



BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST BIBLE STUDY

AT WHAT PERIOD OF TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD DID GOD SAY HE WOULD POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT UPON ALL FLESH?

“And it shall come to pass IN THE LAST DAYS, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh...Acts 2:17

The LAST DAYS began with the first coming of Jesus, and will end with the second coming of Jesus.”

Proof texts: Hebrews written 63 A.D.

Hebrews 1:2 Hath in these LAST DAYS spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Hebrews 9:26 “For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once IN THE END OF THE WORLD HATH HE APPEARED to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”

The First Epistle of Peter was written 60 A. D.

“1 Peter 1:20

“Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world but was manifest in these LAST DAYS for you.”

The First Epistle to the Corinthians was written 57 A. D.

1 Corinthians 10:11 “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ENDS OF THE WORLD are come.”

WHAT AFFECT WOULD THIS OUTPOURING HAVE ON THOSE WHO RECEIVED IT?

“And it shall come to pass in the LAST DAYS, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters SHALL PROPHECY, and your young men SHALL SEE VISIONS, and your old men SHALL DREAM DREAMS:

WHEN PETER STOOD TO DEFEND THE BEHAVIOR OF THOSE WHO HAD JUST BEEN FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, WHAT AUTHORITY DID HE REFER TO?

“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words; Acts 2:14

“For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.” V15

“But THIS IS THAT which was spoken BY THE PROPHET, JOEL:”
V16

Joel 2:28 “And it shall come to PASS AFTERWARD, that I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS EXPERIENCE BEING PROPHESED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

Because: John 10:35 “...and the Scripture cannot be broken.”
The Prophecy must come to pass!

“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me!” Isaiah 46:9

“Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My Counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.”
Isaiah 46:10

“Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth My Counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it!” Isaiah 46:11

WHAT DOES ISAIAH 28:11 REFER TO?

“For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people.”

“In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear Me, saith the Lord.”
1 Corinthians 14:21

[The gifts of the Spirit, including speaking in other tongues, are the subject of the 14th chapter of 1 Corinthians, therefore, Isaiah 28:11 refers to the same subject.

A RULE THAT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE TRUE
“The New is in the Old Contained”

WHAT DID JOHN THE BAPTIST COME PREACHING IN THE WILDERNESS OF JUDEA?

“REPENT YE: for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Matthew 3:2

“I indeed BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND FIRE!
Matthew 3:11

WHO ALONE BAPTIZES WITH THE HOLY GHOST?

Matthew 3:11 “HE shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire.”
Mark 1:8 “I indeed have baptized you with water: but HE shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.”

Luke 3:16 “John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: HE shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire!”

John 1:33 “I knew Him not: but HE hath sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, THE SAME IS HE WHICH BAPTIZETH WITH THE HOLY GHOST.”

DID JESUS EVER TEACH OR PREACH ABOUT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST?

“And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever!” John 14:16

“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” John 14:18

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 15:26

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.” John 16:7

“And behold, I send the PROMISE of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with the power from on high.”

Luke 24:49

“And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the PROMISE of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me.” Acts 1:4

“For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.” Acts 1:5

“But ye shall receive POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be WITNESSES unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the Earth.” Acts 1:8

FOR HOW LONG DID JESUS TELL HIS DISCIPLES TO TARRY IN JERUSALEM?

“And behold, I send the promise of the Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, UNTIL YE BE ENDUED WITH POWER ON HIGH.” Luke 24:49

“And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but WAIT FOR THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER, which saith He, ye have heard of Me.” Acts 1:4

HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE PRESENT IN THE UPPER ROOM ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST?

“And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said (the number of names together were (ABOUT AN HUNDRED AND TWENTY) Acts 1:14

NAME A WOMAN WHO IS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN ACTS CHAPTER ONE?

“These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS, and with his brethren.” Acts 1:14

WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THOSE WHO WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST?

