Holy Spirit by the gifts of the Spirit, but by the fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Galatians 5:22, 23).

15. **How can I receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?**

Luke 11:13

Jesus had the Spirit without measure, we may ask God to fill us to overflowing, but first we must empty ourselves by surrendering our hearts.

Conclusion;

Of the 25 Bible examples of God filling His people with the Spirit, only three times is the gift of tongues connected with it. Of the 14 New Testament books written by Paul, he mentions tongues in only one - 1 Corinthians. Of the 27 books in the New Testament, only three make any reference at all to speaking in tongues.

Is it your desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Jesus is waiting and yearning to pour out the precious oil of the Holy Spirit into your life. Would you like to ask Him now to take possession of your mind and heart?

Amen



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The Holy Spirit

Lesson 19

Introduction:

The Holy Spirit works in and through us to bring light to this world.
We will see how that is possible. Let's pray.

1. **Is the third member of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit, a person?**

A. He is another person – “another comforter” Jn. 14:16, 17

B. He has personality traits, such as:

1 – Mind, can intercede – Rm. 8:26

2 – Will, He can choose – 1 Cor. 12:11

3 – Can be grieved – Eph. 4:30

4 – Can be lied to – Acts 5:3, 4

5 – Can be insulted – Heb. 10:29

C. He is linked with the other members of the Godhead in the baptismal formula (Mt. 28:20) and in the apostolic benediction (2 Cor. 13:14).

2. **What are some gifts of the Spirit one might receive?**
1 Corinthians 12:8-10

The word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretation of tongues.

3. **Who decides who gets what gift?**

1 Corinthians 12:11

It is the Holy Spirit that decides who gets which gift.

4. **Does everybody receive the same gift?**

1 Corinthians 12:29-31

The implication is that not everybody receives the same gift.

5. **Which spiritual gift became a subject of controversy in the Corinthian church?** – 1 Corinthians 14:1, 2

In the early church the gift of tongues became a subject of controversy and confusion. Therefore the majority of this study will focus on this subject.

6. **How did Jesus promise to help His disciples promote the gospel worldwide?** – Mark 16:17

The Greek word for tongue is glossa meaning language. Jesus' disciples were largely uneducated. Jesus promised them the supernatural gift to speak foreign languages they had not formerly studied or known.

7. **What happened when the disciples received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?** – Acts 2:1, 4

Pentecost was a Jewish holy day that was celebrated 50 days after Passover. Devoted Jews from all over the world came to Jerusalem to worship. Through His Holy Spirit, God gave the gift of tongues at this time to empower the disciples to share the gospel with these people in their native languages. Those who believed then carried the good news back to their respective countries.

8. **What did the foreign Jews experience at Pentecost?**

Acts 2:11

They heard the wonderful works of God in their own natural, earthly language.

9. **What happened when Peter preached to Cornelius and his household?** – Acts 10:44, 46

Cornelius was of the Italian band (Acts 10:1) while Peter, a Jew, spoke Aramaic. History tells us servants in a Roman home could be from anywhere in the world. There were language barriers yet they heard them magnify God in these languages.

10. **Guideline of speaking in tongues?**

1 Corinthians 14:9 – Don't speak if nobody can understand it.

1 Corinthians 14:19 – Speak so people can understand. The purpose of tongues is to communicate the gospel.

1 Corinthians 14:28 – There must be an interpreter for those that can't understand the language. If no interpreter is present keep silent.

11. **What was a characteristic of ancient Babylon?**

Genesis 11:7, 9

The tower of Babel is where the languages of the world were first confounded. The Hebrew word for both Babel and Babylon is "babel", meaning "confusion". In Revelation 18, God calls His people out of Spiritual Babylon which is characterized by confusion.

12. **Does the Spirit fill those who deliberately break God's commandments?** – John 14:15-17, Acts 5:32

The tremendous power of the Holy Spirit cannot dwell in those who refuse to obey God's commandments.

13. **What comes out of the mouth of the dragon, beast, and false prophet?** – Revelation 16:13

Unclean frogs. The only weapon a frog has is its tongue. The Bible prophesied that the gift of tongues would be, abused, misunderstood, and misused in the last days, used to lead people into confusion.