

21 Questions and Answers on The Holy Spirit Baptism

The topic of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit (or being FILLED with the Holy Spirit) seems to be a very misunderstood Biblical principle. Most Biblical/Godly topics that produce EXTREME power always have a demon of confusion behind them. Prayer, giving, humility, the Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit Baptism, and a few others- are examples of highly productive benefits for a believer that the enemy has twisted over the past several centuries. It's amazing to me when I discover that someone can so easily put aside the book of Acts as if it never existed.

I hope this handout brings you clarity and peace although there are certain English words that could potentially cause very little confusion. Please study, seek counsel, ask questions, and pray if you ever desire wisdom.

If you have discovered that someone taught you something that does NOT line up with God's Word, deal with them very gently. We have all made this mistake. Graciously offer a simple study of the Bible and allow your love, passion and purity in Jesus make them WANT to study the Bible for themselves.

1. Does EVERY Christian have the Holy Spirit inside them? YES Definitely! When you are born again, the Spirit of God resides in YOUR spirit and becomes one with your spirit.

Romans 8:9 *And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.*

1st Cor 6:17 *But He who unites himself with the Lord is ONE with him in spirit.*

2. Does the Holy Spirit baptize us in the body of Christ? YES. (this question goes along w/#1)

1st Cor 12:13 *For we were ALL Baptized by one Spirit into one body.*

This is the Baptism Paul was referring to in Ephesians 4. Paul spent 3 chapters explaining this truth= 1st Cor 12, Rom 12, and Eph 4. When a person is born again, the Holy Spirit IMMERSES them (Baptizes) them in the **Body of Christ** as a family.

3. Does a disciple baptize us in water? YES. Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:41, Acts 8:12-13, Acts 10:47

4. Does Jesus baptize us in the Holy Spirit (power)? YES. Acts 1:5, Acts 19:1-6, 8:14-17, 1:4-5, John 1:33, Luke 3:16, Matt 3:11, Mark 1:8, Luke 24:49.

5. Is there a CLEAR difference in the Bible between 5a) Receiving the Holy Spirit in your spirit when you are born again AND 5b) being filled (Baptized) with the Holy Spirit in your SOUL and BODY? AND 5c) being RE-FILLED... (see final points of this handout).

YES Definitely! In the Gospels it is clear that the DAY the disciples became Christians was Resurrection Sunday.

John 20:22 *and with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit"*

Luke 24:45 *the he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.*

Yet- 40 days later on the day of Ascension, Jesus told His disciples that there is a SECOND experience of being FILLED (Baptized) with the Holy Spirit's Power. This promise was FULFILLED on Pentecost- 50 days AFTER they had become Christians.

Acts 1:4,5,8 *"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a FEW DAYS you will be Baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

But you will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My WITNESSES.

*please note that the word “Filled” and “Baptized” is used in the same scriptures depending on the translation. While I (PJP) have tried to go to the original Greek language, if you are ever confused by this- please ask questions.

6. Why is being DRUNK such a parallel to being FILLED (Baptized) with the Holy Spirit?

A drunk person and a person filled with the Holy Spirit both share the following traits.

6a) More transparent, 6b) More confident, 6c) More verbal
6d) more eager to sing, 6e) more affectionate, 6f) more release from stress.

This is why observers thought the disciples were drunk when they were **filled** with the Holy Spirit. They went from fearful, hiding, timid people to Bold, Joyful, Open sharing, Excited people.

***Acts 2:13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had TOO MUCH WINE.”*

This is why Ephesians makes the parallel between being drunk with wine versus being Filled with the Spirit.

***Eph 5:18** Do NOT get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. INSTEAD, be FILLED with the SPIRIT.*

7. When FILLED (Baptized) with the HOLY SPIRIT- will I ever need to be RE-FILLED?

Yes- Daily!!! You will always have the Spirit in your spirit, but your soul and body leak like a helium balloon. Eph 5:18 explains how we are to be RE-FILLED with the Holy Spirit.

The NIV Bible translates these words closer to the exact Greek Tense when they say “KEEP ON BEING filled with the Spirit.” The present tense of this verb *Pleroo* in the Greek means KEEP ON BEING.

This is also clear in the book of Acts. Although the disciples were filled with the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, they were RE-FILLED days later.

***Acts 4:31** After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all FILLED with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God boldly.*

* This is why Pastor John Fichtner’s teaching on the Spirit, Soul, and Body (from our Holy Spirit short group part 3) is so very helpful to understand.

8. What happened at Pentecost? Acts 2:1-11

Can I experience Pentecost?- Acts 2:3-4, 1:4-5, 19:1-2

9. Is praying in tongues a CHOICE? YES! Luke 11:11-13, 1st Cor 13:1.

Will God TAKE OVER YOUR TONGUE? NO. Tongues requires an act of will in the same way that it requires an act of will to speak in Spanish or English.