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES, as the Spirit gave the utterance.” Acts 2:4

WHAT CAUSED THEM TO SPEAK IN TONGUES?

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE.” Acts 2:4

WHAT AFFECT DID SPEAKING WITH TONGUES HAVE ON THE CURIOUS MULTITUDE THAT GATHERED TO OBSERVE THIS PHENOMENON?

“Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and WERE CONFOUNDED, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.”

Acts 2:6

WHAT DID SOME OF THE MULTITUDE DO AND SAY?

“And they were ALL AMAZED, AND WERE IN DOUBT saying one to another, What meaneth this?”

“Others MOCKING said, These men are full of new wine!” Acts 2:12, 13

WHAT WAS PETER’S RESPONSE TO THEIR CRITICISM?

“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye man of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words; Acts 2:14

“For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.” 2:15

“But THIS IS THAT which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 2:16

Answer: Peter corrected them, and set the record straight by quoting the prophet Joel.

DID ANY OF THE MULTITUDE ACCEPT PETER’S EXPLANATION OF THIS EXPERIENCE WITH SPEAKING WITH TONGUES?

“Then they that gladly received His Word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them ABOUT THREE THOUSAND SOULS.” Acts 2:41

TO WHOM DID PETER ATTRIBUTE THIS OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY GHOST?

“Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, HE HATH SHED FORTH THIS, which ye now see and hear!” Acts 2:33

WHICH OF THE FIVE SENSES WERE INVOLVED IN ACKNOWLEDGING THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY GHOST?

“Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this, WHICH YE NOW SEE AND HEAR.” Acts 2:33

HOW DID SIMON KNOW THAT THE SAMARITANS HAD RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST?

“And when SIMON SAW that through laying on of the Apostle’s hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them MONEY.”

“Saying, Give me also this POWER that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.” Acts 8:19

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IN PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST?

“Then Peter said unto them, REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:38



TO WHOM IS THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST PROMISED?

“For the promise is unto YOU, AND UNTO YOUR CHILDREN, and to ALL THAT ARE AFAR OFF, even to as many as the Lord our God shall call.” Acts 2:39

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST, EVIDENCED BY SPEAKING IN TONGUES, WAS ONLY FOR THE APOSTLES.

BUT ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, WHO BESIDES THE APOSTLES RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST AND SPOKE WITH OTHER TONGUES?

#1 “And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said (the number of names together were about AN HUNDRED AND TWENTY.” Acts 1:15

#2 “Then they that gladly received his Word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them ABOUT THREE THOUSAND.” Acts 2:41

#3 “Now when the Apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that SAMARIA had received the Word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John.”

Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

(For as yet He was fallen upon one of them; only they were baptized IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.”

Then, laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.”

Acts 8:14-17

#4 “While Peter yet spake these words, The Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.”

“And they of the circumcision which believed were ASTONISHED, as many as came with Peter, because that on the GENTILES also was poured out the Gift of the Holy Ghost.”

“For they heard them speak with tongues, and MAGNIFY.” Acts 10:44-46

#5 “And when Paul had laid his hands upon THEM, the Holy Ghost came on THEM; and THEY spake with tongues, and prophesied.”

Acts 19:6

Read Acts 19:1-7

WHAT MUST I DO TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST?

“Then Peter said unto them, REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:38

“And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the HOLY GHOST, whom God hath given to them that OBEY Him.” Acts 5:32

“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ASK Him!”

Luke 11:13

WHEN DOES A PERSON RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST ACCORDING TO EPHESIANS 1:13?

“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your Salvation: in whom also AFTER THAT YE BELIEVED, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise!”

DID THE APOSTLE PAUL RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST IMMEDIATELY UPON CONFESSING JESUS CHRIST AS LORD, OR AT A LATER DATE?

“And He trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?

And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.” Acts 9:6

“And he was THREE DAYS without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.” 9:9

“And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, AND BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST.”

“And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose AND WAS BAPTIZED.” 9:17, 18

EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED IN THE CITY OF SAMARIA BEFORE THEY RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST.

