

"...he said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' So they said to him, 'We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.' And he said to them, 'Into what then were you baptized?' So they said, 'Into John's baptism.' Then Paul said, 'John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would 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 hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied." —Acts 19:2-6

It is crucial that every believer of Jesus Christ be filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

Here's proof!

Have You Received the Holy Spirit Since You Believed?

1. Tongues is foretold in prophecies of the Old Testament. (Isaiah 28:11-12)
2. The New Testament declares fulfilment of this Old Testament prophesy. (1 Corinthians 14:21)

3. All original 120 disciples who were filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues, even Mary the mother of Jesus. (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:14, Acts 2:4)

4. The first Gentiles saved received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. (Acts 10:44-46)

5. The Apostle Paul spoke in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:18); and said he was to be a pattern for all believers for all time. (1 Timothy 1:16)

6. Over 25 years after Pentecost those who received the Holy Ghost spoke in other tongues. (Acts 19:6)

7. Most of all, Jesus said that one of the signs of the believer would be speaking with other tongues (evidence of the Holy Ghost). (Mark 16:15-18)

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The gift of the Holy Ghost did **NOT** pass away with the Apostles, as some say. It is for every believer in Jesus.

Many quote 1 Corinthians 13:8 which says, "...whether there be tongues, they shall cease;" But in the context of the scripture it says, "when that which is perfect is come..." (1 Corinthians 13:10). We haven't come to that time of perfection; Jesus Christ is "that which is perfect" and, although He has promised us He will return, He hasn't yet returned. So, until He does, we need all the help we can get.

Paul promises us in his letter to the Corinthian believers (1 Corinthians 1:7-8), that God would not withdraw the gift of the Holy Ghost even to the return of Christ. God promises the Holy Ghost to those who ask!

What is it for?

BOLDNESS AND POWER: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses... unto the uttermost parts of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH GOD: The Devil cannot intercept. "He that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks... unto God." (1 Corinthians 14:2)

THE HOLY SPIRIT INTERCEDES for you while you pray in tongues. (Romans 8:26-27)

THE HOLY GHOST INSTRUCTS and comforts us. (Luke 12:12, Acts 9:31)

EDIFIES YOU AND BUILDS YOU UP to resist Satan's attacks. (1 Corinthians 14:14)

USED IN PRAISING GOD: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Contend for the different gifts of the Holy Ghost (1 Corinthians 12:8-11).

Remember, the gifts function in the church in an orderly fashion as the Spirit leads, not in confusion.

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ACTS 1:8