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HOW TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Now it is time to minister the Holy Spirit to the candidates. Give them a copy of this sheet and go through the steps with them. Then have them stand and minister the Holy Spirit to them.

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The King James Version Bible

STEP 1 The Holy Spirit has been given since the Day of Pentecost. It is up to the individual to receive.

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 (John 14:16-17).

This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, HE HATH SHED FORTH THIS, WHICH YE NOW SEE AND HEAR **(**Acts 2:32-33**).**

STEP 2 Anyone who is saved is ready to receive the Holy Spirit.

Then Peter said unto them, REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED, Every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST (Acts 2:30).

STEP 3 The Holy Spirit is a gift. You do not have to do anything to get a gift.

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STEP 4 Expect to receive the Holy Spirit when hands are laid on you (*not required*). Peter and John laid hands on the Samaritan believers.

Then LAID THEY THEIR HANDS ON THEM, and they received the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17).

STEP 5 **YOU ARE TO SPEAK.** The Spirit will act on your lips and tongue, and will put supernatural words on your lips, but the candidate must put sound to the action and speak out. The Holy Spirit gives the utterance, but man does the speaking.

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 (Acts 10:44-46a).

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and THEY SPAKE WITH TONGUES, and prophesied (Acts 19:6).

THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES NOT TAKE OUR TONGUES AND TALK. WE DO THE SPEAKING IN TONGUES. The utterance can come in two ways: 1) Many people hear supernatural words forming inside their inner being, and the words bubble up until they are spoken through the mouth. 2) Some people may feel a fluttering of the lips. They may feel a tightening of the jaw, or their tongues may feel thick.

STEP 6 **DISREGARD ALL FEARS.** You will not receive a substitute for the Holy Spirit. You will not get a devil. God has promised that His children will get the Holy Spirit and nothing else.

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? (Luke 11:11-13)

STEP 7 After your initial experience, you will be able to speak (or pray) in tongues at will (whenever you want to). Paul, the man who wrote most of the New Testament, stated:

For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but MY UNDERSTANDING IS UNFRUITFUL. What is it then? I WILL pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all... (1 Corinthians 14:14-15, 18)

STEP 8 You will not understand what you are saying (see 1 Corinthians 14:4)

For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but MY UNDERSTANDING IS UNFRUITFUL (1 Corinthians 14:14).

STEP 9 Pray every day in your prayer language to edify and build yourself up.

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

STEP 10 Remember, there are only two qualifications for receiving the Holy Spirit:

1. **You must be saved.**
2. **You must ask the Father to fill you.**

HINDRANCES TO RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Lack of knowledge of the subject (*Hosea 4:6*)
2. Pride: thinking too highly of oneself or not wanting to look stupid (*1 John 2:16*)
3. Fear of getting something besides the Holy Spirit or a demon (*Luke 11:11-13*)
4. Previous involvement with the occult or witchcraft; must be renounced and deliverance must take place (*1 John 2:16*)
5. Letting the natural mind get in the way of receiving (*2 Corinthians 10:5*)
6. Unbelief – not believing it's for you (*Hebrews 3:12*)

Now minister the Holy Ghost to them. If they still do not receive, recommend any of the following books to them **(See STUDENT REFERENCE BOOKS).** ***Have them come back next week.***

AFTER COUNSELING

- Encourage candidates for the baptism of the Holy Spirit to practice their prayer language daily.
- Tell them that their language may not be fluent at first, but daily practice will help them to become proficient.
- Tell them that Satan will attempt to steal the validity of their experience by making them believe they are not filled or that their prayer language is not real.
- If unsure, tell them to get in prayer and say to God, "*Lord, my prayer language is the only one I have. From this moment on, I am going to believe by faith that this is the language you have given me. If there is another language that is better than the one I'm speaking, or if the present language that I am speaking is not of you, then I look to you, God, to change it. Therefore, from this moment on, I believe this is a valid prayer language.*