

WHAT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT

1. **Linguistic Ability**
They were not speaking in tongues because the crowd gathered; the crowd gathered because they were speaking in tongues. Acts 2:6
2. **Christian Eloquence**
The 'other' tongues in Acts 2:6-11 were distinct languages, not their own Galilean language.
3. **The Exclusive Possession of the Apostolic Age**
If speaking in tongues was confined to the first century, then the other gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:28-30 must have ceased also.
4. **Absent from Church History**
Speaking in tongues recurs in Christian revivals of every age.
5. **The Babblings of Fanaticism**
Those filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost were accused of being drunk. The Apostle Peter refutes their claim in Acts 2:15-16.
6. **By the Power of Beelzebub**
The Holy Spirit enables believers to confess that 'Jesus is Lord.' 1 Corinthians 12:3
7. **Disparaged by Paul**
The Apostle Paul encouraged speaking with tongues and wrote 'do not to forbid' it. He also spoke in tongues more than all. 1 Corinthians 14:5, 18, 39

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1. **The Fulfillment of Prophecy**
Joel 2:28, Acts 2:16
2. **A Personal Experience from God** Matthew 3:11
3. **The Power to Witness**
Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8
4. **A River of Living Water**
John 7:37-39
5. **The Helper Sent to Teach Us All Things** John 14:25-26
6. **The Helper Who Testifies of Christ** John 15:26
7. **The Helper Who Guides Us into All Truth** John 16:7-14
8. **The Normal Experience of the Early Church**
Acts 2:1-4, 10:44-47, 19:2-6
9. **The Promise to All Believers**
Acts 2:39
10. **A Sign to the Unbeliever**
1 Corinthians 14:22
11. **A Sign to the Believer**
Acts 11:15-18
12. **A Help in Our Weakness**
Romans 8:26

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The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- All believers are entitled to, should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church.
- With it comes power for life and service, the provision of spiritual gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4,8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31).
- This baptism is distinct from and follows the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9).
- With the baptism in the Holy Spirit come such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, His word and the lost (Mark 16:20).

The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). Speaking in tongues is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:4-10,28), but different in purpose and use.

A Biblical Experience

Acts 1:4-5, 8 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now...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 2:1-8 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?"

Acts 2:38-39 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Acts 10:44-47 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

Acts 19:2-6 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.