“Then Philip went down to the city of SAMARIA and preached Christ unto them.”

“And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.”

“For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.” Acts 8:5-7

Answer: They had Christ preached to them (with signs following)

WHAT QUESTION DID PAUL ASK THE DISCIPLES AT EPHESUS?

“And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain Disciples,

“He said unto them, HAVE YE RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST SINCE YE BELIEVED? And they said unto him, WE have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost!” Acts 19:1, 2

WHAT SIGN ACCOMPANIES THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST AND SERVES AS EVIDENCE THAT ONE HAS RECEIVED?

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:14

“And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was Poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

“For they heard them SPEAK WITH TONGUES AND MAGNIFY GOD! Acts 10:45, 46

“And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they SPAKE WITH TONGUES, AND PROPHESED.” Acts 19:6

SOME PEOPLE HAVE A NEUTRAL ATTITUDE:

“WELL, IF THE LORD WANTS ME TO HAVE THIS EXPERIENCE, HE’LL GIVE IT TO ME! HE KNOW WHERE I LIVE!”

WHAT ATTITUDE DOES JESUS TELL US TO HAVE?

“And I say unto you, ASK, and it shall be given you; SEEK, and ye shall find; KNOCK, and it shall be opened unto you.”

“For every one that ASKETH RECEIVETH; and he that SEEKETH FINDETH; and to him that KNOCKETH IT SHALL BE OPENED.”
Luke 11:9, 10

“If a son shall ASK bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ASK a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ASK an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
Luke 11:12, 13

“Blessed are they which do HUNGER AND THIRST after righteousness: for they shall be filled!” Matthew 5:6

DOES THE LORD WANT “YOU” TO HAVE THE HOLY GHOST?

“For the promise is unto YOU, AND YOUR CHILDREN, and to ALL THAT ARE AFAR OFF, even as many as the Lord our God shall call!” Acts 2:39

Answer: YES!!

WHAT DID PAUL MEAN IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12:30 WHEN HE SAID, “DO ALL SPEAK WITH TONGUES?”

1 Corinthians 12:30

“Have all the gifts of healing? DO ALL SPEAK WITH TONGUES? do all interpret?”

Answer: He was referring to the Gift of Tongues, not to the initial infilling of the Holy Ghost.

Proof: 1 Corinthians 14:5

“I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

THE ABOVE VERSE AND THIS WHOLE CHAPTER
CONSTITUTES TEACHING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST.
1 Corinthians 14:12 is proof that Paul is teaching on the Gifts of the Spirit, not on the initial receiving of the Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 14:12 “Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of SPIRITUAL GIFTS seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.”

LET’S REASON TOGETHER:

Wherever we read that people were baptized with the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in other tongues an interpreter’s presence was not required.

AND, THOSE SPEAKING IN TONGUES WERE NOT LIMITED TO SPEAKING ONE AT A TIME.

For Example:

“And they were ALL filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4

“While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on ALL them which heard the Word.” Acts 10:44

“And when Paul had laid His hands upon them, the HOLY GHOST CAME ON THEM; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.” Acts 19:6

Acts 19:7 AND ALL THE MEN WERE ABOUT TWELVE.

DO WE SPEAK IN TONGUES ONLY AT THE TIME WE ARE FIRST BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST?

“I WOULD THAT YE ALL SPAKE WITH TONGUES, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.”

1 Corinthians 14:5

“I thank my God, I SPEAK with tongues more than ye all! 1 Corinthians 14:18

(“speak” is present tense. Paul is not saying once upon a time I SPOKE with tongues. In fact, the above verse, 1 Cor. 14:18, could sound as though speaking in tongues was a daily experience for the Apostle Paul. Personally, I highly recommend it!)

IN VIEW OF 1 CORINTHIANS 14:14-15

“For if I pray in an UNKNOWN TONGUE, MY SPIRIT PRAYETH, but my understanding is unfruitful.”

