

To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit

(Part 5)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

What Jesus had said and promised to the disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled as we can read here: ***“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” (Acts 2:1-4)*** As we can read here that The Holy Spirit fall on them when they were together, they hear the voice like the blowing of violent wind and they saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

The first manifestation of The Holy Spirit Baptism is speaking of other tongues. The speaking in tongues in tow forms: *Either* of other nations languages to enable the disciples to preach the gospel to other nations and to declare to them the wonders of God and that what had happened in *the day of Pentecost* as we can read, ⁴⁵ ***Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” (Acts 2:5-11)*** Or speaking in tongues is in the form of speaking of tongues of angel as mentioned in *1Corinthians 13:1a* ***“If I speak in the tongues (languages) of men and of angels.”*** And that kind of speaking in tongues it needs interpretation because that language will not be understandable by man. Therefore when anyone speaks in tongues of angels there must be interpretation otherwise better that he will be silent or to speak to himself and God as we can read in *1Corinthians 14:27-28* ⁴²⁷ ***If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. ²⁸ If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and God.”***

To the Jews who were in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost and who heard the apostles speaking with new tongues and accused them being drunk, Peter in his sermon, explained to them that what they saw and heard is what God also promised in the book of Joel, ***“this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Acts 2: 16-21)*** And later on Peter addressed to them that this gift of the Holy Spirit is also for them and for others if they would be willing to repent, believe in Christ and got Baptized; ***“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your***

children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (Acts 2: 38-39) Therefore Peter here linked to the Jews crowd that the ability of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit enables them is the gift of God who would give to those who repent and receive Christ.

Speaking in tongues is the initial manifestation of the Holy Spirit Baptism and we can find that happening in other occasions in the book of Acts as we can read below:

1-“ ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.” (Acts 10:44-45) Peter was sent by God to the house of Cornelius’ to give him and his household who was gathered there the message of salvation. As Peter was speaking the message the gift of The Holy Spirit fall on them for they heard them speaking in tongues. Peter when he returned to Jerusalem the circumcised believers criticized him and said, ***“You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.” (Acts 11:3)*** Peter began and explained everything to them precisely as it had happened and finally reported to them the following: ⁴⁵ ***As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?” ¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life.” (Acts 11:15-18)***

2- “⁴⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.” (Acts 9:17-20) Saul who became Paul upon his repentance he received the gift of the Holy Spirit and we know that Paul speaks in tongues as himself mentioned that in *1Corinthians 14:8* ⁴¹⁸ ***I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.”***

3- “While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when^[c] you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³ So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. ⁴ Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.” (Acts 19:1-7) That is another occasion mentioned that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit manifested by speaking in new tongues. Here The Holy Spirit Baptism happened after the placing of hands on the disciples. God is the One who Baptize the disciple with the Holy Spirit, and God would still baptize the disciple in certain occasion by the placing of hands on them of those who are baptized by the Holy Spirit.

My dear and beloved: If you have not experienced the gift of the The Holy Sprit this is the right time for you to repent and trust God fully and commit your ways to God and ask Him to Baptize you with the Holy Spirit, as agree to pray

My prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself into your hands, Lord I repent from the following sins _____ . Lord baptize me with your Holy Spirit, this all what I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.*