

ACTS 1:4-5

While being together *and* eating with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to **wait for what the Father had promised**, “Of which,” *He said*, “you have heard Me speak. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized and empowered and united with the Holy Spirit**, not long from now.”

LET'S LOOK AT TIMING OF EVENTS

- JESUS IS RESURECTED & MARY MAGDALENE FIND THE EMPTY TOMB [JOHN 20:1]
- LATER THAT SAME DAY, JESUS STOOD AMONG THE DISCIPLES [JOHN 20:19]
- THEY SEE JESUS, THEY KNOW WHO HE IS & THEY BELIEVE
- THEN, IN JOHN 20:22 IT SAYS....

JOHN 20:22

And when He said this, He **breathed** on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

The Greek word for breathed is [emphusaó]

It's root words are: *en*, "in" and *physaō*,

THIS IS THE MOMENT THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLED [in] THE DISCIPLES.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

BECAUSE FAST FORWARD 40 DAYS – JUST BEFORE HIS ASCENSION & THE ACTS 1:4-8 CONVERSATION IS RECORDED WITH **THE SAME** DISCIPLES

ACTS 1:6-8

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked Him *repeatedly*, “Lord, are You at this time reestablishing the kingdom *and* restoring it to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority. ⁸ But you will **receive power and ability** when the Holy Spirit **comes upon you**; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”

THE THIRD & DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT RELATIONSHIP (EPI) WITH HOLY SPIRIT IS DOCUMENTED HERE...

“... But you will receive power *and* ability when the Holy Spirit **comes upon you**.”

UPON [EPI G1909]

MEAING OVER, UPON, ETC

IN THIS THIRD GREEK PREPOSITION, HE [HOLY SPIRIT] COMES UPON YOU OR HE COME OVER YOU.

SOME OF MY RESEARCH STATED THAT HE OVERFLOWS YOU.

THIS EPI BAPTISM OR FILLING EMPOWERS BELIEVERS FOR SERVICE.

First, the 120 Waiting

In The Upper Room As Jesus Commanded
TAKES PLACE IN **ACTS 2:1-4**

WHEN DID IT HAPPEN? After they believed [they SAW Jesus alive] AND When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place,

HOW DID IT HAPPEN? ² and suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ There appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were being distributed [among them], and they rested on each one of them [as each person received the Holy Spirit]. ⁴ **And they were all filled [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the Holy Spirit**

WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE? and began to speak in other tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out [clearly and appropriately].

The Second Account,
To The 3000 That Peter Preached To
TAKES PLACE IN **ACTS 2:37-43**

WHEN DID IT HAPPEN? After they believed what Peter was saying.. ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent [change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways, accept and follow Jesus as the Messiah] and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ because of the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the

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US ABOUT IT AND JESUS WOULDN'T PROMISE THE HOLY SPIRIT UNLESS HE KNEW THAT WE WOULD NEED HIM.

SO, OF ALL THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS AVAILABLE - TODAY WE ARE JUST GOING TO TACKLE 1 - TONGUES.

MAINLY BECAUSE IT IS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AS EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

IN **1 CORINTHIANS 12:1**, PAUL SAYS...
Now about the spiritual *gifts* [the special endowments given by the Holy Spirit], brothers and sisters, **I do not want you to be uninformed.**

IN **1 CORINTHIANS 14:1A**, PAUL SAYS...
Pursue [this] love [with eagerness, make it your goal], **yet earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual gifts [to be used by believers for the benefit of the church]**

WHAT IS TONGUES?

IN **1 CORINTHIANS 12**, THIS IS WHERE PAUL IS TEACHING ABOUT THE USE OF SPIRIT GIFTS AND IN VERSE 10c IT SAYS...
"... to another **various kinds** of [unknown] tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues."

[IN OTHER WORDS THERE ARE **VARIOUS KINDS OF TONGUES**]

room speaking in his own language or dialect. ⁷ They were completely astonished, saying, “Look! Are not all of these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears in our own language or native dialect? ...—we all hear them speaking in our [native] tongues about the mighty works of God!”

