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1. New Testament Church

(Scriptures from KJV unless noted otherwise)

The way that the New Testament believers were filled with the Holy Spirit should be our example for today in ministry.

ACTS 1:4-5

The Holy Spirit Promised

⁴ And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, says he, you have heard of me. ⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but **you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.** (KJV)

ACTS 2:1-6

Coming of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost – Mary mother of Jesus there - Acts 1:14)

¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴ **And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.** ⁵ And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. ⁶ Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. (KJV)

2. In Samaria - Believers Filled

ACTS 8:5-12

Christ Is Preached in Samaria

⁵ Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. ⁶ And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. ⁸ And there was great joy in that city. (KJV)

The Sorcerer's Profession of Faith

⁹ But there was a certain man, called Simon, which before time in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: ¹⁰ To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. ¹¹ And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. ¹² **But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. (1st Experience)** (KJV)

- **1st Experience** - the Holy Spirit in the new birth, that is called **salvation, being born-again or Receiving Eternal Life** (a person is baptized spiritually **into** the Body of Christ), **they have** the Holy Spirit **but that is not called receiving (being filled) the Holy Ghost**
- **2nd Experience** - There is an experience following salvation called **receiving, being filled, baptized** with the Holy Ghost.

Peter and John sent from Jerusalem to **lay hands on the new converts** that they might **receive** the Holy Ghost.

ACTS 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: ¹⁵ Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: ¹⁶ (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: **only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**) ¹⁷ **Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.** (KJV)



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(2nd Experience)

ACTS 8:18-20

¹⁸ And **when Simon saw** that through laying on of the apostles' hands the **Holy Ghost was given**, he offered them money, ¹⁹ Saying, Give me also this power, that on whom soever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. ²⁰ But Peter said unto him, your money perish with tyou, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. (KJV)

- Simon the Sorcerer **saw a manifestation sign** of the receiving of the Holy Spirit – speaking in Tongues, as you can't see the Holy Spirit.

3. In Cornelius' Household - Believers Filled

ACTS 10:44-48

The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles

⁴⁴ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. ⁴⁵ 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 Ghost. ⁴⁶ **For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.** Then answered Peter, ⁴⁷ **Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized**, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be **baptized in the name of the Lord**. Then they prayed him to stay certain days. (KJV)

- They believed as Peter preached and were born again!
- They received the Holy Spirit while Peter before he finished preaching.
- They spoke in Tongues and astonished the company of Jewish believers that the Holy Spirit was given to the Gentiles.
- Lastly They were then baptized with water

4. In Ephesus - Believers Filled

ACTS 19:1-7

Paul at Ephesus

¹ And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, ² He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. ³ **And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.** ⁴ Then said Paul, **John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance**, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. ⁵ **When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.** ⁶ **And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.** ⁷ And all the men were about twelve. (KJV)

- The Believers here were baptized into the “Body of Christ” through the **baptism of John – “repentance.”**
- Paul laid hands on them for the **baptism of the Holy Spirit.**
- They (all) received and **spoke in other tongues** as the Spirit gave them utterance (and prophesied)

5. Infilling of the Holy Spirit of Paul

Acts. ACTS 9:7-17

⁷ And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. ⁸ And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.



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Ananias Baptizes Saul

¹⁰ And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. ¹¹ And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prays, ¹² And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. ¹³ Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem: ¹⁴ And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. ¹⁵ But the Lord said unto him, Go your way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: ¹⁶ For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. ¹⁷ And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto you in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

- Paul became “Born-Again” on the road to Damascus through his experience with Jesus.
- When Ananias laid hands on him to receive the Holy Spirit – he received instantly.
- Later Paul says in 1Cor.14:18, **I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;**

1 Cor. 14:18-22

Tongues a Sign to Unbelievers (Paul speaking)

¹⁸ I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than you all: ¹⁹ Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. ²⁰ Brethren, be not children in understanding: however in malice be you children, but in understanding be men. ²¹ In the law it is written, with men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, says the Lord. ²² **Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serves not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.** (KJV)

- Speaking in Tongues is proof the Holy Spirit lives within the person.
- Speaking in Tongues is for all believers – **a gift just like salvation!**

6. Ten Reasons Why The Believer Should Speak In Tongues

Mark 16:17

¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; **they shall speak with new tongues;** (KJV)

6.1. The Initial Sign of Baptism

ACTS 2:1-4

¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴ **And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.** (KJV)

- It is the initial proof or sign of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, to the believer, non-believers, and Jewish believers!

6.2. For Spiritual Edification

1 Cor. 14:4

⁴ He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself; but he that prophesies edifies the church. (KJV)

- The meaning of the original than the word "edified" is to "charge" as used in connection with charging a battery.
- We build or charge up our spirit man – children of God!



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I Cor. 14:2

² For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God: for no man understands him; howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries. (KJV)

- God has given to the church (the believer), a divine, supernatural means of communication with Himself.

I Cor. 14:14

¹⁴ For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. (KJV)

- The Amplified translation reads, "my spirit, by the Holy Spirit within me, prays."
- God is a Spirit. When we pray in tongues, our spirit is in direct contact with God, who is a Spirit. We are talking to Him by a divine, supernatural means.

6.3. Remind us of The Spirit's Indwelling Presence

JOHN 14:16-17

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; ¹⁷ 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.** (KJV)

- Praying in other Tongues keeps sensitive to the Holy Spirit and the fact that He lives (dwells) on the inside of us our spirit man.

6.4. We Pray in Line With God's Perfect Will

ROMANS 8:26-27

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: **for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ And he that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because he makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. (KJV)

- Speaking in tongues keeps selfishness out of our prayers.
- Praying in tongues by passes our mind and allows the Holy Spirit to pray the perfect prayer back to God.