Over 20 times in 1st Cor 14 Paul talks about Tongues as something in which the speaker has a CHOICE whether to speak in tongues or not. Paul makes it clear in 1st Cor 13 that Tongues is a language.

Tongues is NOT a mindless activity. Tongues is the hammer. The nail is the passionate burden in our MINDS. When the subject no longer burdens us, we should switch from Tongues back to English to pray.

***1st Cor 14:14-15** For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, BUT my MIND is unfruitful. So what shall I do?*

(To solve this problem?) (Here is the solution) *I will pray with my spirit, but I will ALSO pray with my MIND: I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.*

10. Is Tongues a language? YES 1st Cor 13:1, Acts 2:1-6

11. Is Tongues a language of the Spirit and is it Biblical and pure? Yes.

1st Cor 14:39-40, 14:14-18, 14:2, Jude 20, Eph 6:17-18, Acts 2:1-4,

12. Is Tongues a BENEFIT? TOTALLY YES! 1st Cor 14:4, Eph 6:13-18, Jude 20

13. Will God lead someone to loudly speak in tongues during a Sunday morning service at Solid Rock where there are unbelievers present? Most likely NOT.

1st Cor 14:23 If therefore the whole church be assembled together and all speak with tongues, and there come in men unlearned or unbelieving, will they not say that ye are mad?

1st Cor 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

1st Cor 14:19 But in church worship I would rather speak five words that can be understood, in order to teach others, than speak thousands of words in strange tongues.

However, if a member of Solid Rock does give a Tongue during a Sunday morning service while unbelievers are present, it will be a blessing to the non-believers who are present (1st Cor 14:21-22) and it will be greatly confirmed by the leaders of Solid Rock and the Pastor.

I Cor. 14:28 If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and to God.

Tongues for intercession or worship is Biblical and appropriate in a worship service, but Paul wanted to make it clear that it is NEVER OK for it to be DISRUPTIVE to a person near you. Praying or interceding in tongues LOUDLY would be as rude as someone loudly singing a DIFFERENT song from what everyone else was singing. (I Cor 13:5 Love is not rude.)

- Please note that we can grieve the Holy Spirit when we misuse Him and/or misuse the power of our words. Eph 4:29-30, Acts 16:6

14. Is the Holy Spirit weird? NO. the Holy Spirit is my Helper, my Friend, and my God!!!

Helper= John 16:8-11, 12:31, 14:30, 1st Cor 12:3

God= John 14:16, 26, 15:26, Luke 3:22, Matt 28:19, Acts 5:3-4

15. Does the Holy Spirit speak to my conscience? YES! Rom 9:1, Ps 16:7, 1st John 3:21, James 4:17, Acts 23:1, 1st Tim 4:2, Prov 20:27

16. Is Tongues available to everyone who is Filled with the Spirit? YES!

Mark 16 says it is available to every believer.

Mark 16:17-18 and these signs will accompany those who believe: In My name...they will speak in new tongues.

In EVERY mention of Tongues in the book of Acts, EVERY SINGLE PERSON present received tongues. Once you understand that it is a powerful tool for prayer, you can understand why God gives it to everyone.

Sadly, some people totally ignore the entire book of Acts and any other scripture having to do with speaking or praying in Tongues. This is mainly because of the lies that the enemy has spoken to the hearts of so many people in the 80's and early 90's. There was 2 main ways that churches "dealt with" the Holy Spirit: they either became very WEIRD and misused the gift of tongues and the power of the Holy Spirit- or they ignored and never talked about the gift of tongues and/or the Holy Spirit.

Just like any Biblical truth, whether we fully understand it or not- the members of Solid Rock always believe that God's Word prevails and we take everything from the Word with grace and balance, and in obedience.

Acts 2:4 ALL of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues.

Acts 10:44-46 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on ALL who heard the message...For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Acts 19:6 When Paul PLACED HIS HANDS ON THEM, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in TONGUES.

17. Have some people misquoted 1st Cor 12:30? YES. I'm sure every person has misquoted a scripture several times in their life.

In 1st Cor 12:28-30, Paul was giving a prioritized list of LEADERSHIP GIFTS in the Church.

1st Cor 12:28-30 And in the church God has APPOINTED (Leadership gifts) first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

- Please notice that Paul says- not everyone will hold the office of a Prophet- but in **1st Cor 14:31** For you can ALL prophesy. Every Christian can hear God's voice and share that word with others.
- Please notice that Paul says that not everyone will hold the office of a Teacher in this passage but EVERY Christian can gain Bible insight and explain it to others.
- Please notice that Paul says that not everyone will hold the office of Miracles in this passage but EVERY Christian has Bible freedom to pray for others and can see miracles.

