

Study on the Holy Spirit

The LORD's Promise of His Spirit: Joel 2:28-32

“Then after I have poured out my rains again, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions. In those days, I will pour out my Spirit even on servants, men and women alike. I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth—blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the LORD arrives. And anyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”

The Holy Spirit Comes, Acts 2:1-4

“On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after Jesus’ resurrection, the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them, and it filled the house where they were meeting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.”

Peter Preaches to a Crowd, Acts 2:14-21

“Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. Some of you are saying these people are drunk. It isn’t true! It’s much too early for that. People don’t get drunk by nine o’clock in the morning. No, what you see this morning was predicted centuries ago by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God said, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit upon all my servants, men and women alike, and they will prophesy. And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and clouds of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon will turn blood red, before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives. And anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

Luke 24:46-49

“And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah must suffer and die and rise again from the dead on the third day. With my authority, take this message of repentance to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who turn to me.’ You are witnesses of all these things. “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.””

John 20:19-23

“That evening, on the first day of the week, the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. As he spoke, he held out his hands for them to see, and he showed them his side. They were filled with joy when they saw their Lord! He spoke to them again and said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Then he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you refuse to forgive them, they are unforgiven.””

Breathed: 2. “to breathe upon,” is used of the symbolic act of the Lord Jesus in breathing upon His apostles the communication of the Holy Spirit, John 20:22.

1) To blow or breathe upon

This word used only once by the LXX translators in Gen 2:7 where God breathed on Adam and he became a living soul. Just as the original creation was completed by an act of God, so to the new creation was completed by an act from the Head of the new creation. (AWP Jo 20:22)

Acts 1:4, 1:8

“In one of these meetings as he was eating a meal with them, he told them, **“Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you what he promised. Remember, I have told you about this before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”**”

“But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.””

Power: That power is manifest especially through the gifts of the Spirit which give power to do God’s work, and through the fruit of the Spirit which gives power to become mature and effective workers for the Lord.

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1) Strength, power, ability

- 1a) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth
- 1b) power for performing miracles
- 1c) moral power and excellence of soul
- 1d) the power and influence which belong to riches and wealth
- 1e) power and resources arising from numbers
- 1f) power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts

Jesus filled with the Holy Spirit:

Luke 1:35, 2:40, 3:16, 3:22, 4:1, 4:14

Interject: John the Baptist and parents filled with the Holy Spirit:

Luke 1:80 (John) Luke 2:40 (Jesus)
Luke 1:41 (Elizabeth) Luke 1:67 (Zacharias)

Results of Jesus being filled with the Holy Spirit:

Luke 4:1	Power to: Overcome Satan and temptation
Luke 4:18	Power to: Preach, Heal and Deliver
Luke 4:28-30	Power to: Resist mobs
Luke 4:32	Power to: Speak with authority
Luke 4:36, 41	Power to: Cast out unclean spirits
Luke 4:40, 5:12-13, 17, 18-24	Power to: Heal the sick
Luke 5:5-6, 9	Power to: Control nature

Promise to Believers:

John 14:12 “The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, because the work of the Son brings glory to the Father. Yes, ask anything in my name, and I will do it! If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. But when the Father sends the Counselor as my representative—and by the Counselor I mean the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I myself have told you.”

REVIEW:

- **Joel 2:28-32 which is quoted by Peter in Acts Chapter 2 is a promise of God meant for all believers and this Baptism is a separate act of God from salvation.**
- **Salvation is not this baptism and this baptism is not salvation. They are separate works by God for different reasons. SALVATION is for our cleansing and making us fit to stand before God. Through the cross of Jesus and His sacrifice, our debt to God for our sin has been paid. THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT is to endue us with power to be witnesses and to work the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives in His fullness.**
- **The sequence of events involving the disciples of Jesus’ day is the same as it is for today. Men and women come to know Jesus, they receive the Holy Spirit at the time of their conversion, then in varied and individual ways, they receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as they are willing and wanton to do so.**
- **Jesus’ own life sequence illustrates this same process. The Book of Luke shows little reference to “power” in the life of Jesus until He returned from the wilderness “in the power of the Holy Spirit”. After this, over and over Luke speaks of the “power” of the Spirit in Jesus’ life and ministry.**

Pentecost:

Weeks, Feast of. Biblical references to the Feast of Weeks include Exodus 23:16; 34:22; Leviticus 23:15-21; Numbers 28:26-31; Deuteronomy 16:9-12; and 2 Chronicles 8:13. This feast was observed early in the third month on the 50th day after the offering of the barley sheaf at the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It included a holy convocation with the usual restriction on manual labor. Numbers 28:26-31 describes the number and nature of offerings and Deuteronomy 16:9-12 describes those who were to be invited to this feast. They include servants, sons and daughters, Levites, the fatherless, the widow, and the stranger. This feast was also known as the Feast of Harvest as well as Pentecost (a Greek word meaning "fifty"). The early Christian believers, who were gathered in Jerusalem for observance of this feast, experienced the outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit in a miraculous way (Acts 2:1-4). This festival was observed 50 days after the offering of the barley sheaf at the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It marked the end of the harvest and the beginning of the seasonal offering of first fruits (Ex. 23:16; Lev. 23:15–21; Num. 28:26–31; Deut. 16:9–12). This one-day festival was observed as a Sabbath with a holy gathering at the tabernacle. Two loaves of unleavened bread were offered, along with 10 proper animals for a burnt offering, a male goat for a sin offering, and two yearling male lambs for a peace offering. Priests urged the people to remember the needy at this festival (Deut. 16:11–12), as they were to do at all pilgrim festivals.

