

THE HOLY SPIRIT--THE GIFT OF GOD

MEMORY VERSE

Mark 16:17-18

"And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

1. What does Peter say the Holy Spirit is? (Acts 2:38)

2. What does Paul say about the significance of the Holy Spirit that is given to us as believers? (Ephesians 1:13-14)

The Holy Spirit is a pledge or an engagement ring of promise. He is given to us as a promise from God that He will redeem us completely—body, soul and spirit. It is a promise of full redemption in order that we might be a holy and perfect dwelling place for God in the Spirit so that we might be transformed into the very image of Jesus. The degree to which we are controlled by the Spirit of God at the beginning of our Christian walk is but a mere seed of what will one day flood our whole being and cause those who go on to be with the Lord to be filled with the fullness of resurrection life.

The Amplified Bible says it this way:

That Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance—the firstfruit, the pledge and Foretaste, the down payment of our heritage—in anticipation of its full Redemption and our acquiring complete possession of it.
—Ephesians 1:14

3. What is eternal life? (John 17:3)

4. What Spirit have we received? (Romans 8:15)

5. To what does the Holy Spirit within us bear witness? (Romans 8:16)

6. Who are the sons of God? (Romans 8:14)

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is the gateway into a life filled with fellowship and communion with the Father. It is the turning point from being enslaved to the spirit of

this age and our fleshly desires to being under the power of God's Spirit. Through the Spirit's power, we may press on in God toward the fullness of resurrection life.

In our previous study, we found that one reason the Holy Spirit was given to us was to empower us for effective witness and service. We will now look at the different spiritual gifts and graces that are available to us through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

7. What are a few of the glorious things that happened through the early church under the anointing of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 3:1-10, Acts 8:5-8, Acts 9:36-42)

8. How did Jesus Himself minister and preach to those in need? (Luke 4:18)

9. How did Jesus cast out demons? (Matthew 12:28)

10. What signs did Jesus say would follow all those who believe? (Mark 16:17)

11. What did the Lord confirm with these signs? (Mark 16:20)

12. What was the first manifestation of the baptism in the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:4, Acts 19:6)

13. What was the second manifestation of the baptism in the Holy Spirit? (Acts 19:6)

14. What does a believer do when he speaks in an unknown tongue? (I Corinthians 14:2, 4)

15. If a believer prays in an unknown tongue, what part of him is praying? (I Corinthians 14:14)

16. If you pray in tongues, does your mind understand it? (I Corinthians 14:14)

17. How does praying in tongues, or praying in the Spirit, benefit us? (Rom. 8:26-27, Jude 20)

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b) _____

The gift of tongues is offered to all believers who are baptized in the Holy Spirit. It is a personal prayer language between the believer and God.

18. What was Paul's attitude toward speaking with tongues? (I Corinthians 14:5, 18)

19. Even though tongues is of great benefit to the individual believer and is essential in prayer, what gift is best for edifying the church? (I Corinthians 14:4)

20. When we assemble together, what should we bring? (1 Corinthians 14:26)

21. Besides praying in the Holy Spirit, what else can we do? (1 Corinthians 14:15)

22. What are the nine gifts of the Spirit available to us in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10?

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23. Beside each scripture below, list the gifts that were operating by the Spirit in the lives of the believers in the book of Acts.

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| a) (Acts 3:1-10) | _____ |
| b) (Acts 5:1-6) | _____ |
| c) (Acts 9:33-35) | _____ |
| d) (Acts 16:16-18) | _____ |
| e) (Acts 21:10-11) | _____ |
| f) (Acts 2:4-11) | _____ |

These gifts are available to believers, as they have need. If a demon needs to be cast out, the gift of prophecy is not needed. If a person needs to be healed, the interpretation of tongues is not needed. The Spirit manifests the different gifts as the need arises.

24. What are some of the varieties of ministries given to the church by the Holy Spirit? (Ephesians 4:11, 1 Corinthians 12:28)

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Not everyone is a prophet or an apostle. Not everyone has the ministry of tongues. The body of Christ would be useless if everyone was an eye or a mouth. We are to eagerly desire the greater gifts (I Corinthians 12:31) but at the same time not compare ourselves to others and learn to appreciate both our own and other people's valuable giftings.

25. What are the gifts of the Spirit listed in Romans 12:7-8, 13?

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26. What is the fruit of the Holy Spirit? (Galatians 5:22-23)

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27. Should a Christian have spiritual gifts without fruit? (I Corinthians 13:1-2)

28. Should a Christian have spiritual fruit without gifts? (I Corinthians 12:31, 14:1)

29. For what are the manifestations of the Spirit given? (1 Corinthians 12:7)

30. What did Jesus say about those who had received the gift of the Holy Spirit? (John 4:14, John 7:38-39)
