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An Analysis of Acts 2, I-17, & 2,32-33

Acts 2, I-II: 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 as 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 the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every manin our own tongue wherein we were born?Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

- I. Speaking in tongues accompanies the Baptism of the Spirit
- 2. Speaking in tongues come from God.
- 3. Speaking in tongues is a sign for unbelievers.
- 4. Speaking in tongues is speaking in a language that you have not learned.
- 5. One benefit of speaking in tongues is another way to praise the Lord

An Analysis of Acts 2, I-17, & 2,32-33

Acts 2, 12-17; 32-33: And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: iFor these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear

6. This experience often causes extreme joy.

7. Prophecy from Joel 2,28

-8. Jesus is the Baptizer of the Spirit.

9. The Baptism in the Spirit is an experience you can see and hear.

Jesus identifies three different relationships a person can have with the Holy Spirit: "with" us, "in" us and "comes" upon us.

The Holy Spirit is

"with" someone before they are saved. He leads us to Christ. Once someone becomes saved, the Holy Spirit comes and dwells "in" him.

John 14,16-17: 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 sees him not, neither knows him: but you know him; for he dwells with you, and shall be in you.

Jesus used yet a third word to describe the Baptism of the Spirit: "upon."

Acts 1,8: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

Acts 1,5: You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

This experience happens after a person is saved.

Here are three examples were people were saved and then later baptized in the Spirit.

	Salvation Experience	Baptized in the Spirit
Jesus' Disciples	John 20,22	Acts 2,4
New Believers in Samaria	Acts 8,4-12	Acts 8,14-17
Disciples of John the Baptist	Acts 19,1-5	Acts 19,6

The word for baptism means "immersion." It is an experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit, something you can see and hear!





The Purpose for the Baptism in the Spirit

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The purpose of the
Baptism in the Spirit is to receive
power to be His witnesses. Jesus called
it, "Power from." on high," Luke
24,49

Acts 1,8:You will receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you and you will be my witnesses...

Jesus is our example! He was also baptized in the Spirit, John 1,32 & 33. The Spirit of God anointed him to do His wonderful, good works- Acts 10,38.

Luke 4,18: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

After receiving the Baptism, Peter was so empowered, he preached and 3,000 were saved-Acts 2.41!

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Speaking in tongues is speaking a language that you did not learn, but nevertheless can speak through the Holy Spirit. Anyone who has been baptized in the Spirit can speak in tongues.

I Corinthians 14,2: ...For no man understands him; in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

I Corinthians 13,1: Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels...

1 Corinthians 14,14: For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

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

Apg 10,44-46: While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

Apg 19,6: And when Paul had laid his hands upon/them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied.

Speaking in tongues is the pattern in the book of Acts. Five times in Acts, people were baptized in the Holy Spirit. In three of these times, it states that they spoke in tongues. The other two times:

- I) Believers were filled with the Spirit in Acts 8. They could see what happened, but did not further explain.
- 2) Acts 9 reports that the Apostle Paul was baptized in the Spirit. It does not say here that he spoke in tongues, but it does in I Corinthians 14:18.

Peter also said it was an experience you could see and hear, Acts 2,33.

People often are baptized in the Spirit through the laying on of hands.

The Blessing of Speaking in Tongues

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- Glorifies God: Acts 2,11; 10,46 & 1 Corinthians 14,15
- Prayer to God: I. Corinthians 14,2
- We pray mysteries: I Corinthians 14,2
- It builds us up: I Corinthians 14,4; Jude 20
- It can help our understanding & helps us walk in the Spirit:
 I Corinthians 14,15
- A sign for unbelievers: I Corinthians 14,22 & Acts 2,12

Glorifies God

Acts 2,11:We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

I Corinthians 14, 15: I will sing with the Spirit, I will sing with the understanding also.

Acts 10,46: They heard them speak and magnify God.

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You can praise God by speaking in tongues or singing in your heavenly language.

Speaking to God & Speaking Mysteries

A Communications tool to speak with God!

I Corinthians 14,1-2: Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

We often do not know how to pray.
However, the Holy Spirit knows! You can pray in tongues until you have peace, or until you understand how you should pray!

Building yourself up

I Corinthians 14,1-4: He that speaks in an unkown tongue edifies himself;

Jude 20: But you, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

Need strength?!
Pray in your heavenly language!

It helps us understand

When you pray
in tongues, you do not
know what you are saying.
However, often times God will
reveal this in your spirit so you
can then pray with
understanding.

I. Corinthians 14,14-15:For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

Praying in tongues
bypasses our understanding.
That is important because God is
Spirit! We often limit God with our
natural thinking because we cannot
comprehend him with our natural
minds. We should learn to pray both
in the Spirit and with our
understanding. I Cor 2,9-14

It is a sign for unbelievers

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There are three huge misunderstandings about tongues. I) Tongues was used to preach in Acts 2. Tongues was not used to preach to the crowd. Peter preached in his normal language. Tongues were a sign that helped draw crowd.

Acts 2, I2: And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

I. Corinthians 14,22: Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not.

3) Some also believe, referring to 1 Cor 12,30, that not everyone baptized in the Spirit speaks in tongues. We have seen that the pattern in Acts was that everyone who was baptized in the Spirit spoke in tonuges. Peter also said it was an experience that you could "see and hear."

The Scripture in 1
Cor 12,30- that not everyone speaks in tongues- is referring to the gift of tongues that is given to the church along with the gift of interpretation- see verses 1 Cor 12,8-10. The context is, "in the church," verse 28 and not individual believers.

2) People think that it is wrong to pray in tongues in a church setting (1 Cor 14,6). Paul did not forbid this! He said we should not speak to each other in tongues, but it is OK to pray to God in tongues in the church. If we do this out loud for the church, we should also give the interpretation so everyone can benefit (14,13).

Everyone baptized in the Spirit can speak in tongues!

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How do we know that the Baptism in the Spirit and speaking in tonges are for us today? The answer is in Acts 2,38-39 & 1 Cor 1,4-7.

In Acts 1,4-5, Jesus calls the
Baptism of the Spirit, the
"promise of the Father." In Acts
2,39, Peter said that this promise
is for everyone whom the Lord
will call!

Apg 1,4-5: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence..

Apg 2,38-39: Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children and to all that are afar off even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

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Paul also confirmed that this gift is for us. We know this from the Greek words used for, "gift" and "coming."

The word "Gift" is used in I Corinthians 12,10-12 for the supernatural gifts of the Spirit, including speaking in tongues.

I Corinthians I,4-7: I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and *in* all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

""Coming" in the
Greek is used for the 2nd
coming of Christ. So these
Spiritual gifts are valid to the
time Jesus returns!

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Four times in the Gospel, John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptize us with the Holy Spirit: John 1,33; Matt 3,11; Luke 3,16 & Mark1,8

Jesus also said we should receive "power from on high!" Luke 24,49 & Acts 1,5

Then Jesus said in John 7,37-38:

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit...)

Jesus is the Baptizer in the Spirit

Are you thirsty? Go to Jesus!
Wait and enjoy His presence! Ask that He would fill you with His love, joyand Spirit! Ask Him for everything that He has for you! He will answer your prayer!

Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened! Luke 11,9

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