

PRAYER FOR BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture reading

ACTS 1: 4 - 5

While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit."

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And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim

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Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?"

Peter (said) to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call."

LAYING ON OF HANDS

After which we say together

"Heavenly Father, I thank you for all your gifts, Creation, Life. And Love, for Jesus whom you sent to us, and for your Holy Spirit. I thank You that Jesus saved me. I pray that the Holy Spirit might come upon me.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you and I will try never to offend you again.

Lord Jesus, baptise me now in the Holy Spirit just as you baptised the Apostles and disciples at Pentecost. I receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit by faith in Your Word. May your anointing, your glory, and your power come upon me and into my life right now. May I be empowered for service from this day forward to be a witness to your life and the Holy Spirit in me. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for baptising me in your Holy Spirit. Amen."

Snippets from “A practical guide to the GIFT OF TONGUES” by John Vaughan-Neil

He quotes from Vat Council 11 - Lumen gentium - Constitution on the Church para.12

It is not only through the sacraments and the ministries of the Church that the Holy Spirit sanctifies and leads the people of God and enriches it with virtues.....

..... "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone for profit". These charisms, whether they be the more outstanding or the more simple and widely diffused, are to be received with thanksgiving and consolation for they are perfectly suited to and useful for the needs of the Church.

1. Tongues does not displace praying in our own language but supplements it.
2. The exercise of this gift is entirely under our personal control.
3. The gifts are not things we can possess: they can only belong to the Holy Spirit. Like the rays of the sun belong to the sun.
4. Therefore we do not “have” any gifts at all. We just use them when the Holy Spirit wants us to use them.
5. Like a Tool Box, which belongs to the Holy Spirit. He gives them to us to use when he prompts us.
6. Mark 16: 17 *These signs will accompany those **who believe**: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents (with their hands), and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*
7. Acts 8: 17 *Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.*
Acts 19: 2 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They answered him, "We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." He said, "How were you baptized?" They replied, "With the baptism of John." Paul then said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus."
When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.
8. This happens over and over again so it seems reasonable to say that tongues was the **norm** for the early Christian Church and is a gift which is available to all believers.
9. Acts 1: 8 Christ says to the disciples after the resurrection. “ *But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*
10. Cf Ephes 1: 19 *...and what is the immeasurable greatness of his **power** in us who **believe**,*
11. Praise and thanksgiving are most important aspects of the gift of tongues leading to worship.
12. When we yield to this gift it is more often than not a “key” to open us up to **the power of the Holy Spirit working in other gifts** which he may manifest in us from time to time.
13. Singing in tongues is very beautiful, especially in a large group.