“What is it then? I will PRAY WITH THE SPIRIT, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.”

WHAT ELSE CAN ROMANS 8:26 AND JUDE 1:20 MEAN OTHER THAN PRAYING IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUE?

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but THE SPIRIT ITSELF MAKETH INTERCESSION for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Romans 8:26

“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith,
PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST.”

Answer: NO

WHAT WILL THE HOLY GHOST GIVE US ACCORDING TO ACTS
1:8?

“But ye shall receive POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come
upon you: and ye shall be WITNESSES unto Me both in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the
Earth.” Acts 1:8

WHAT WILL THE SPIRIT WHICH IS OF GOD DO FOR US
ACCORDING TO 1 CORINTHIANS 2:12?

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit
which is of God; that we might KNOW THE THINGS THAT ARE
FREELY GIVEN TO US OF GOD.” 1 Corinthians 2:12

“Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will GUIDE YOU
INTO ALL TRUTH: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever
He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to
come.” John 16:13

WHAT IS THE HOLY GHOST ACCORDING TO EPHESIANS 1:14?

“Which is THE EARNEST OF OUR INHERITANCE until the
redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His
Glory.”

EARNEST: #728 arrhabon (ar-hrab-ohn')

of Hebrew origin [6161]; a pledge, i.e. part of the purchase-money
or property given in advance as security for the rest.

“Someone said that earnest money is the first installment paid as a pledge that the rest will follow.”

WHEN SHALL PROPHECIES FAIL?

The reason for this question: Some believe that, “*that which is perfect is come*” means; when the Canon of Scripture was complete there was no more need for spiritual gifts.

“Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.”

“For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.”

“But THAT WHICH IS PERFECT IS COME, then that which is in part shall be done away.” 1 Corinthians 13:8-10

Acts 2:17

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters shall prophesy (foretell events) and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.”

Acts 2:18-20

“And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in “THOSE DAYS” of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy.”

“And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the Earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke.”

“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:”

Answer: "When that which is perfect is come."
Meaning when Jesus comes!

The OURPOURING of the Holy Ghost, the BAPTISM of the Holy Ghost, the GIFTS of the Holy Ghost, the ADMINISTRATION of the Holy Ghost will continue throughout the "LAST DAYS" until Jesus comes!

Acts 2:18

With:

1 Corinthians 1:7

"So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

And Acts 2:39 "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord your God shall call."

"THAT WHICH IN PART:" What we NOW have is temporary, partial, and imperfect, and fragmentary.

"THAT WHICH IS PERFECT:" When the end is once attained, the means will of course be abolished." Matthew Henry, Volume 6, Page 576

WHEN SHALL TONGUES CEASE?

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 as written earlier

1 Corinthians 1:7

"So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the COMING OF THE LORD JESUS."

Answer: "When that which if perfect is come"

Revelations 21:5

"And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW!"

And He said unto Me, Write: for these words are True and Faithful!”

WHEN SHALL KNOWLEDGE VANISH AWAY?

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 as written before

Daniel 12:4

“But thou, O Daniel shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the TIME OF THE END: many shall run to and fro, and KNOWLEDGE SHALL BE INCREASED.”

2 Peter 1:5, 6

“And beside this, giving all diligence, ADD to your faith virtue; and to virtue KNOWLEDGE;”

“And to KNOWLEDGE temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;”

Answer: “When that which is perfect is come”

WHO WOULD PAUL HAVE TO SPEAK IN TONGUES?

1 Corinthians 14:5

“I would YE ALL spake with tongues (language naturally unacquired), but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.”

Answer: Every saint

WHAT PERSONAL BENEFIT IS THERE IN SPEAKING IN TONGUES?

“He that speaketh in an unknown tongue EDIFITH HIMSELF; but he that prophesieth edifith the church.” 1 Corinthians 14:4

Answer: Self-edification

WHEN A PERSON SPEAKS IN TONGUES, TO WHOM IS HE SPEAKING?

