



# THE INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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## The Holy Spirit

We live in an exciting era of Christianity! A time in which God is pouring out the Holy Spirit upon all who ask for it.

*“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams”.* **Acts 2:17**

This verse refers to the last days just before Jesus returns to catch away His true church which consists of those who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and have been washed from their sins by His shed blood.

The signs pointing to the second coming of Jesus Christ are all around us. We need only to read our newspaper to realise that His coming is near at hand. Although these are times of trouble, with wars in various parts of our world, economic uncertainties, as well as crime and terror in our streets, we are not alone. Jesus has provided His Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to be our Helper, our Guide, Teacher and Power to live an overcoming, victorious Christian life.

One of the most significant fulfilment's of prophecy prior to the second coming of Jesus is the present day outpouring of the Holy Spirit. All over the world, people of all denominations are being filled with the Holy Spirit. Denominational barriers, as well as individual barriers, such as pride and inhibitions are falling away as people everywhere are realising their need for this powerful gift from God.

All believers have the Holy Spirit. He comes to live within you the moment you accept Jesus as Saviour. The primary purpose of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to lead us into a closer walk with Jesus. As Christians, our hearts should cry each day for more of Him.

However, being individuals consisting of an outer physical body and also having an inner eternal man wherein God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit dwell, there is a constant battle raging. As long as we dwell in our physical bodies, we contend with our fleshly or worldly nature which strives to serve Satan and his world system, while our inner, eternal man desires to serve God. As we allow the Holy Spirit to fill our inner man, He will lead us to Jesus by daily putting our fleshly nature under subjection.

## The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Jesus told His disciples:

*“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (the Holy Spirit), that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you”.* **John 14:16-18**

Jesus is referring to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit after his crucifixion. His promise to the disciples also applies to us – that after His death and resurrection, He would send His Helper, the Holy Spirit so that we would not walk alone.

## The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

*“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”.* **Acts 2:1-4**

All one hundred and twenty of those whom Jesus had told to pray until they would be filled with the Holy Spirit received this wonderful gift at once.

Peter then went out from their midst and preached boldly to win over three thousand people to Jesus that same day. This same Peter who had denied he even knew Jesus the night before the Crucifixion, immediately became a dynamic soul winner after receiving the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Why Should We Speak in Tongues?

*“Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we do not know what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God”.*

**Romans 8:26-27**

All of us face needs and decisions each day in our lives that we cannot understand with our minds, nor do we know how to pray about them.

As we allow the Holy Spirit to pray through us in tongues or in our heavenly language, He prays for our weaknesses and infirmities according to the perfect will of God.

The Holy Spirit, who knows the very mind of God regarding our lives, will transcend or go above and beyond our limited intellectual knowledge and abilities to pray.

## Your Prayer Language Builds Your Inner Man

*“But you, beloved, building up yourself on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit”.* **Jude 1: 20**

When you are down or low, you can allow the Holy Spirit to pray through you and He will build you up.

God desires and inhabits the praise of His people. However, we are incapable and do not have the words sufficient to praise Him as He deserves to be praised, but the Holy Spirit can praise God through us in our heavenly language, as He deserves to be praised. As we allow the Holy Spirit to pray and praise God through us, it will flow from our inner man *“as rivers of living water”*. **John 7:38**

The Holy Spirit not only strengthens our inner man, but is also beneficial in our daily Christian walk.

## The Holy Spirit is Our Guide

*“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself but whatever He hears He will speak: and He will show you things to come. He will glorify me, for He will take of what is Mine and shall show it to you.” **John 16:13-14***

As our guide, the Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth which is God’s Holy Word, the Bible. He will lead us to Jesus and glorify Him before us.

## The Holy Spirit is Our Power to Witness

*“But you shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”. **Acts 1:8***

## How to Receive the Gift of the Infilling of the Holy Spirit

Simply ask Jesus for it. All through the Book of Acts it relates how those who asked, received. It also states that as they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they spoke in tongues as the Holy Spirit gave utterance. To receive your prayer language, you ask for it, then open your mouth, using your tongue and lips in praise. Don't worry that you don't understand the words the Holy Spirit is praying. Accept by faith in God's word that the Holy Spirit is praying the perfect prayer for you. As you pray in tongues, it comes from your inner man, where the Holy Spirit dwells, and bypasses your mind as He speaks directly to God. Remember that you must speak out the words.

God is a perfect gentleman, and He will never force you to praise Him in your heavenly language. Just begin praying out loud and thank Jesus for all He has done for you. Now begin praising Him in continuous hallelujah's and while still moving your tongue and lips, begin praying in your heavenly language as the Holy Spirit gives you utterance.

Now that you have been filled with the Holy Spirit, you must use your prayer language and pray in tongues fluently and freely each day.

Just as God will never force you to receive this gift, He will not force you to use it once you've received it. Take that step of faith, continue to lift up your voice and speak out your prayer language. As you do this, the Holy Spirit will build up your inner man each day.

Like a muscle in your body, the more you use it, the stronger it becomes. Conversely, if you do not use your prayer language each day, it will wither and become weak just as a muscle which is not used regularly.

Paul made it very clear, to use your prayer language is totally under your control. *“What is it then? I will pray with the Spirit, and then I will pray with understanding also...”*

**1 Corinthians 14:15.** The word “will” in the original Greek means “I determine it”.

Our prayer language is under our control so that we might use it in our private devotional times and in worship with other believers who either understand this gift, or have received it themselves.

Jesus paid a terrible price before sending the Holy Spirit. He had to pour out His Holy, Sinless Blood upon the Cross for the sins of mankind that He might later pour out the Holy Spirit upon all believers who ask Him for it. He laid down His life at Calvary and since His resurrection, He now sits at the right hand of God the Father. But praise His name, He did not leave us alone! He sent back the comforter, the Holy Spirit, to empower all believers to live victorious, Christian life. The gift is free to us, but it cost Jesus His all.

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