

## The Gifts According to Grace Lesson 5

### The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

#### 1. The disciples were born again BEFORE the day of Pentecost.

**A** In order for the disciples to be born again, Jesus had to rise from the dead.

*1 Peter 1:3*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

**B** In order to be born again, one must believe in one's heart that Jesus is risen and confess Him as the Lord. The disciples fulfilled this.

*Romans 10:9-10*

*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. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

**C** In order to be born again, one must be baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit. The disciples received the Holy Spirit before the Day of Pentecost.

*1 Corinthians 12:13*

*For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*

*John 20:19-22*

*Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

#### 2. Even though the disciples were born again, Jesus told them to wait for the Promise of the Father: the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

*Acts 1:4-5*

*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; <sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now..."<sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me"*

#### 3. All of the disciples gathered in the upper room spoke in tongues.

*Acts 2:1-4*

*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

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**4. The promise is to every believer of all generations.**

**Acts 2:38-39**

*Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*<sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”*

**5. The initial *physical* evidence that a believer has been baptized in the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues.**

**A** There is debate among Christians, even Pentecostal Christians, as to what the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is. Some say, “speaking in tongues”, and other insist “power”, or “being a witness”. To help calm this storm we have an expression “the initial *physical* evidence”. It is meant to refer to the first *physical* evidence there is that someone has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We believe that the initial *physical* evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the same today as it was the first day it was given. The disciples all spoke with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**B** Below the instances in the book of Acts that are recorded in which other believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit, also referred to as being *filled* with the Spirit. We will show how that each time the believers spoke with tongues.

Text	Person Being Baptized in the Holy Spirit	Response Recorded	Rational Evidence and Evaluation
<p><b>Acts 2:1-4</b></p>	<p>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.</p>	<p>They spoke with tongues.</p>	<p>The first evidence that they had been baptized in the H.S. was that they spoke in tongues.</p>
<p><b>Acts 8:14-19</b></p>	<p>Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup> And when Simon <u>saw</u> that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, <sup>19</sup> saying, “Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”</p>	<p>These were already believers. It doesn’t say explicitly that they spoke in tongues, but Simon saw something happen that made him want to buy the power that made it happen.</p>	<p>The most logical explanation is that they spoke in other languages.</p>

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Acts 9:17-19	“Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> Immediately there fell from his eyes <i>something</i> like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.	Ananias referred to Saul as a brother. He was already born again. He prayed for him to receive the Holy Spirit, and he did. It doesn’t say that he spoke in tongues, but we know from 1 Corinthians 14:18 that Paul did speak in tongues frequently.	It is safe to conclude that since Paul admitted to speaking in tongues, that at this incident he spoke in tongues.
Acts 10:44-46	While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> 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. <sup>46</sup> <u>For</u> they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.	Here we have people getting saved and the Holy Spirit fell on them immediately. The others were amazed that this gift was given to the Gentiles. Here they clearly spoke in tongues.	The way that Peter and those who came with him knew that they’d been baptized in the Holy Spirit was that they heard them speak in tongues. This was the normal experience.
Acts 19:1-7	When they heard <i>this</i> , they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.	Once again, it is clear that these were already born again, for they had just been baptized in water. When Paul laid hands on them, the Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues.	Again, this is the normal experience for someone who is baptized with the Holy Spirit.

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- 6. There is a difference between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gift of speaking in tongues. The spiritual gift requires interpretation and is for edification of the church. Praying in the spirit is for the edification of the individual believer.**

**1 Corinthians 12:28**

*And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.<sup>29</sup>All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? <sup>30</sup>All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?*

**1 Corinthians 14:4-5**

*He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. <sup>5</sup> I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.*

**A Notice in verse 5, Paul said he wished they ALL spoke with tongues.**

- 7. While the gift of tongues requires interpretation, praying in the Spirit does not.**

**1 Corinthians 14:14-15**

*For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup>What is the outcome then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.*

- 8. Praying in the Spirit build us up on our most holy faith and keeps us in the love of God.**

**Jude 20-21**

*But you, beloved, building yourselves up ([make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher]amp.) on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God.*

- 9. When we pray in the Spirit, we are speaking mysteries to God.**

**1 Corinthians 14:2**

*For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries.*

- 10. The Holy Spirit helps us in the ways we are weak. First, we don't always know how to pray as we should. To pray in the Spirit is to pray the perfect will of God.**

**Romans 8:26-28**

*In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; <sup>27</sup>and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

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#### 11. Speaking in tongues is the “true rest” spoken of by the prophet Isaiah.

##### 1 Corinthians 14:21

*In the Law it is written, "BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME," says the Lord.*

##### Isaiah 28:11-12

*No, but [the Lord will teach the rebels in a more humiliating way] by men with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people [says Isaiah, and teach them His lessons]. 12To these [complaining Jews the Lord] had said, This is the true rest [the way to true comfort and happiness] that you shall give to the weary, and, This is the [true] refreshing--yet they would not listen [to His teaching].*

#### 12. Does a person give up physical or mental control when they speak in tongues? Do they go into a trance? Does the Holy Spirit move their lips and speak through their vocal chords? No! Then, how does a believer receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

**A We ask.**

**B The Holy Spirit fills us.**

**C The Spirit gives us the language to speak.**

**D We speak it in faith.**

##### Luke 11:9-13

*“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. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup> 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? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> 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!”*

##### Acts 2:4

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.*

##### Acts 2:4 Young's Literal Translation (YLT)

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, according as the Spirit was giving them to declare.*