1 Corinthians 14:2

“For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue (language naturally unacquired) speaketh not unto men, but UNTO GOD: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.”

WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE MIND AND THE SPIRIT WHEN A CHRISTIAN PRAYS IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUE?

1 Corinthians 14:14

“For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my SPIRIT PRAYETH, but my UNDERSTANDING IS UNFRUITFUL.”

Romans 8:26

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: BUT THE SPIRIT ITSELF MAKETH INTERCESSION for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Romans 8:27

“And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because HE MAKETH INTERCESSION for the saints according to the Will of God.”

HERE ARE THE WAYS PAUL PRAYED AND SANG IN THE SPIRIT:

1 Corinthians 14:15

“What is it then? I will pray WITH THE SPIRIT, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing WITH THE SPIRIT, and I will sing with the understanding also.”

NAME ONE THING THAT PAUL THANKED GOD FOR:

1 Corinthians 14:18

“I thank my God, I SPEAK WITH TONGUES MORE THAN YE ALL!”

WHAT GREAT, INCONTESTABLE AUTHORITY DOES PAUL REFER TO WITH REGARD TO SPEAKING IN TONGUES?

1 Corinthians 14:21

“IN THE LAW, *“it is written”* With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear Me, saith the Lord.”

Isaiah 28:11, 12

“For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people.

“To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear!”

Answer: THE SCRIPTURE! (IT IS WRITTEN”)

WHOSE WILL IS IT THAT WE HAVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST?

Hebrews 2:4

“**GOD** also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and Gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to **HIS OWN WILL.**”

Answer: GOD’S WILL

SOME HAVE ARGUED THAT TONGUES IS UNIMPORTANT BECAUSE TONGUES (WITH INTERPRETATIONS) IS THE LAST GIFT MENTIONED IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10.

1 Corinthians 12:8

“For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

”To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit.” 12:9

“To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of TONGUES; to another the interpretation of TONGUES.” 12:10

HOW WOULD THIS KIND OF THEORIZING AFFECT THE TRUTH ABOUT “CHARITY?”

1 Corinthians 13:13

“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest is charity.”

Answer: It would distort the truth

SHALL WE DISCARD “FAITH” AND “HOPE” BECAUSE “CHARITY” IS GREATER?

Regarding “Faith” Hebrews 11:6

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”

Regarding “Hope” Romans 5:5

“And Hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad In our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”

NOTE: Sometimes people will argue against the Gifts of the Spirit, insisting that the fruits of the Spirit are greater.

Consider what someone said:

1. God's POWER is shown in us through the Nine Gifts of the Spirit.
2. God's CHARACTER is shown in us through the Nine Fruits of the Spirit!

HOW WOULD THE ABOVE KIND OF THEORIZING AFFECT THE TRUTH ABOUT "JESUS"?

Matthew 21:37

"But LAST of all He sent unto them HIS SON."

Answer: It would make Jesus least!

QUOTE PAUL'S WARNING:

1 Corinthians 14:39

"Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and FORBID NOT TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES."

PROOF THAT GOD GIVE "TONGUES" TO FULFILL AT LEAST TWO BASIC PURPOSES FOR THE BELIEVER (S)

Acts 2:4

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and begin to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Acts 10:44

"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word."

Acts 19:6

"And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

Acts 19:7

“And all the men were about twelve.”

NOTE: The INITIAL INFILLING has no limit on how many may speak in tongues simultaneously.

1 Corinthians 14:5

“I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.”

1 Corinthians 14:12

“Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.”

1 Corinthians 14:27

“If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.”

NOTE: To EDIFY the church, the LIMIT is one at a time.

WHEN IS IT BETTER TO SPEAK IN YOUR NATIVE TONGUE?

1 Corinthians 14:19

“Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.”

1 Corinthians 14:28

“But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church, and let him speak to himself, and to God.”

Answer: During a church service if no interpreter is present.

WHAT IS ONE WAY TO GIVES THANKS WELL?

