

## **How You Can Have the Power of the Holy Spirit?**

On the Day of Pentecost, the disciples experienced something new and powerful in their lives. It was something which took them from being a group of scared believers cowering behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews to being some of the boldest witnesses for Christ in all history. What was it that changed their lives so dramatically? It was the fulfillment of the promise that Jesus had reminded them of just days prior. (Acts 1:4-5) In fact, Jesus saw this promise of the Holy Spirit as so significant that He commanded that the disciples not attempt anything until they had received it.

The exciting thing about what happened to the disciples in that upper room is that the same thing can--and will--happen to us today. In his sermon in which Peter explained what had happened that day, he said that the promise wasn't just for the particular individuals who experienced it that day, but it was for everyone that the Lord would call. (Acts 2:39)

If you have been called by God, this promise is yours! The baptism in the Holy Spirit is available to any believer who will ask in faith and then surrender to the Holy Spirit's guidance. The scriptural examples clearly indicate a close relationship with the experience of speaking in tongues when believers are baptized in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, you should expect that God will also bless you with this same gift when you receive this Holy Spirit baptism. However, my personal advice to you is that you not focus on the speaking in tongues too much. Keep your focus on receiving the power of the Holy Spirit to be the kind of Christian witness God wants you to be (Acts 1:8), and you will receive the manifestation of speaking in tongues without any special effort. Once you have received the gift of tongues, I encourage you to use this new supernatural language in your prayers regularly.

The Apostle Paul taught us that our prayers in the Spirit are powerful because they are always in alignment with the explicit will of God in a way which our human-generated prayers may not be. (Romans 8:26-28) My advice to you as you seek this gift of God is that you not pursue the gift in order to make yourself seem better than others. It is not a matter of pride, but a matter of service. Seek the gift so that you can serve the Lord more affectively and more powerfully.

Ask in simple faith. Jesus said that we should ask the Heavenly Father for the Holy Spirit with the same attitude in which we would ask our

earthly father for a fish expecting to get a fish and not a serpent.  
***(Luke 11:11-13)***

Open your spirit in praise and worship to God as you expect Him to fill you with His Spirit. You will soon be surprised that your praises will begin to flow in a language which is your vocalization but the Holy Spirit's initiation. (Acts 2:4)

Jesus gives us the power of the Holy Spirit for three purposes: (1) to strengthen ourselves in our faith (Jude 20, I Corinthians 14:4), (2) to help win unbelievers into the kingdom of God (Acts 1:8), and (3) to help strengthen the church (I Corinthians 12:7). So, put your gift into action.

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