

1) Introduction

Jesus had breathed on the disciples, they got saved, they received the *Spirit of Christ*, the *Spirit of Truth*, the *Holy Spirit*, but Jesus said there was more, a second baptism in the *Holy Spirit*, and **POWER** to be given.

- The **Promise** of Baptism in the Holy Spirit Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4, 8
- **Pentecost** – They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues Acts 2:2 - 4
- Paul said **“I do not want you to be ignorant concerning spiritual gifts”** 1 Cor 12:1
- *There are many Bible-believing, genuine Christians, full of love, full of grace but they have questions; they don't fully understand Holy Spirit and specifically tongues. Don't judge or condemn or feel superior in any way, we seek to understand the Promise, the gift God promised us.*

2) Questions about the Holy Spirit and Tongues

a) Q1 - Is this *Holy Spirit* for me?

- Jesus said in the great commission Mrk 16:15, Matt 28:18-20
 - Go - make disciple them (**We do that...**)
 - Go baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (**We do that...**)
 - Gifts of **healing** and **tongues** will follow those who believe (**Why would we not do that...?**)
- Was the Holy Spirit not just for a specific period in history, for the disciples?
 - Promise is to all who are afar off Acts 1:4, Acts 2:39
 - God not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance 2 Pet 3:9
- Peter said to Cornelius: **“In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.”** Acts 10:34
- **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”** Heb 13:8
- Peter said - This is that, that was spoken by the prophet Joel: **“And it shall come to pass in the last days, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh...”** Acts 2:16 – 21
- Pauls says that **“I thank my God, that I pray in tongues more than you all”** 1 Cor 14:18-19

b) Q2 - Are there really two separate in-fillings of the Holy Spirit?

- 1) Pentecost Acts 2:33
- 2) Disciples filled again
- 3) Samaritan converts and baptism in the Spirit - Philip (**±5yrs after Pentecost**) Acts 8:5-13
- 4) Paul’s conversion and baptism in the Spirit (**±7yrs after Pentecost**) Acts 9:17
- 5) Cornelius get baptism in water and the Holy Spirit (**±10 yrs after Pentecost**) Acts 10:44-48
- 6) Ephesian disciples and baptism in the Spirit (**±25yrs after Pentecost**) Acts 19:1-6

	Scripture	Word	Prayer	Expectation	Laying of hands	Tongues Evident
Pentecost	Acts 2:1-33	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Disciples filled again	Acts 4:31	Yes	Yes	Yes		(yes)
Samaritan converts	Acts 8:5-17	Yes	Yes		Yes	
Apostle Paul	Acts 9:17	(yes)	Yes		Yes	(yes)
Cornelius & Family	Acts 10:44-48	Yes		Yes		Yes
Christians in Ephesus	Acts 19:1-6	Yes	(yes)		Yes	Yes

* (yes) = Implied in other texts supporting

- c) **Q4 – Did Tongues passed away when the Bible came?** 1 Cor 13:8
- Some people think that the Holy Spirit power was used to write the Bible then ceased, or just used to establish the initial church. They say “*Tongues will cease...*”
 - People think the Bible is perfect, but only Jesus is perfect. V10
 - If you read further, it's when we see Him face to face, ie, in heaven V12
 - “*When we see Jesus and he is revealed, will be like Him*” 1 John 3:2

- d) **Q5 - Do all speak in tongues?**
- Do all speak in tongues? Rhetorical question... the answer... **No...** 1 Cor 12:29-30
 - **Firstly**, Paul is referring to the fivefold ministry gifts of Christ to the Church detailed in Eph 4:11
 - **Secondly**, Paul refers her to the Gifts of the Spirit detailed in 1 Cor 12:8-11 (“*Distributing as He wills*”)

3) Two groups / Types of tongues

a) Consider general communication

- 1) Tongues can be of men or of angels 1 Cor 13:1
 - Of Men - A language somebody, a tribe, of nation already speaks (Eg: English)
 - Of angels - a heavenly language that nobody on earth speaks, (except the Holy Spirit in you)
- 2) Bi-Directional (**UP** / **DOWN**)
 - If a language is used that you don't understand, then you **need an interpreter**
 - Tongues going **UP**, is us praying to God (*Private Tongue*)
 - Tongues coming **DOWN**, is God talking to us (*Public Tongue*)

b) Gift of Tongues - Message from God (DOWN) - Public Tongue

- **DOWN** - God talking using an earthly language I don't understand.
- **Gift of Tongue** that other people understand (*English*)
- This is a witness to them that hear it 1 Cor 14:22
- Eg: On the Day of Pentecost, they understood what he said.
- No interpretation needed as people understood, but the speaker did not understand

c) Gift of tongues that need to be interpreted - we don't understand (either heavenly or natural)

- **DOWN** - God talking to us
- One of the nine gifts if the Holy Spirit - **Gift of Tongues**
- Requires one of the nine gifts if the Holy Spirit - the **Gift of Interpretation**
- Prophecy = Tongues and Interpretation
- Not everybody gets this gift, as **He wills** 1 Cor 12:11

d) Grace of tongues (UP) - Private Tongue

- **UP** - **Us speaks to God** – in an Earthly or Heavenly language
 - I don't understand what I'm praying for, Our minds are unfruitful 1 Cor 14:13, 27
 - Paul speaks more than us all 1 Cor 14:18-19
- 1) **UP** - Worship - Personal Worship John 4:23-24, 1 Cor 14:15
 - 2) **UP** - Us talking to God - personal prayer Rom 8:26-28
 - 3) **UP** - Us interceding to God for others (I don't know how I ought to pray) Eph 6:17-18
 - 4) **UP & DOWN** – Spirit to Spirit Chatter
1 Cor 14:2-4, Jude 20, 1 Cor 2:10-12, Eph 1:15-20, Rom 8:11

4) Q3 - How do you receive the Holy Spirit?

- 1) Expectation / hunger Acts 10:24, 27, 33-34, 44-47
- 2) Laying on of hands Acts 19:6
- 3) Drink John 7: 37 – 39, Acts 2:33