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1) THE SCRIPTURAL HISTORY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- ◆ John the Baptist foretold the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Jesus is the Baptizer in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Jesus promised the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ They received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ The Baptism of the Holy Spirit was poured out as a gift
- ◆ The Baptism of the Holy Spirit fell upon the Gentiles as well as the Jews
- ◆ The Baptism of the Holy Spirit was also imparted through the laying on of hands
- ◆ The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for us today
- ◆ Jesus will not give a counterfeit gift when you ask Him

SCRIPTURES

John the Baptist foretold the Baptism of the Holy Spirit: “I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.” (Mark 1:8)

“He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.” (Matt 3:11)

➤ The word baptize (#907 Greek) means to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); It comes from a word (#911) meaning to overwhelm, (i.e. cover wholly with a fluid).

➤ The word fire (#4442) means fire, or lightning.

Jesus is the Baptizer of the Holy Spirit: John the Baptist said, “I didn’t know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, ‘When you see the Holy Spirit descending and resting upon someone, he is the one you are looking for. He is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Son of God.” (John 1:32-34 NLT) “John answered their questions by saying, “I baptize with water; but

someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I am not even worthy to be his slave. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” (Luke 3:16-17 NLT)

Jesus promised the Baptism of the Spirit: “And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power (# 1411) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (NKJ Acts 1:4-8)

► (The word power (#1411) means force, miraculous power, ability, abundance, might, miracle, power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work. It comes from a word (#1410) meaning to be able or possible.

They received the Baptism of the Spirit: “Now when the Day of Pentecost had 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 the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (NKJ Acts 2:1-4)

It was poured out as a gift: “The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles, too. And there could be no doubt about it, for they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.” (NLT Acts 10:44-46)

► The word pour (#1632) in the Greek means to pour forth, to bestow, and translated as gush out, run greedily, shed abroad, spill forth.

► The word gift (#1431) in the Greek means a gratuity, and translated gift. It comes from a word (#1435) meaning a present, gift, sacrifice, or offering

It fell upon the Gentiles as well as the Jews. While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. (NKJ Acts 10:44, 45 NKJ)

► The word fell (#1968) means to embrace with affection or seize with more or less violence, translated to fall into or upon, lie on, press upon.

It was also imparted through the laying on of hands: “And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied.” (NKJ Acts 19:6)

It is for us today: “Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. “For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” (NKJ Acts 2:38)

He will not give a counterfeit gift when you ask Him: “If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? “Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” (NKJ Luke 11:11)

2) WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is a distinct member of the Trinity, separate from the Father and the Son Jesus Christ. He has a personality and has a function within a believer’s life. The following is list of some of His

personality traits and functions. Scriptural refererces to these are recorded after the list.

SCRIPTURES

He is a member of the Trinity

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt 28:19 NKJV)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. (2 Cor 13:13-14 NKJV)

But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. (John 15:26-27 NKJV)

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased." Immediately the Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness. (Mark 1:9-12 NASU)

He speaks as a person

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." (Acts 13:2 NKJV)

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. (John 16:13 NKJV)

He searches

But we know these things because God has revealed them to us by his Spirit, and his Spirit searches out everything and shows us even God's deep secrets. (1 Cor 2:10-11 NLT)

He reveals

All that the Father has is mine; this is what I mean when I say that the Spirit will reveal to you whatever he receives from me. (John 16:15 NLT)

He decides and distributes

It is the one and only Holy Spirit who distributes these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. (1 Cor 12:10-11 NLT)

He abides with us

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever... (John 14:15-17 NKJV)

He guides & foretells

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. (John 16:13 NKJV)

He sanctifies

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ... (1 Peter 1:2 NKJV)

He teaches

...for the Holy Spirit will teach you what needs to be said even as you are standing there. (Luke 12:12 NLT)

He convicts

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment... (John 16:7-8 NKJV)

He seals

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (Eph 4:30 NKJV)

He quickens, gives life

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (John 6:63 KJV)

He empowers to witness

...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. (Acts 1:8 NASU)

He leads

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. (Rom 8:14 NLT)

He bears witness

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God... (Rom 8:16-17 NKJV)

He intercedes

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (Rom 8:26 NKJV)

He bears fruit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23 NKJV)

He liberates

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (2 Cor 3:17 NKJV)

He glorifies Jesus

He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (John 16:14 KJV)

He groans

Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. (John 11:33 NKJV)

