

The Filling of the Holy Spirit

And Speaking in Other Tongues

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Seminar 1

The Power of the Holy Spirit is Essential for Evangelism

Introduction: An important essential for evangelism is the baptism with the Spirit. Before Jesus entered His ministry on earth He received this baptism (Mark 1:8-15; Acts 10:38). We must follow the pattern of our Lord.

I. Matt. 4:19 – Jesus promised to make us fishers of men.

1. Make (Greek: poieo) – Constructing or producing something; used of the creative acts of God.
2. We cannot make ourselves successful soul-winners. We have no ability of our own. We need to be MADE into soul-winners. This is what the baptism will do.

II. Acts 1:4-8

1. Power (Greek: dunamis) – “power, inherent ability, miraculous power” is used of works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means.
2. Strong’s Concordance defines the word as “specifically miraculous power (usually by implication a miracle itself).”
3. Witness (Greek: Martur) – Acts 22:15; 1 John 4:14. The Greek definition confirmed by the clarity of these Scriptures show that we witness to what we have seen and heard. This is the foundation of witnessing. One cannot witness to what they have not seen or heard.
4. The joy, intimacy, deliverance, healing, and miracles are the things we witness to. These will be backed by undeniable, infallible proofs (Acts 1:1-3).

III. The kind of power the Holy Spirit provides:

1. Prayer Power - Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6; Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 14:2, 14, 15; Rom. 8:26-27.

A. You need a special prayer power to pray effectively for lost souls. The Holy Spirit provides that through the ability to speak in tongues.

2. Miracle working power - Mark 16:15-20; Acts 8:4-8.

3. Boldness to speak the truth – Compare Matt. 26:69-75 to Acts 2:14-41. Prov. 28:1.

Conclusion: The baptism with the Spirit is a promise to all believers (Acts 1:4; 2:38-39). We must ask our heavenly Father for this baptism (Luke 11:9-13) and receive by faith (Gal. 3:2, 5, 14).

Seminar 2

The Evidence of Speaking in Other Tongues

Introduction: The initial physical evidence of having received the baptism with the Holy Spirit is the ability to speak with other tongues. This will be seen as we examine the Scriptures.

I. Every believer should speak with other tongues – Mark 16:15-18

II. In nearly every passage in acts, the evidence of having received a Holy Spirit baptism was the ability to speak in tongues.

1. Acts 2:1-4

- a. *“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and **began to speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (v. 4)*
- b. Who did the speaking in tongues? Was it the Holy Spirit or those who were filled with the Spirit?
- c. Who gave them the utterance or ability to speak with other tongues?
- d. Lesson: The Holy Spirit is a gentleman and He will not force you to do what you don't want to do. He gives the ability but you must yield your tongue by an act of your free will.

2. Acts 9:17-20

- a. The passage does not say directly here what initial physical evidence Paul received when he was filled with the Spirit. However, other Scriptures let us know that it was supernatural tongues.
- b. 1 Cor. 14:14-18
- c. Seeing that “tongues” was the primary problem in the Corinthian church and since Paul said he spoke in tongues more than they did, that means that Paul did a whole lot of speaking in other tongues.

3. Acts 10:44-46

- a. These folks were filled and the evidence was “evident”.

4. Acts 19:1-6

- a. Note that they received water baptism before they received the filling of the Spirit with the evidence of tongues.
- b. This is evidence that receiving Christ as Savior and receiving the filling of the Spirit with tongues are two totally separate and distinct experiences.
- c. One can be born again and never speak in tongues but why go without this supernatural prayer power if it has been made available to you?

5. The Holy Spirit gives us a supernatural prayer language that builds us up and prepares us to work miracles (1 Cor. 14:2-4; Jude 20).

6. God wants to make this power available to you. It is yours upon the asking (Luke 11:9-13; Gal. 3:2, 5, 14).

Seminar 3

The Benefits of Speaking in Other Tongues

Introduction: In the last seminar we learned that every believer should speak in other tongues and that it is the initial physical evidence of having received the baptism with the Holy Spirit. In this lesson we will look at the benefits of speaking in tongues.

I. The Benefits Of Speaking In Tongues.

1. You receive a new prayer language - 1 Cor. 14:2, 14,15; Rom. 8:26, 27.
 - a. Praying in the Spirit guarantees perfect prayer that is directed by the Holy Spirit; untouched by doubt and fear of the mind; and impossible for the devil to understand or hinder - D. Stewart.
2. Your spirit man is edified and encouraged - 1 Cor. 14:4, Jude 20.
3. Resisting The Devil - Eph. 6:10-12, 18.
4. Helps us to enter into God's perfect rest - Matt. 11:28; Heb. 4:3, 9, 10; Isa. 28:11-12.
5. Giving God perfect thanks and praise - 1 Cor. 14:14-17; Acts 10:46.
6. Enables us to operate in the gift of tongues and interpretation - 1 Cor. 14:5, 13.
7. A sign to the unbeliever - 1 Cor. 14:22; Acts 2:11-12.

II. Some Practical Things.

1. Practice speaking in tongues to yourself at every opportunity (Car, shower, work, etc.) – 1 Cor. 14:18.
2. If you have not received this wonderful gift, ask God – Luke 11:13.
3. If you do not believe in this gift do not forbid anyone else to use it – 1 Cor. 14:39, 40.