

## I. The Baptism with the Holy Ghost is the Baptism of Jesus

**Matthew 3:10-12** - And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the **fire**. I indeed **baptize you with water unto repentance**: but he that cometh after me (*Jesus*) is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall **baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire**: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but **he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire**. KJV

**Luke 3:16-17** - 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**: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff **he will burn with fire unquenchable**. KJV

**John 7:37-39** - On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water**." But **this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive**; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. NKJV

## II. Jesus Prayed the Father after His Resurrection and He sent the Holy Spirit to Believers on the Day of Pentecost.

**John 14:16-17** - And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. KJV

**Acts 1:4-5, 8** - And, being assembled together with them, (*Jesus*) 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. **For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence. 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. KJV

**Acts 2:1-4** - And when the **day of Pentecost was fully come**, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them **cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them**. And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost**, and (*they*) began to **speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance**. KJV

## III. God must be our Heavenly Father and we must ask Him for the Holy Spirit

**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 that 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?** KJV

## IV. New Testament Accounts of People Receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

**Acts 8:14-20** - Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God (*Were Saved*), 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 none of them: only they were baptized

in the name of the Lord Jesus.) **Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.** And when Simon saw that **through laying on of the apostles' 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. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. KJV

**Acts 10:44-46** - 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 God.** KJV

**Acts 11:15-16** - And as I began to speak, **the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.** Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but **ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.** KJV

**Acts 19:1-6** - 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. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.** KJV

### **Why is it important for us to speak in tongues?**

1. It is the initial sign of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit according to the New Testament. (Acts 2:4)
2. Tongues are for Spiritual Edification. 1 Corinthians 14:4-5.
3. Tongues remind us of the Holy Spirit's indwelling Presence. (John 14:16-17)
4. Praying in Tongues will keep our prayers in line with God's Will. (Romans 8:26-27)
5. Praying in tongues stimulates Faith. (Jude 20-21)
6. Praying in the Holy Spirit gives us a Spiritual Refreshing. (Isaiah 28:11-12)
7. Praying in tongues enables us to give thanks well. (1 Corinthians 14:13-19)

### **Instructions to Receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit**

- Ask your Heavenly Father for the gift of the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:9 – 13, Acts 2:38-39)
- Release your faith to receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. When hands are laid on you. "Say when hands are laid on me according to the word of God I will receive the Holy Ghost and begin speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives me utterance"
- Open your mouth and drink in the gift of the Holy Spirit, as soon as you are full, begin to speak out in other tongues and let your new spiritual language flow.
- Don't speak in your known language or try to speak in other tongues, just give voice to the utterance or unction that you receive in your belly (spirit) not in your head (mind) when you ask your Heavenly Father for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Relax. Receive. Respond.