He has joy

Then Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit and said, “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding the truth from those who think themselves so wise and clever, and for revealing it to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way. (Luke 10:21 NLT)

He comforts

The believers were walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 9:31 NLT)

He translates

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the city of Azotus! He preached the Good News there and in every city along the way until he came to Caesarea. (Acts 8:39-40 NLT)

He conceives

For the child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit. (Matt 1:20 NLT)

He descends

Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. (Matt 3:16 NLT)

He speaks through you

For it won't be you doing the talking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. (Matt 10:20 NLT)

He speaks to you

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage. (Acts 8:29 NLT)

He casts out spirits

But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you. (Matt 12:28-29 NLT)

He compels

Immediately the Holy Spirit compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness. (Mark 1:12 NLT)

He is a river of living water

For the Scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow out from within.” (When he said “living water,” he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. (John 7:38-39 NLT)

He gives the ability to speak in tongues

And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. (Acts 2:3-4 NLT)

He lives within you

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? (1 Cor 3:16 NLT)

He gives special abilities

And now, dear brothers and sisters, I will write about the special abilities the Holy Spirit gives to each of us... (1 Cor 12:1 NLT)

He is received through faith

...and we Christians receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith... (Gal 3:14 NLT)

He is our guarantee

The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us everything he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people... (Eph 1:14 NLT)

He inspires

For David himself, speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said, 'The LORD said to my Lord, Sit in honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies beneath your feet.' (Mark 12:36 NLT)

3) WARNINGS CONCERNING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture warns us to honor the Holy Spirit with reverence and respect.

- ◆ Do not blasphemy the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Do not resist the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Do not quench the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Do not lie to the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Do not strive with the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Do not test the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURES

Do not blasphemy the Holy Spirit

Every sin or blasphemy can be forgiven—except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which can never be forgiven. 32 Anyone who blasphemes against me, the Son of Man, can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, either in this world or in the world to come. (Matt 12:31-32 NLT)

Do not resist the Holy Spirit

You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. (Acts 7:51 NKJV)

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (Eph 4:30 NKJV)

Do not quench the Holy Spirit

Do not quench the Spirit. (1 Thess 5:19 NKJV)

► **QUENCH:** NT:4570 sbennumi (sben'-noo-mee); a prolonged form of an apparently primary verb; to extinguish (literally or figuratively): KJV - go out, quench.

Do not lie to the Holy Spirit

Then Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. 4 The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren’t lying to us but to God.” 5 As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. (Acts 5:3-5 NLT)

Do not strive with the Holy Spirit

And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” (Gen 6:3 NKJV)

Do not test the Holy Spirit

And Peter said, “How could the two of you even think of doing a thing like this—conspiring together to test the Spirit of the Lord? (Acts 5:9 NLT)

4) WHAT DOES SPEAKING IN TONGUES ACCOMPLISH?

(Words with scriptures in parenthesis are recorded in the Greek study in the back.)

- ◆ Constructs and confirms the house of God within you (*Edify; 1 Cor 14:4*)
- ◆ Releases the dynamite power of God within you (*Power; Acts 1:8*)
- ◆ Submerges you as though fully wet and covered in the spiritual liquid of His Presence (*Baptize; Matt 3:11*)
- ◆ Puts lightning upon your head (*Fire; Matt 3:11*)
- ◆ Hugs and embraces you with His Presence (*Fell; Acts 11:15*)
- ◆ Pours out upon you as a gift

(Poured out & Gift; Acts 10:45)

- ◆ Intercedes, prays for you
(Comforter; John 14:26)
- ◆ Gives you boldness
(Boldness; Acts 4:31)
- ◆ Supplies & furnishes what you need
(Filled; Acts 2:4)
- ◆ Teaches you and causes you to learn
(Teach; John 14:26)
- ◆ Recalls to memory
(Remembrance; John 14:26)
- ◆ Speaks a secret or mystery in the spirit
(Mystery; I Cor 14:2)
- ◆ Follows as a sign
(Sign; Mark 16:17-18)
- ◆ Is a sign to unbelievers
(Sign; I Cor 14:21-22)
- ◆ Protects from satan
(Snakes and Not hurt; Mark 16:17-18)
- ◆ Builds faith
(Building Faith; Jude 20-21)
- ◆ Petitions for the saints
(Supplication; Eph 6:18)

5) MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

When people receive the gift of speaking in tongues, not everyone receives in the same way. For myself, I went to kids camp in my teens and was prayed over to receive what they called the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:5) I was supposed to feel the Holy Spirit come upon me, then speak in tongues. I felt nothing when they prayed. I was expecting some bolt of lightening to come down from the sky and hit me in a whoosh of the Holy Spirit. But they simply prayed, and I simply thanked Jesus like they told me to do.

