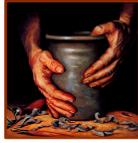


The Potter's Christian Life Center

SERMON NOTES
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Pentecost and Unknown Tongues

Acts 1:4-5

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FACTS ABOUT IT

Three distinct baptisms are described in the New Testament

1. The Holy Spirit baptizes us in Jesus **1 Corinthians 12:13**
2. A Christian baptizes us in water - **Matthew 28:19**
3. Jesus baptizes us in the Holy Spirit - **Matthew 3:11**

- It is in all four gospels

Matthew 3:11, Mark 1:8, Luke 3:16, John 1:33

THE SETTING FOR IT

- His Instructions

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, one of His final instructions was for these new Christians to anticipate something extremely significant that would take place very soon afterwards.

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- His Promise

Acts 1:8

"...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." NASS

THE FULFILLING OF IT

Acts 2:1-4

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. NASS

What personally happened to them:

- They were filled with the Holy Spirit
- They spoke in unknown languages

Notice that they were not doing anything unusual to get God to move. They were seated. They were not rolling around, lying on the floor, or even kneeling in prayer.

Also understand these truths:

1. The baptism in the Spirit is not speaking in tongues
2. If Christians do not speak in tongues, this is not proof that they are not baptized in the Spirit
We do not have to speak in unknown languages, we GET to do so.

THE SCOPE OF IT

This gift of the Holy Spirit was promised to everyone

Acts 2:37-39

³⁷Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God."

- Further evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The wind and the fire are never seen again in the New Testament, but speaking in tongues is seen repeatedly.

- In **1 Corinthians 14:18**, Paul wrote, "**I thank God that I speak in tongues more than any of you.**" NLT
- In **Acts 10:44**, when Peter was in the house of Cornelius preaching the Word, he didn't even finish his message before the Holy Spirit came upon the believers and they started speaking in tongues.
- In **Acts 19:1-6**, Paul led the Ephesians into a knowledge of Jesus Christ, laid hands on them for the power of the Spirit, and they spoke in tongues.

CONCLUSION

Praying in the Spirit is a valuable asset given to us by God.

- It strengthens a believer inwardly. Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said, "**Now I would have you all speak with tongues.**" (**1 Corinthians 14:5**) ASV
- It builds our faith (**Jude 1:20**), and opens us up to opportunities to see God work in ways that can seem incredible.