

Receiving the Infilling of the Holy Spirit

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, KJV).

Our Father has sent Someone to us, Someone Who will always be with us as Comforter and Guide. He has sent the Holy Spirit. As a Christian, you have made a choice to follow God and commit yourself to His ways. He has given you the Holy Spirit to be with you as your direct link to Him. But you must receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of God sets only two requirements for receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit:

- 1)** experiencing the New Birth through Jesus Christ, and
- 2)** asking to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 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 11:9-13, KJV).

If you have been born again as a Christian, accepting that Jesus became sin for your sins to be removed, then why should you, and how could you, cleanse yourself of any sin? You cannot cleanse yourself from sin; salvation is a free gift from God.

In the same way, when you ask the Father for the Holy Spirit, He gives Him to you immediately. There is no certain manner of prayer or crying that you must perform; you just ask Him.

The Holy Spirit is a gift from the Father much like your salvation is a gift. He has given the Holy Spirit to you to draw you closer to Him for a more intimate relationship. He has also given the Holy Spirit to empower you with authority in this world.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:4, KJV).

This clearly demonstrates what happens when you receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Tongues is the Holy Spirit praying through you; not vocalizing for you, but giving you the words to speak.

The language you speak is not your native language and is commonly referred to as tongues. There are wonderful benefits for praying daily in the Spirit:

- Praying in tongues stimulates your faith
- It enables you to pray for the unknown
- It edifies you
- It helps you pray in line with God's perfect will.

Realize that the Holy Spirit will give you words, but He is not going to pray for you. You will be doing the speaking with your tongue, your voice and your mouth. The Holy Spirit will bring the prompting, desire, or urge to speak. At first, it may be only a few syllables, but the more you pray, the more your language will develop.

If you do not speak in other tongues immediately, there are basically two things to check:

1) Did you sense an urging deep inside? That was the Holy Spirit prompting you. You just need to cooperate and respond by giving place to it. By faith, let the words form on your tongue.

2) If you did not sense the urging of the Holy Spirit inside you, then do not be concerned. We receive all things from God by faith, so you can educate yourself in faith by reading about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (We recommend "Seven Vital Steps To Receiving the Holy Spirit" by Kenneth E. Hagin.)

This will help you to renew your mind and release any conscious or unconscious fear you may have had. The Bible says faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Rom. 10:17, KJV).

Infilling Prayer

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the name of Jesus to thank You because I am Your child. By faith I now receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives me utterance. As a Spirit-filled Christian, I am now empowered to be a victorious Christian and a bold witness of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture References:

- John 14:16,17
- Luke 11:13
- Acts 1:8
- Acts 2:4
- Acts 2:38,39
- Jude 20

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