However, an hour later as I lay in my bunk bed, little foreign sounding syllables popped into my mind. So, I spoke them with my

head under the pillow. It was one sentence. My counselor told me that could happen, and to be faithful to practice my new language and it would grow. So that is what I did. I spoke my one sentence faithfully for about a year! To this day, I still remember that sentence.

Then one day I was driving to school singing a popular love song along with the radio, and the second verse was sung in French. So I started singing my own pretend “French” to the words. By the end of the song, I had a complete and wonderful language, only I didn’t know it! However, every time I sang that song I would sing it in my “pretend language” even when they were singing in English. It sounded so beautiful I didn’t want to sing it in English. Then one day I started singing other popular love songs of the day in the same way. Then the realization hit me, I was doing what the Bible called “singing in the Spirit”! (1 Corinthians 14:15) “Wow! Is this finally the expansion of my new language?” So I stopped singing and just spoke it. Sure enough, there was a full blown language!

Now, not everyone will struggle as hard as I did. The reason it took me so long was because of doctrinal currents against me. I was told speaking in tongues was of the devil and that the occult speaks in tongues. It didn’t seem to connect with me that Paul in the Bible spoke in tongues all the time. (1 Corinthians 14:18) The only reason I had the courage to receive it, was because of the loving counsel of a dear lady who shined with the love of God. I felt that if she could love me like that, and she spoke in tongues, then she certainly wasn’t of the devil. Simply put, I knew the devil couldn’t love and she was no devil.

Since that time long ago, now that I am fluent in the spiritual gifts, I have come to realize that the devil can not create. Only God can create. The devil only mimics, only copies the real thing. So of course the occult speaks in tongues, that’s because God created the real speaking in tongues!

I have received a couple of wonderful confirmations about speaking in tongues. One time I was praying in tongues and in English over people I’d met on the Internet and I saw a picture-vision of a flat bed truck driven by 2 angels. On the flat bed truck were a whole

bunch of packages, each wrapped and looking exactly like the size of bricks. The Lord told me I was dispatching supplies. So I asked Him what those bricks were. He said, "Each individual prayer." Then a few days later I listened to a tape where a man was given a vision that every time he spoke in tongues, he saw packages the size of bricks come down from heaven that were deposited inside of him. When they were deposited, he felt a strengthening of his inner man. He was praying supplies for himself. So, not only did the Lord confirm that my praying in tongues was praying in supplies to others, but at the same time, I was praying in supplies for myself.

I have an interesting story about praying in supplies for others. Remember that one little sentence I mentioned when I first received tongues? When I shared it with Anna, my Mom, who also had been indoctrinated against tongues, she said it sounded like Spanish and looked it up in her Spanish dictionary. She was so surprised at the meaning, she also sought and received the Baptism of the Spirit.

Twenty-five years after that, having completely forgotten its meaning, Anna happened to ask me if I still remembered my one little sentence. I spoke what I remembered and she again looked up the words in her old Spanish dictionary, and this is what she found; my sentence was translated, "Door of a port hole released. They eat with Daddy." This was my commission from the beginning. I didn't know I was repeating a request thousands upon thousands of times. I was bombarding heaven and didn't even know it! I believe part of that fulfillment is the opened doors to a website ministry and also a writing ministry. It is a good lesson in the importance of tongues.

6) SPEAKING IN TONGUES IN DELIVERANCES

Often when I have prayed in tongues, people have been delivered of demons. When I lay my hand upon their back and speak in tongues, I can feel pressure building up inside of me. It is like pressure building and resisting against some outside force. It can take on a similarity of what a burden feels like to an intercessor who prays until it lifts. I will feel the pressure building, the intensity of my tongues increasing, and then the person either gags, spits up,

coughs, sighs, yawns, sneezes, screams, cries out, jerks, etc. When that happens, I feel an immense peace inside my spirit and the need to speak in tongues subsides. This can go on for a long time, with my feeling peace in between each spirit leaving. It is not a traditionally taught way to do deliverance, but I have noticed it is totally spirit led and it works. If coupled with authority in English, it carries a powerful punch.

