

## Prayer Lesson Six

### Freedom in Prayer: The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

#### The Purpose and Power of Praying/Speaking in Tongues

#### I Praying in tongues is “praying in the Spirit”.

*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.*

#### II Praying in the Spirit builds us up.

*1 Corinthians 14:4*

*One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.*

#### III 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.*

#### IV When we pray in the Spirit, we are speaking mysteries.

*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.*

*1 Corinthians 4:1*

*Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.*

**A** *Could it be that Paul got his great revelations of the Gospel while spending much time speaking in tongues?*

#### V There is a difference between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gift of speaking in tongues.

*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?*

**A** Some quote this verse to “prove” that not every believer can speak in tongues. However, this verse refers to the manifestation of the Holy Spirit “speaking in tongues” meant for the edifying of other believers,

which is not necessarily available to everyone, like the gift of a word of wisdom.

**B All believers were baptized into the body of Christ by the Spirit of God. It is ridiculous to say that a believer would only have 2/3 of the Trinity within them.**

**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.*

**C The baptism in the Holy Spirit was promised to all believers.**

**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.”*

**D The baptism in the Holy Spirit is available to all believers.**

**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.”*

**VI When the spiritual gift of speaking in tongues is in operation, there needs to be an interpretation.**

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**Corinthians 14:13**

*Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.*

*“But in our private prayer with the Lord, all we have to pray for is our understanding to become fruitful. That is to say, all we need is just revelation of the mysteries we are speaking. There does not have to be an audible interpretation (see note 29 at [1Co 12:10](#), p. 931).*

*“The way this works in practice is that as we speak in tongues and believe for the interpretation, revelation knowledge comes (see note 1 at [Lu 2:26](#), p. 56; see note 9 at [Joh 6:45](#), p. 243). This might be insight into some truth of God that we are pondering, or godly insight into some situation that we are praying over.*

*It is very important to note that no one should act solely on an interpretation of their speaking in tongues. It is very possible for us to have thoughts as we speak in tongues that are not revelation from God, but are our own thoughts or even thoughts from the devil. The way to discern whether or not our interpretation is from God is to check it with scripture. God will never say anything contrary to His Word. This requires more than a casual knowledge of God's Word (see note 2 at [Mt 4:3](#), p. 75). An immature Christian who is not*

knowledgeable of God's Word should submit any so called "revelation" to a mature Christian for evaluation.

*When done correctly, speaking in tongues and receiving the interpretation can be of great value. This is one of the keys that opens up the door to revelation knowledge. From Andrew Wommack's Living Commentary*

**VII The Holy Spirit helps us in the ways we are weak. First, we don't always know how to pray as we should. He then intercedes for us the perfect will of God when we pray in the Spirit causing all things to work together for good.**

*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. <sup>28</sup>And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

**VIII 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]. <sup>12</sup>To 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].*

**IX Does a person give up control when they speak in tongues? No! No more than a person who is bilingual "gives up control" by switching to their second language.**

*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. (They spoke as the Spirit gave utterance)*