6.5. Our Faith is Stimulated

Jude 1:20

²⁰ But you, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, (KJV)

- We learn to trust God more and believe for the promises of God and which then increases our Faith.

6.6. A Means of Keeping Free From Worldly Contamination

1 Cor. 14:28

²⁸ But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; **and let him speak to himself, and to God.** (KJV)

- This is a means of keeping free from the contamination of the ungodly and the profane, and all the vulgar talk around us on the job or out in public.

6.7. Allows us and Helps Us to Pray for the Unknown

- Praying in tongues provides a way to pray for things for which no one thinks to pray, or is even aware.
- We already know that the Holy Spirit helps us to pray for what we know not how to pray as we ought.
- But in addition, the Holy Spirit—who knows everything—can pray through us for things about which our natural minds know nothing.



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6.8. Gives Refreshment to Our Spirit

Isa. 28:11-12

¹¹ For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. ¹² To whom he said, **This is the rest** wherewith you may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear. (KJV)

- Speaking in Tongues refreshes our spirit when we do it daily.

6.9. For Giving Thanks

1 Cor. 14:15-17

¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understands not what you say? ¹⁷ **For you verily give thanks well, but the other is not edified.** (KJV)

- But notice that Paul says praying in tongues provides the most perfect way to pray and to give thanks, for he said,
- **"you indeed give thanks well"** (Verse 17.)
- In the presence of people who are unlearned, however, Paul said to pray with your understanding also so that they can be edified; they will understand what you say.

6.10. Helps to Bring Our Tongue Under Control

JAMES 3:8

⁸ But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. (KJV)

- Because our tongue is the worst member to bring under control, when we pray in tongues it helps to control it.

7. The Public Side of Tongues

There are tongues in the individual believer's - private.

There are tongues in the church – public!

1Cor. 14:3-18

³ But he that prophesies speaks unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. ⁴ He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself; but he that prophesies edifies the church. ⁵ **I would that you all spoke with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesies than he that speaks with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.**

Tongues Must Be Interpreted in the Church

⁶ Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? ⁷ And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? ⁸ For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? ⁹ So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for you shall speak into the air. ¹⁰ There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. ¹¹ Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaks a barbarian, and he that speaks shall be a barbarian unto me. ¹² Even so ye, forasmuch as you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that you may excel to the edifying of the church. ¹³ Wherefore let him that speaks in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. ¹⁴ For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ Else when you shall bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupies the room of the unlearned say Amen at your giving of thanks, seeing he understands not what thou say? ¹⁷ For you verily give thanks well, but the other is not edified. ¹⁸ I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than you all: (KJV)



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- Tongues with interpretation is equivalent to prophecy—i.e., if the utterance in tongues is interpreted so that the church can understand what is said, then the one prophesying is not greater.
- The church is edified or built up when tongues are interpreted.
- To illustrate, 2 x 10 cent pieces equal one 20 cent piece.
- 1 x 10 cent piece = Tongues, the other 1 x 10 cent piece = interpretation of the public Tongues.
- When both are used this is equal to Prophecy 1 x 20 cent.
- If there is no interpretation then the one speaking in tongues should stop as it does not build up the unbeliever.
- We can also speak in tongues in a church service in worship, if it is between us and God.

8. Questions & Answers

1. How do I know when I have to give tongues in the church, and how should this happen with interpretation?
 - **A believer will be led by the Holy Spirit and it will be to build up the “body of Christ” – the “church” and God will provide an interpretation**
2. Show me in the bible the verses dealing with the baptism in water and the baptism in the spirit and the difference?
 - **In Cornelius’ Household - Believers Filled then water baptized – Acts 10:44-48.**
3. When the Holy Spirit came at the day of Pentecost, they were heard in many tongues for different people all at the same time, how do you explain this?
 - **The Holy Spirit has the power and ability to take a person’s “Other Tongue” and translate it to other people in their natural earthly language at the same time for He is God in spirit form also.**
4. When I received Jesus I have the Holy Spirit in me, why do I then need the baptism in the Holy Spirit if he is already in me?
 - **At “salvation or conversion” you received the Holy Spirit by being baptized spiritually into the Body of Christ but you were not filled by and with the Holy Spirit, this is a 2nd experience to “Salvation”**
5. Do I need to speak in tongues to be a Christian & to be able to go to heaven?
 - **You do not need to speak in “Tongues” to be a Christian or to go to “Heaven” but if you do not speak in “Tongues” you will be certainly at a great disadvantage in your Christian living! You go to heaven based on your decision to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior (Rom. 10:9-10)**
6. If tongues does not come instantly, does that mean I have not got the infilling of the Spirit?
 - **A person can chose to speak in “Tongues” or not to this is a personal choice but if a person does not speak in “Tongues” this does not mean that they are not filled with the Holy Spirit.**
7. Does tongues come fluently instantly or does it start off with some people as simple babbling and then grow from a few words to a full tongue?
 - **Some people receive “Tongues” instantly others take some time and have to practice by just starting with a few unknown sounds and then it develops into a full spiritual language called “Speaking in Other Tongues”.**
8. Does the devil try to talk me out of having tongues and using it, and why?
 - **Yes! Because “Tongues” is a very powerful weapon and tool that a “Believer” can use in prayer and spiritual warfare against the devil. The devil can not understand your prayers when you pray in “Tongues” as the Holy Spirit in you is praying through you and bypassing your understanding and also praying the perfect prayer that God needs to answer for you and your situation.**

Jesus is Lord!