1 Corinthians 14:14

“For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.”

1 Corinthians 14:15

What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.”

1 Corinthians 14:16

“Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

1 Corinthians 14:17

“”For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.”

Answer: Speaking in tongues

IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN AGAINST THE “SIGN” OF TONGUES. NAME ANOTHER “SIGN” GOD GAVE THAT WAS SPOKEN AGAINST.

Luke 2:34

And Simeon blessed them and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and FOR A SIGN WHICH IS SPOKEN AGAINST!”

Answer: JESUS (Isaiah 53 and the 4 Gospels)

NAME ANOTHER VERY IMPORTANT THING IN GOD’S EYES THAT IS SPOKEN AGAINST.

Acts 28:22

“But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is SPOKEN AGAINST.”

Answer: The Church!

Note: Someone said, “I don’t care for tongues and all that emotion!”
Writer’s response: “Those who say this may not be aware of it, but they have a secret grudge against God”, which hastens the next question...

WHO WAS IT WHO CHOSE TONGUES TO BE A SIGN?

1 Corinthians 14:21

“In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak to this people; and yet for all that will they not hear Me, saith the Lord!”

Isaiah 28:11

“For with stammering lips and another tongue WILL HE SPEAK to this people.”

Isaiah 28:12

“To whom HE SAID, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear!”

Answer: Not the Pentecostals, not the Charismatics, **BUT GOD**...saith the LORD!

Question: Why do people object to, and even fight against God’s choices?

e.g. II Kings 6:1-7

e.g. II Chronicles 20:1-25

WHAT SHOULD A RIGHTEOUS PERSON'S ATTITUDE BE WHEN THEY HEAR THAT OTHERS ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND SPEAK IN TONGUES?

Acts 11:18 (Read Acts 11:1-18)

When they heard these things, they held their peace, and GLORIFIED GOD, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto Life.

Answer: They should Glorify God!

CAN WE TRUST JESUS WHEN WE MAKE A REQUEST OF HIM?

Some say, "Tongues may be of the devil. You had better be very careful. That's dangerous business.

RESPOND BY READING:

Luke 11:9-13

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

"For every one tha asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

"If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?"

"Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?"

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how

much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that **ASK**

Him?"

Jesus speaks trustingly of His “Heavenly Father.” Should not we?
DON'T YOU TRUST JESUS WHEN YOU MAKE A REQUEST OF HIM?

WHAT DOES THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY GHOST PROVE?

Ephesians 4:8

“Wherefore He saith, When HE ASCENDED UP ON HIGH, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.”

John 16:7

“Nevertheless I tell you the Truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send Him unto you.”

Answer: Jesus' resurrection from the dead and ascension to Heaven!

Final Thoughts: Without being filled with the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues this is the problem:

God's standards can only be kept by God's POWER working in us. If we try to keep them in our own **strength**, we will ultimately fail and experience discouragement and guilt.

It's almost impossible to obey what the Bible requires of us. You can't do it in your own strength. The infilling of the Holy Ghost empowers you to live a holy life and stay close to Jesus.

The Holy Ghost fills you with joy unspeakable and close communion with Jesus as long as you keep the relationship going strong, spending time with Him everyday, and reading and obeying His Holy Word.

The Holy Ghost has many roles: He's our Comforter, our Teacher, our Helper; He convicts us when we sin, He lifts us up when we are too weak to stand.

When we are persecuted He is right there helping us to be strong in the Faith, and every other way.

I couldn't stand to live a day without His abiding Presence!

There is nothing on Earth that can give you greater joy than having the infilling of the Holy Ghost! And that is available to you when you obey the Gospel and repent and are baptized in Jesus' Name by immersion.

We only need to sincerely pray and ask for it and keep pressing in with love, trust and faith until we receive it, no matter how long it takes!

It took me three months but that really wasn't that long. I just kept seeking it and worshipping Him with all my heart until the Holy Ghost came and filled me up with Jesus!!

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I Believe It!