

What is the sign of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Why?

The outward sign of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is tongues, (Acts 1:5, v 8, Acts 2: 1-4) the 3rd attribute of the Holy Spirit. (#21 in teaching letters)

The book of Acts is full of people that spoke in tongues.

Now there are two kinds of tongues, the kind in (Acts 2:8) which other people can understand. And then there is the tongues or unknown tongue that man calls foolishness.

1Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: (3rd attribute - upon you)

If you follow the believers walk through out the New Testament, you'll find that those that received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, also had miracles, signs and wonders and boldness follow their journey. (Acts 2:43, 3:6-8. 4:10-12)

Peter was the first to preach to the gentiles and while he was yet speaking, the Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke in tongues.

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.

Later on, Paul and Apollos came to Ephesus and found a group of Christians that believed in Jesus unto Salvation, but they had never heard of the power or the Holy Ghost.

Acts 19:2 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.

verse 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; **and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.**

Throughout the New Testament, there are various scriptures that testifies that speaking in tongues is essential to our victorious walk with the Lord.

1Corinthians 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue **speaketh not unto men, but unto God:** for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

1Corinthians 14:4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

When the lord said we should put on the whole armour of God, in (Eph 6:13) he specifies part of that armour is praying in the spirit **OR** tongues.

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all **prayer and supplication in the Spirit**, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Unfortunately The biggest part of people think that praying in the Spirit: is thinking in your mind. **NOT SO**

You see, when you speak in an unknown tongue, you build yourself up. Jude 20 **But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,**

ONLY God understands what were saying when you speak in an unknown tongue, you don't have a clue either.

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.**

The Holy spirit knows what lies ahead and many times he makes intercession before hand, for us.

The Lord says that the gift of the Holy Ghost is there for the asking. **Luke 11:9-13**

13 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?**

Mind you, every thing we we do in Christ, we do in faith. If we speak in tongues and listen to ourself, it makes no sense at all. **BUT if we ask God (read luke 11:9-13 again) We do all things through faith in him.** 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.

The Holy Spirit is the power of God, the baptism of the Holy Spirit on believers is the **POWER of God THROUGH** them.

TRUE you receive the 2nd attribute of the Holy Spirit upon salvation. (he lives within you) **But you have no extra power.**

If the outward sign of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, was riding a bicycle or being able to play a musical instrument there would be no problem, everybody would be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

BUT God new that would not take any amount of faith in him, **SO HE CHOSE** the foolishness of tongues.

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