Is Tongues the Evidence that a person has been filled with the Holy Spirit?

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What is Tongues?

Acts 2:4 “And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.”

- Actual languages unknown to those speaking them (As in Acts chapter 2)
- A language unknown to any man... a ‘heavenly’ language (As referred to in 1st Corinthians 13:1)

SPRITUAL GIFTS

1st Peter 4:10 “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

Read 1st Corinthians 12:1-11, 27-31

Read 1st Corinthians 14:1-40

Read Romans 12:1-16

Read Ephesians 4:7-16

Read Galatians 5:22-23

CONCLUSION: For the gift to be considered genuine, it should pass three tests.

- *It must glorify God, not the user of the gift.*
- *It should minister to others and serve them.*
- *It should always agree with what Scripture teaches and never be contradictory to it.*

What are the gifts listed in 1st Corinthians 12?

We conclude that these are not natural applications such as wisdom that comes with age or knowledge that comes with learning. These are “super” natural instances that are empowered directly by the Holy Spirit.

- Word of Wisdom: the practical application of knowledge in a specific situation. It is having a wisdom that clearly is from God and not because of individual experience or opinion. This gift has nothing to do with personal wisdom or the ability to possess it. It is used by God to confirm or redirect a person or group.
- Word of Knowledge: to have knowledge where no obvious source is available. It is in knowing facts about situations where there is no source of this knowledge. This gift has nothing to do with what has been learned or experienced. It is often used by God to encourage or warn others of hidden situations that need attending to.

- Faith: to believe God for the extraordinary and miraculous. It is in possessing the faith necessary to see strongholds crumble and the impossible worked out. This is not the normal faith that comes with our initial acceptance of Jesus for that faith is of our own efforts. It is often used by God to see someone else through in a prayer or in a situation where they do not possess the faith to do so. It can come as a personal faith, the faith of someone else or even solely by the faith of Jesus Christ.
- Healing: the restoration of those with any kind of illness to perfect health. It is in the imparting of the power from on High to cleanse, mend, deliver, restore, or heal disease, condition, drug addiction, possession by demons and any other malady mankind suffers from. It is not the normal healing process that body uses or that assistance medicine or surgical procedure gives. It is used by God to circumvent any other method of healing. (Matthew 4:23, 8:7, 8:16-17, 9:35, 10:1, 10:8, 2nd Kings 13:20)
- Working of Miracles: to alter the natural course of nature. It is in changing the course of natural events to the advantage of God's Will. The word used here for miracles is "dumanmeis" and is the word we use for dynamite. It has an explosive nature to it. It has nothing at all to do with coincidence or manipulation of the circumstances. It alters the outcome in a way that cannot be naturally explained. It is used by God to make His Will so when it would not be normally.
- Prophecy: to bring a word or revelation directly from God. It is called the "greatest" gift by the Apostle Paul in 1st Corinthians 14:1 for the building up of the Body of Christ. It is the direct revelation of God's words by man to man. It is used by God to parallel a passage of His Word to a current event or to tell of a yet future event that will come to pass if conditions do not change. All prophecy isn't spoken by Prophets, but all Prophets speak prophecy.
- Discerning of spirits: to properly discern evil spirits and to distinguish whether utterances are from God's Spirit. It is a supernatural guidance that God gives to warn, convince, witness to and to bless. It is used by God to protect His children from evil, guide them to His Will for them and for others and occasionally to detect and cast out the presence of evil spirits. It isn't a specific feeling or notion, but a direct revelation or uncomfortable urge.
- Different Kinds of Tongues: to speak in either a language known on earth which the speaker does not know, or to speak in an unknown language to God. It is one of the manifestations of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but can occur throughout life. It is used by God to edify the speaker, warn the Body or to reveal to others vital information relevant to their particular situation. It can be counterfeited and must be used in a proper order according to Scripture.
- Interpretation of Tongues: to understand supernatural utterances.

It has been determined that often God uses these gifts in combination with each other such as the gift of healing with the gift of faith and the gift of revelation with the discerning of spirits. Each case where these gifts are exercised must be considered as unique. We cannot say if one thing happens in one case it will always happen that way. The key is that the One in charge of the use of the gifts is the Giver, God Almighty in His work through His Holy Spirit.