A note on the other side of this: The use of tongues, or someone praying or using their vocal cords when they are in the process of being delivered will hinder the demon from coming out. The movement of the tongue suppresses the demons and keeps them at the throat or neck area unable to leave. Make sure that the person you are praying for is receiving and calling upon the Lord in their mind, not through their mouth.

I have also noticed that when I am oppressed and in a lot of warfare, speaking in tongues gives me freedom from the oppression and I feel lighter in my heart with spiritual energy. I try to pray in tongues often, for I have lived through enough experiences to know it really makes a difference in my life.

7) HOW SPEAKING IN TONGUES WORKS

There is much misunderstanding and fear concerning speaking in tongues. Some think it is an emotional experience overpowering the senses, taking control over the will and speaking faculties. But it is no different than people just opening their mouth to speak. When people talk, they speak in all different tones, decibels, emotions, etc., but people do not speak without CHOOSING TO. Speaking in tongues is merely the choice of speaking, but it happens to be in another language. Speaking in tongues is a rational choice of the will to communicate with the Lord in a language that transcends our understanding. It enables us to pray according to His will without our flesh rebelling. The tones, decibels, responsive emotions, etc. are the subjective choice of the speaker.

The scripture says, “For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.” (NKJ 1 Corinthians 14:14) The Greek

word for “my” literally means “my”. Therefore, Paul was saying that when he spoke in tongues it was his own spirit praying. However scripture does not record people having the ability to speak in tongues until the Holy Spirit fell on the day of Pentecost. In most of the references where people were baptized in the Spirit, speaking in tongues was part of their experience. When we speak in tongues, there is actually a partnership taking place between the Holy Spirit and our own spirit. The Holy Spirit is the comforter and according to the Thayer’s Greek:

► Comforter (#3875) (parakleetos, parakleetou, ho) means to be summoned, called to one’s side, especially called to one’s aid;

- 1) one who pleads another’s case before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant; an advocate:
- 2) universally, one who pleads another’s case with one, an intercessor: 1 John 2:1
- 3) in the widest sense, a helper, succorer, aider, assistant; so of the Holy Spirit John 14:16,26

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It is the Holy Spirit that partners with our spirit, giving us the language to pray directly to God. The Holy Spirit comes along side our own spirit and helps us pray the mysteries of God.

The objective experience of speaking in tongues happens not in how it is said, but what is said. Usually when the Holy Spirit first gives this ability to a person, little syllables come to mind. The language is formed by these syllables coming together to form words as the person speaks them. However, when the speaker speaks with fluency, there is no pre-thought to the mind and the Holy Spirit simply gifts the language as the person speaks. Like my own experience, sometimes, when one first receives this gift, only a few syllables are given to start, and not a complete language. The language will grow in time.

Since language is broken up into little syllables, and singing is a simple way to break apart syllables, singing is a wonderful way to

increase your prayer language. The scripture says to pray in tongues and also sing in tongues. Then pray in English and also sing in English. (1 Cor 14:15)

The gift of interpretation of tongues gives an understanding to the unknown language. This understanding is not necessarily a word for word translation. The interpretation also edifies those who hear. (1 Cor 14:5) One who speaks in an unknown tongue should pray that he also may interpret. (1 Cor 14:13)

The scripture says tongues is the language of men as well as angels. I have heard testimonies of people who have spoken in an unlearned language and those in the audience have recognized the language. A friend told me a story where a preacher in a foreign country just started speaking in tongues from the platform. Many wonderful conversions took place because even though he was just speaking in tongues to the Lord, they understood what he said, much to his amazement.

At other times, the language may be one of angels and no one would recognize it unless through an interpretation. (1 Cor 13:1)

I have had instances when I will get an interpretation of something I have spoken. A few times it has been an entire phrase, however most of the time it is one word. I will be speaking in tongues and one word will pop out of a phrase and I will know without doubt what that word was in English. When these times happen, they highlight the subject matter of what I am praying about and sometimes these words have actually given me the guidance I have been looking for, when coupled and confirmed with other Words He has spoken into my life. Since we pray according to the will of God in tongues, these interpretations, even with one word, can really highlight some important issues. Pray that He will give you the interpretation to what you speak.

8) PRAYERS & COUNSEL TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Your own prayer:

Father thank You for sending Jesus Christ Your only Son to die for my sins. I receive Your forgiveness through accepting that Jesus' death on the cross was for me and now this gives me eternal life with You in heaven. Please take over my life and change me so that I can become more like You.