THE 2ND KIND IS TONGUES FOR INTERPRETATION

- FOR PUBLIC USE & DIRECTED TO BELIEVERS WHO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE GIFT OF TONGUES IS.
- IT IS AN UNKNOWN HEAVENLY LANGUAGE THAT MUST ALWAYS BE INTERPRETED [BY SOMEONE WHO HAS THE GIFT] AND IS INTENDED FOR EDIFICATION OF THE CHURCH
- IDENTIFIED IN **1 CORINTHIANS 14:5**

Now I wish that all of you spoke in unknown tongues, but even more [I wish] that you would prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater [and more useful] than the one who speaks in tongues, unless he translates or explains [what he says], so that the church may be edified [instructed, improved, strengthened].

PAUL THEN SAYS... IN **1 CORINTHIANS**
14:13

Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may [be gifted to] translate or explain [what he says].

THIS 'KIND' REQUIRES ORDER IN THE CHURCH, AS PAUL INSTRUCTS

IT IS EXPLAINED IN **1 CORINTHIANS**
14:26-28

What then is the right course, believers? When you meet together, each one has a psalm, a teaching, a revelation (disclosure of special knowledge), a tongue, or an interpretation. Let everything be constructive and edifying and done for the good of all the church. ²⁷ If anyone speaks in a tongue, it should be limited to two or at the most three, and each one speaking in turn, and one must interpret [what is said]. ²⁸ But if there is no one to interpret, the one [who wishes to speak in a tongue] must keep silent in church; let him speak to himself and to God.

THE 3RD KIND IS TONGUES FOR PERSONAL USE

- IT'S A PRAYER LANGUAGE
- "PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT" & IS DIRECTED TO GOD
- IDENTIFIED IN **1 CORINTHIANS**
14:2

For one who speaks in an *unknown* tongue does not speak to people **but to God**; for no one understands him or catches his meaning, **but by the Spirit he speaks mysteries [secret truths, hidden things]**.

I LOVE HOW PAULS EXPLAINS HIS USE OF IT HERE IN **1 CORINTHIANS 14:14**

¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unproductive [because it does not understand what my spirit is praying]. ¹⁵ Then what am I to do? I will pray with the spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me] and I will pray with the mind [using words I understand]; I will sing with the spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me] and I will sing with the mind [using words I understand].

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE USE OF PERSONAL TONGUES IN **JUDE 20**

But you, beloved, **build yourselves up** on [the foundation of] your most holy faith [continually progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], **pray in the Holy Spirit**,

MOST PEOPLE WOULD AGREE THAT PAUL EXEMPLIFIES THE KIND OF LIFE THAT IS FULLY SOLD OUT TO CHRIST. SOMEONE WHO TRULY KNEW CHRIST & HAD BEEN SHOWN MANY THINGS. I SAY THAT BECAUSE TO ME, IF HE MAKES A FIRM STATEMENT REGARDING THIS, I WANT TO PAY ATTENTION

ROMANS 8:27

And He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because **the Spirit intercedes** [before God] on **behalf of God's people in accordance with God's will.**

EPHESIANS 6:18

With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] **at all times** [on every occasion and in every season] **in the Spirit,** and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition **[interceding in prayer] for all God's people.**

I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU THAT AS YOU READ THE BIBLE, TO ASK GOD, TO OPEN YOUR EYES TO ALL OF THE REFERENCES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT & HOW HE GIVES DIRECTION & INTERACTS IN THE LIVES OF BELIEVERS.

OF THE 4 DIFFERENT KINDS OF TONGUES, IT'S THE PERSONAL USES THAT I PERSONALLY KNOW CAN GROW YOUR FAITH. IF THE SPIRIT KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT TO SAY THEN YOU CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT IT IS LITERALLY THE PERFECT PRAYER

WITH THAT BEING SAID, I WANTED MORE CLARIFICATION ON WHEN PERSONAL USE IS APPROPRIATE AROUND OTHERS.

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SO, I ASKED GOD & A LOT OF UNDERSTANDING CAME FROM THE FOLLOWING VERSES.

IN ACTS 10:45-46

⁴⁵ All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them talking in [unknown] tongues (languages) and exalting and magnifying and praising God.

