The Holy Spirt and the Evidence of Speaking in tongues

Old King James Version

When studying the Holy Spirit, we must ask who he is, what he is like, did he have a place in the Old Testament, what does he do and what role did he have in the life of Jesus. The answers to these questions will give us a foundation for being able to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

We will learn that tongues is a spiritual gift as well as what praying in tongues accomplishes. We will see examples of how people in the book of acts received the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues.

Most important is Acts 1:8 (The Great Commission) - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Psalms 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: The LORD will give grace and glory: No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

# **Who is the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is the 3rd person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is fully God just like Jesus is. Each member of the trinity are distinct individuals yet have one divine nature.

#### **Where is the Holy Spirit?**

###### As a whole the Holy Spirit is everywhere…

#### Psalm 139:7 – (Both in Heaven and Hell)

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

###### The Father Sent him from heaven to earth when Jesus ascended in heaven

#### John 16:7

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

# **What is the Holy Spirit like?**

#### **God’s Spirit is good**

##### Psalm 143:10

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

#### **God’s Spirit is a Comforter**

##### John 16:7

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

# **Did the Holy Spirit have a Role in the Old Testament?**

#### **Creation of the Heavens**

###### The Spirit garnished the heavens

##### Job 26:13

By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens…

#### **When God speaks, his spirit responds with creative power**

##### Genesis 1:2-3

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

**3**And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

#### **Creation of Man**

###### The spirit of God made man

##### Job 33:4

The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

##### Psalm 104:30

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

#### **In the old testament the Holy Spirit was put upon people, where as in the new testament people are filled with the spirit – he is “in” them, not on**

##### Psalms 51:11

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

#### **God filled Bezaleel the son Uri with the Spirit and it produced wisdom, understanding in all manner of workman ship**

##### Exodus 31:1-5

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

**2**See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

**3**And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

**4**To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

**5**And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

# **What does the Holy Spirit do?**

#### **The Spirit of God strives with sinners**

Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

#### **The Holy Spirit Conceived Jesus inside of Mary**

##### Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

**19**Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

**20**But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

**21**And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

**22**Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

**23**Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

**24**Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

**25**And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus.

#### **The Holy Spirit shows us things to come**

##### John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

#### **The Holy Spirit is a Teacher**

##### 1 Corinthians 2:13

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

#### **The Holy Spirit reveals things to us**

##### 1 Corinthians 2:9 – 16

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

**10**But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

**11**For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

**12**Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

**13**Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

**14**But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

**15**But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

**16**For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.

# **The Holy Spirit in the Life of Jesus**

#### John tells the people that one mightier than him will come that will baptized them with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Then the Holy Ghost descends upon Jesus like a dove.

##### Luke 3:16 - 22

John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

**17**Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

**18**And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.

**19**But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,

**20**Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

**21**Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

**22**And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

##### **Jesus proclaims that he is anointed**

##### Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath 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,

19To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

#### **God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and Power**

###### When you are filled with the Holy Ghost you can go about doing good and healing all that are oppressed of the devil.

##### Acts 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil;

#### **Jesus groans in the spirit - Special focus on John 11:33 & 38 & reference Romans 8:26**

###### Groaning in the Spirit is a way of talking to God with words that cannot be uttered

##### John 11:1 - 45

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

**2**(It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

**3**Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

**4**When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

**5**Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

**6**When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

**7**Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.

**8**His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

**9**Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

**10**But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

**11**These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

**12**Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

**13**Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

**14**Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

**15**And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

**16**Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

**17**Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

**18**Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:

**19**And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

**20**Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

**21**Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

**22**But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

**23**Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

**24**Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

**25**Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

**26**And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

**27**She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

**28**And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

**29**As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

**30**Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

**31**The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

**32**Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

**33**When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.

**34**And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

**35**Jesus wept.

**36**Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

**37**And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

**38**Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

**39**Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

**40**Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

#### **When did Jesus pray – because he said, Father, I thank thee that you hast heard me?**

##### John 11:41-42

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

**42**And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

###### Groaning in the Spirit was the prayer.

### The Holy Spirit fulfilled the promise of Jesus from Acts 1:8

##### Acts 2: 1 – 4

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.‘

# **Tongues in a Spiritual Gift**

#### **The Apostle Paul Describes Tongues**

###### 1 Corinthians 14:1 – 17

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

**2**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.

**3**But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

**4**He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

**5**I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

**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 ye 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 speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.

**12**Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

**13**Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

**14**For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, 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 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 understandeth not what thou sayest?

**17**For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

#### **Instructions for speaking in tongues**

###### Tongues are a sign to the unbeliever

###### Don’t deliver a message in tongues in church unless God instructs you to

###### Don’t give more that 3 messages in tongues in church

##### 1 Corinthians 14: 18 – 40

I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye 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: howbeit in malice be ye 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, saith the Lord.

**22**Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

**23**If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

**24**But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

**25**And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

**26**How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

**27**If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

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

**29**Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

**30**If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

**31**For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

**32**And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

**33**For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

**34**Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.

**35**And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

**36**What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

**37**If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

**38**But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

**39**Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

**40**Let all things be done decently and in order.

# **Speaking in tongues**

#### **What does speaking in tongues accomplish?**

###### You build up yourselves on your most holy faith

##### Jude 20 & reference 1 Corinthians 1:4

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost

#### **When we don’t know how to pray, the Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf**

##### Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

# **How do you receive the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues?**

#### **You can’t buy the Holy Spirit!**

##### Acts 8:18 – 24

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 whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

**20**But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

**21**Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

**22**Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

**23**For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

**24**Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

#### **Jesus tells the disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they receive the promise of the father (The Holy Spirit)**

##### Acts 1:4

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

**5**For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

#### **The Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the word**

##### Acts 10:44-46

**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.

#### **Receive the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands**

##### Acts 8: 14 – 17

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.

#### **Prayer to receive the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues**

###### Tongues is not something you have to force or try to make up

###### When you speaking tongues the Holy Spirit prays through you giving you the words (or utterance) to speak.

When you are ready to receive the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues – ask someone to lay hands on you and say, Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask you to fill me with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I believe I receive it, in Jesus Name. Amen.

Now speak out in your heavenly language and receive the power promised in Acts 1:8.

# **Now that I speak in tongues what do I do?**

#### **Jesus gives us the great commission – but to execute it with power, you need to be filled with the Holy Ghost**

##### Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

#### **Pray in tongues every day. It doesn’t have to be a long time. Start with 5 minutes a day and increase as God leads you.**

##### Jude 20

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost

#### **By praying in tongues, you strengthen your inner man (your spirit)**

It will be easier to submit yourself to God and resist temptation

If you have a problem in life that you don’t know how to solve – say this, Father, in Jesus name I am praying in the spirit about this situation. By doing this you will be praying the perfect will of God over a situation.

God may have you pray for others in tongues.

# **Worship Music - Holy Spirit / Speaking in Tongues**

#### **A Brand New Tongue – By David Ingles**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSv4IwBlEqY>