Sandy's counsel:

If you have worship music on, that is a wonderful way to come into His Presence. Begin to praise Him and thank Him for His love for you, for His touch upon your life and for the Presence of His Holy Spirit.

What to expect when you receive:

Some people literally feel the Lord's Presence surround them when they receive, some do not. When you begin to speak in your prayer language (tongues), you will be the one moving your tongue, you will be moving your own lips, you will be expelling air past your own vocal chords, and you will be making the sounds. You are the one choosing to speak loud or soft, fast or slow. The Lord uses all your faculties to speak, He doesn't force it upon you, or overtake your will. You are the one speaking, you are the one singing. The difference is that the Holy Spirit is directing you. "But you, dear friends, must continue to build your lives on the foundation of your holy faith. And continue to pray as you are directed by the Holy Spirit." (Jude 20 NLT)

He is like a conductor directing an orchestra. He will give you unction to speak, unction to sing, unction to express your heart in different tones and syllables, loudly and softly, sometimes very punctuated, sometimes quite fluent. He will direct you as you speak and sing and you will begin to move along with His Presence and you will soon see that you really are cooperating with the Holy Spirit and He really has given you a new gift in which to express your heart. "For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries." (NKJ 1 Corinthians 14:2)

Your own prayer:

Jesus, now that I have accepted You as My personal Savior, I am asking that You will baptize and fill me with the Holy Spirit.

Sandy's prayer:

Father You said that no man can come to You except You first draw him. I thank You Lord that You have placed a desire and hunger in this loved one to receive more from You. I know that the power of Your quickened Word transcends all barriers and penetrates any obstacle with Your quickening touch. I ask Lord that You will come to this loved one right now and he or she will be enveloped in Your Presence and You will fill this loved one with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I bind all evil, deceiving and opposing forces in Jesus Name and I loose the Presence of the Holy Spirit to touch this loved one right now.

Sandy's counsel:

Begin to take deep breaths, breathing in His Presence. Expect the Holy Spirit to fill you. As you breath in His Spirit, begin to speak your thanks and praise to Him, and sing along with the music if you have some on. If not, then sing on your own, even making up your own tune if you like. And as you have asked Him to fill you and also received my prayer, begin to sing to Him in foreign syllables along with the music. When I say foreign, I mean that they are foreign to your understanding. As you sing this way and get acquainted with slowly separating syllables via musical sounds, begin to pick up the pace and sing faster, still in the unusual syllables that do not make sense to you. Now exchange back and forth between foreign syllables and English words to the music. As you begin to feel comfortable with singing back and forth between English and tongues, start to pray instead - first a line in English, then a line in tongues. Paul said, "Well then, what shall I do? I will do both. I will pray in the spirit, and I will pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will sing in words I understand." (1 Cor 14:15 NLT)

Now ask the Lord to forgive you for your doubts that this is gibberish! As I said before, you may have small syllables come to your thought before you speak them, but when you speak faster, the gift bypasses your mind and goes straight to

your mouth. You will realize what you are saying is definitely bypassing your mind and you will be surprised that it all has happened so simply.

Ask Him to give you the grace to internalize and believe the importance of what tongues accomplishes and then speak and sing in tongues every day. “Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.” (Col 3:16-17 NLT)

9) SCRIPTURES & GREEK MEANINGS

EDIFY: “He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.” (1 Cor 14:4)

► Edify #3618 in Greek means to be a house-builder, to construct, or confirm. It comes from a word meaning architecture or home.

► NT:3618 oikodomeo (oy-kod-om-eh'-o); from the same as NT:3619; to be a house-builder, i.e. construct or (figuratively) confirm: KJV - (be in) build (-er, -ing, up), edify, embolden.

POWER: “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me.” (Acts 1:8)

► Power (#1411) means force, miraculous power, and is translated in the KJV as ability, abundance, might, miracle, power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work. It comes from a word (#1410) meaning to be able or possible.

► NT:1411 dunamis (doo'-nam-is); from NT:1410; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself): KJV - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

BAPTIZE & FIRE: “He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.” (Matt 3:11)

▶ Baptize (#907 Greek) means to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); It comes from a word (#911) meaning to overwhelm, (i.e. cover wholly with a fluid).