A GROUP OF SPIRIT FILLED BELIEVERS CAN MEET FOR PRAYER & IT BE PERFECTLY FINE TO USE YOUR PRAYER LANGUAGE TO INTERCEDE FOR OTHERS & NOT NEED AN INTERPRETATION

THEN, IN **1 CORINTHIANS 14:23** SAYS So then, if the whole church gathers together and all of you speak in [unknown] tongues, and outsiders or those who are not gifted [in spiritual matters] or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind?

BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT IN **1 CORINTHIANS 14:39-40** IT SAYS...

Therefore, believers, desire earnestly to prophesy [to foretell the future, to speak a new message from God to the people], and do not forbid speaking in unknown tongues. ⁴⁰ But all things must

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I will know fully, just as I have been fully known [by God].

THERE ARE SOME WHO BELIEVE THAT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS ENDED...

[if that were true]

WHY WOULD PETER SAY...

ACTS 2:39

For the promise [of the Holy Spirit] is for you and your children and for all who are far away [including the Gentiles], as many as the Lord our God calls to Himself."

HAS JESUS STOPPED CALLING PEOPLE TO HIM?

To Finish This Lesson I want To Explain Two Primary Camps of Theology That Exist Regarding The Holy Spirit

CESSATIONISM & CONTINUATIONISM

CESSATIONISM

- IT'S THE IDEA THAT CERTAIN SPIRITUAL GIFTS CEASED OR THAT GOD GRADUALLY STOPPED BESTOWING THEM TO THE CHURCH
- THOSE WHO EMBRACE THIS VIEW SAY IT TOOK PLACE SOMEWHERE AROUND THE END OF THE 1ST CENTURY
- THERE ARE VARYING DEGREES OF BELIEF - EITHER, IT'S ONLY

REGARDING THE REVELATORY GIFTS

- & SOME ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THE GIFTS HAVE CEASED
- THEY FUNDAMENTALLY OBJECT TO THE IDEA THAT GOD UNIQUELY EMPOWERS INDIVIDUALS WITH THESE KINDS OF MIRACULOUS OR SUPERNATURAL POWERS

BUT IF THAT IS TRUE....

WHY DID JESUS SAY THAT...

“**anyone** who believes in Me [as Savior] **will also do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these**”

or...

WHY DID PETER SAY THAT...

for all who are far away [including the Gentiles], as many as the Lord our God calls to Himself.”

WE MUST ASK OURSELVES...

IS JESUS LYING?

IS PETER LYING?

IS THE BIBLE NOT TRUE?

NO

CONTINUATIONISM

- IS THE BELIEF THAT ALL OF THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT HAVE NOT CEASED BUT HAVE CONTINUED SINCE THE POURING OUT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

GOING DEEPER

Regarding the Holy Spirit, what belief system have you come from? How does that differ from what you have learned through this lesson? _____

If you have experienced the *epi* relationship in your life & walk, are you currently walking in the “*power & ability*” that Jesus promised? If not, why do you think that is your results? _____

If this is a brand-new teaching for you, how do you plan to proceed & move forward? Do you believe that it is real, relevant and available right now? If you are in a place of anger & wonder why you haven't been taught this, I highly encourage & exhort you to stop right now & forgive any teacher that you believe has failed you. Trust that “right now” IS God's timing for your life. Respond: _____

Or, are you still in a place of believing that it isn't real, isn't necessary & you don't want it? If this is you, my exhortation is this, “Humble yourself before God & tell Him that you don't “get it” but that if it is TRUTH, then you truly want ALL that God has available to you.” Where are you? _____

Now that you have completed this lesson:

- *Briefly give a definition of your Biblical stance for your belief.*
- *Write down 3 specific places in Scripture that clearly states your understanding.*

As defined by the Bible, who is Holy Spirit: _____

Scripture that supports this statement is:

As defined by the Bible, the Baptism of or Receiving of or Coming upon of the Holy Spirit is _____

Scripture that supports this statement is:

NOTE: YOU MAY FIND THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING WILL GO DEEPER AS YOU MOVE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LESSONS. FEEL FREE TO REVAMP & ADD TO YOUR STATEMENTS AS YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY MATURE.