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The initial evidence of a person receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, is speaking with other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives the utterance (Acts 2:4). People can be filled with the Spirit to different levels; but when baptized in the Holy Spirit, there is a manifestation of speaking in tongues. It may begin with “*stammering lips*” (Isaiah 28:11), or with one or two words that is not your language (it is an unknown ton-

1. To study the Holy Spirit in depth, read *The Holy Spirit Throughout The Old And New Testaments*, LMSB, Volume 2.

gue to you). The more you yield to praying in the Spirit, the more fluent you will come.

BENEFITS TO PRAYING IN TONGUES

Prayer language : When you are praying in the Spirit (tongues), you are speaking unto God, not man (I Corinthians 14:2). That is a private manifestation that needs no interpretation: it is edifying your spirit or is intercessory prayer. Also, it could be many things, including praying down the will of God on your life.

Public Manifestation: The purpose for public manifestation of tongues, is to edify the Church. For this to happen, there has to be an interpretation of tongues, which is one of the nine gifts of the Spirit. Other gifts can be manifested through tongues and interpretation. These are the word of wisdom, and word of knowledge that when spoken out, can release the gift of faith, gifts of healing and working of miracles (I Corinthians 12:8-10). All of these can come through tongues and interpretation.

TESTIMONY

As this writer became more and more thirsty for things of God, her prayer began to be, “Lord, I want all of You I can get.” Knowing nothing about the Baptism of the Precious Holy Spirit, she sought God with all her heart with this prayer her main focus. On her job one day, she had a visit of a woman who said God sent her there to lay hands on us to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I still knew nothing, but I was so very hungry for God I would take anything he had for me. I received a few words I had never heard before and began to speak them. My husband who saw such a change in me, began to want what I had and received this Baptism.

I can remember that I not only began to experience visions (along with more trials); but I fell in love with God and His Son like never before. I devoured His Word.

We have never left this experience, we have only become more and more dedicated to God’s service as the years have passed.

THE PROMISE FULFILLED AND FULFILLING

God is offering this free gift for all His children who are thirsty for Him, and desire “all of Him” in their lives. Joel prophesied in Joel 2:28,29, *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions:*

And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit (with no regard for social position, age, race, or sex: all).

This was partially fulfilled at Pentecost, but in these last days we see a rumbling of the Holy Spirit breaking out all over the world.

James 5:7,8, speaks of the former and latter rain of God's Spirit in the last days—*Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter reign.*

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

As we approach the coming of the Lord, we should not forget to use every gift God has placed in our lives and be prepared for His coming. We also should be aware that His coming is near, and many are not saved. This power to witness, is renewed every time we build up ourselves in our most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost (Jude 20).

Do not neglect this gift, and if you haven’t received Him, receive Him now. Pray this prayer with me: “Lord, I am thirsty for you. I need your power to witness. Many are lost around me. Give me this gift. You said in Your Word, this is a gift.