▶ NT:907 baptizo (bap-tid'-zo); from a derivative of NT:911; to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); used only (in the N. T.) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian baptism: KJV - Baptist, baptize, wash.

▶ Fire (#4442) means fire, or lightning.

▶ NT:4442 pur (poor); a primary word; “fire” (literally or figuratively, specifically, lightning): KJV - fiery, fire.

FELL: “And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.” (Acts 11:15)

▶ Fell (#1968) means to embrace with affection or seize with more or less violence, and is translated in the KJV as to fall into or upon, lie on, press upon.

▶ NT:1968 epipto (ep-ee-pip'-to); from NT:1909 and NT:4098; to embrace (with affection) or seize (with more or less violence; literally or figuratively): KJV - fall into (on, upon) lie on, press upon.

POUR & GIFT: “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.” (Acts 10:45)

▶ Pour (#1632) in the Greek means to pour forth, to bestow, and is translated in the KJV as gush out, run greedily, shed abroad, spill forth.

▶ NT:1632 ekcheo (ek-kheh'-o); or (by variation) ekchuno (ek-khoo'-no); from NT:1537; and cheo (to pour); to pour forth; figuratively, to bestow: KJV - gush (pour) out, run greedily (out), shed (abroad, forth), spill.

▶ Gift (#1431) in the Greek means a gratuity, and is translated in the KJV as gift. It comes from a word (1435) meaning a present, gift, sacrifice, or offering

▶ NT:1431 dorea (do-reh-ah'); from NT:1435; a gratuity: KJV - gift.

COMFORTER: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26)

▶ Comforter (#3875) in the Greek means an intercessor, consoler, and is translated in the KJV as advocate, comforter.

▶ NT:3875 parakletos (par-ak'-lay-tos); an intercessor, consoler: KJV - advocate, comforter.

BOLDNESS: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:31)

▶ Boldness (#3954) in the Greek means: all out-spokenness, frankness, bluntness, publicity; assurance, and is translated in the KJV as bold, confidence, freely, openly, plainly .

▶ NT:3954 parrhesia (par-rhay-see'-ah); from NT:3956 and a derivative of NT:4483; all out-spokenness, i.e. frankness, bluntness, publicity; by implication, assurance: KJV - bold (X - ly, -ness, -ness of speech), confidence, X freely, X openly, X plainly (-ness).

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

► Filled (#4130) in the Greek means to fill, influence, supply, and is translated in the KJV as accomplish, full, furnish.

► NT:4130 pletho (play'-tho); a prolonged form of a primary pleo (pleh'-o) (which appears only as an alternate in certain tenses and in the reduplicated form pimplemi); to “fill” (literally or figuratively [imbue, influence, supply]); specifically, to fulfil (time): KJV - accomplish, full (... come), furnish.

TEACH & REMEMBRANCE: “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” (John 14:26)

► Teach (#1321) in the Greek means to learn, to teach.

► Bring and remembrance (#5279) in the Greek means to remind quietly, suggest to the memory, and is translated in the KJV as put in mind, remember, bring to remembrance.

► NT:1321 didasko (did-as'-ko); a prolonged (causative) form of a primary verb dao (to learn); to teach (in the same broad application): KJV - teach.

► NT:5279 hupomimnesko (hoop-om-im-nace'-ko); from NT:5259 and NT:3403; to remind quietly, i.e. suggest to the (middle voice one's own) memory: KJV - put in mind, remember, bring to (put in) remembrance.

MYSTERIES: “For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.” (1 Cor 14:2)

► Speaks mysteries (#3466) in the Greek means a secret or “mystery” (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites).

► NT:3466 musterion (moos-tay'-ree-on); from a derivative of muo (to shut the mouth); a secret or “mystery” (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites): KJV - mystery.

SIGNS, SNAKES & NOT HURT: “And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” (Mark 16:17-18)

► Signs (#4592) in the Greek means an indication, and is translated in the KJV as miracle, sign, token, wonder. It is from a word (#4591) meaning a mark, to indicate, signify.

► Snakes (#3789) in the Greek is a snake, figuratively as a type of sly cunning, an artful malicious person, especially Satan.

► Not (#3364) in the Greek is a double negative strengthening the denial; not at all, and is translated in the KJV as any more, at all, by any (no) means, neither, never, no (at all), in no case (wise), nor ever, not (at all, in any wise).

► Hurt (#984) in the Greek means to hinder, to injure, and is translated in the KJV as hurt.

► NT:4592 semeion (say-mi'-on); neuter of a presumed derivative of the base of NT:4591; an indication, especially ceremonially or supernaturally: KJV - miracle, sign, token, wonder.

► NT:3789 ophis (of-is); probably from NT:3700 (through the idea of sharpness of vision); a snake, figuratively (as a

type of sly cunning) an artful malicious person, especially Satan: KJV - serpent.

▶▶ NT:3364 ou me (oo may); i.e. NT:3756 and NT:3361; a double negative strengthening the denial; not at all: KJV - any more, at all, by any (no) means, neither, never, no (at all), in no case (wise), nor ever, not (at all, in any wise). Compare NT:3378.

▶▶ NT:984 blapto (blap'-to); a primary verb; properly, to hinder, i.e. (by implication) to injure: KJV - hurt.

SIGN TO THE UNBELIEVER: “In the law it is written: “With *men of* other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,” says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.” (1 Cor 14:21 NKJ)

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BUILDING FAITH: “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit...” (Jude 20-21)

▶▶ Build (#2026) in the Greek means to build upon, i.e. (figuratively) to rear up:

▶▶ Faith (#4102) in the Greek means persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel)

truth itself: and is translated in the KJV as assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

➤ NT:2026 epikodomeo (ep-oy-kod-om-eh'-o); from NT:1909 and NT:3618; to build upon, i.e. (figuratively) to rear up: KJV - build thereon (thereupon, on, upon).

➤ NT:4102 pistis (pis'-tis); from NT:3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: KJV - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

SUPPLICATION: “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;” (Eph 6:18)

➤ Supplication (#1162) in the Greek means a petition, and is translated in the KJV as prayer, request, supplication.

➤ NT:1162 deesis (deh'-ay-sis); from NT:1189; a petition: KJV - prayer, request, supplication.

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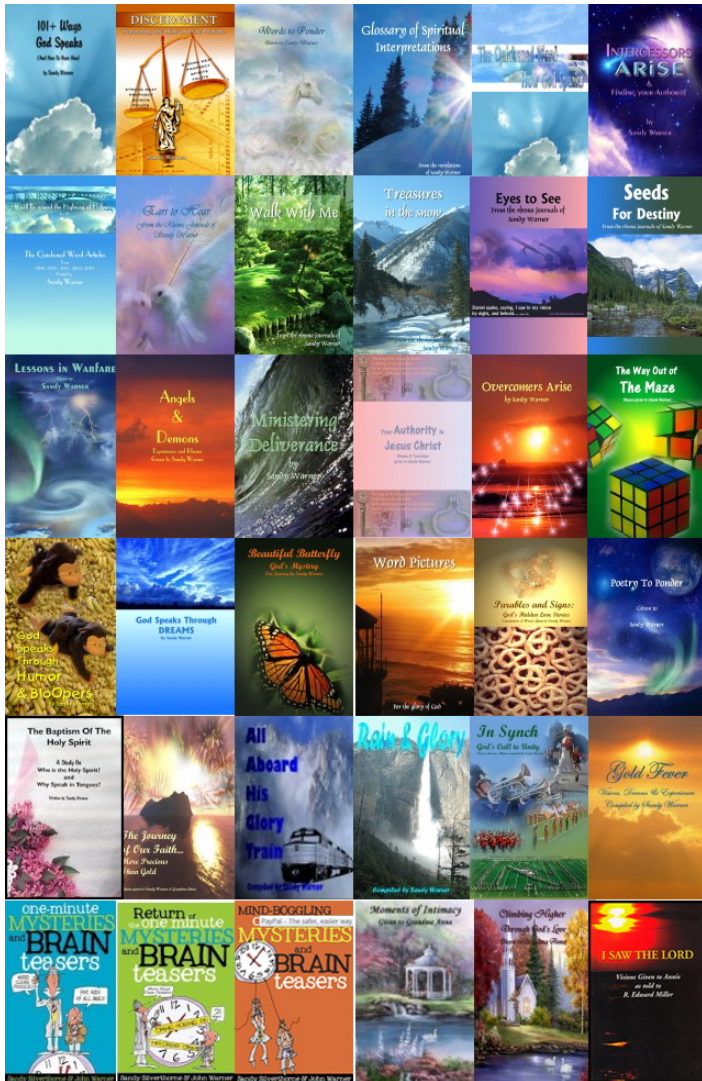
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