Mark 14:17-18 those who believe: they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.

- Please notice that in **1st Cor 12-** Paul was referring to the Giving of a PUBLIC message from God TO the CHURCH in Tongues. Paul lists this as a LEADERSHIP gift and is clear that NOT EVERYONE has this LEADERSHIP GIFT of giving a PUBLIC message to the CHURCH from God in tongues.
- Please notice in **1st Cor 14** Paul moves beyond LEADERSHIP gifts and talks about how EVERY Christian can minister. Obviously every Christian can pray and worship. This is why Paul has changed the subject to how every Christian can PRAY in tongues.

1st Cor 14:14 If I PRAY in a tongue.

- The reason people misquote the Bible concerning this subject is that they don't understand the Bible concepts of Conscious, Subconscious, Spirit, Soul & Body. After you have attended the Holy Spirit short group part 3, and watched the DVD that we use- this will all become MUCH clearer to you.

18) Are people who pray in tongues more spiritual or mature than those who do not? Not necessarily. A way to better describe being Baptized in the Holy Spirit would be to say "Baptized in Power." This is a POWER that is available to all believers. The church of Corinth spoke in Tongues and they also had to ex-communicate church members for living a sexually

immoral life. It's like owning a gun. You can have that power and use it the right way, or use it the wrong way.

19. If someone asks PJP to lead them in the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, what does PJP require of them FIRST? I'm glad you asked. (This is PJP's method and other Pastors at Solid Rock may have different methods- which is fine)

19a) Faithfully attend the 3 Holy Spirit short groups available at Solid Rock.

19b) Read through this handout and dialogue with me about any point of confusion that you may have.

19c) Take a **SEVEN day media fast before** we (me, some of our leaders who have great freedom in tongues, and someone from your short group who you are very comfortable with) pray with you. We want you thirsty for MORE of Jesus.

John 7:37-39 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is THIRSTY, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

19d) Agree that we will lead you in a prayer to release the Spirit of God to flow from your spirit into your soul and body by Faith according to Luke 11:9-13, lay hands on you, and pray for the Spirit to come upon you.

Why do we lay hands on you if you have ALREADY received the Spirit of God within you? This is a Biblical method, not a method that I (PJP) created.

Act 8:15-18 When they arrived, they prayed for the believers that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come down on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. Simon saw that the Spirit had been given to the believers when the apostles placed their hands on them.

The word "Baptizo" means water coming UP from WITHIN AND water coming DOWN FROM ABOVE. Thus, you release the Holy Spirit to rise up from your spirit into your soul and body and we release the Holy Spirit to come down upon your body and into your soul. (it's a double dose).

19e) You must understand in ADVANCE that being filled with the Spirit and speaking in Tongues is a gift that is RECEIVED by FAITH- regardless of your feelings.

Luke 11:13 how much MORE will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ASK HIM!

Once you ask to be filled with the Spirit, you can now speak in tongues by FAITH. It is God's job to make it real. Doesn't it also take faith to pray in English? We pray in faith because of what the Bible says about healing, miracles, God answering prayer etc. Therefore it also takes faith to pray in tongues.

20. What does PJP suggest for a member of Solid Rock who wants to pray for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit by themselves and/or develop (grow) their spiritual prayer language?

20a) List 1-2 prayer subjects that will deeply engage your mind and emotions when you pray in English. The power of tongues comes when we use the hammer on a nail that burns in our heart.

20b) Play worship music very loudly during your 30 MINUTE prayer time at your home ALONE. One of the purposes of Tongues is for praise and intercession. It is HARD to intercede if you are distracted by your own voice.

20c) While you are praying in English concerning your 2 main prayer subjects for that day, begin praising God LOUDLY and then start asking God to FILL YOUR ENTIRE BEING WITH HIS SPIRIT.

It may be hard for you to go directly from silence to praying in Tongues. It is much easier to switch from English to Tongues (1st Cor 14:14-15). When you switch from English to Tongues you are already used to your own voice and already focused on the Lord.

20d) It helps a lot to journal (describe) what you FELT.

- Many times what you first experience are prophetic directions for your life.
- Don't be discouraged if you don't have the same experience as your best friend or mentor. Remember that the Holy Spirit is gentle and kind and you are an individual.

21. What does PJP ask of you AFTER you have studied and applied all the points (1-21) on this handout THOROUGHLY?

21a) Go through the main points under question 21 as much as you can throughout your week. During your 30 minute prayer times, begin by praying the points taught through the Lord's Prayer series (teach me to pray). The main goal is to have a LOT of things to pray about that are heavy on your heart.

21b) Pray out loud in Tongues and English and understand that intercession has ebbs and flows. There will be times that your prayers are soft and times that it will be INTENSE. This is when you will really experience the POWER, FIRE, and FREEDOM of tongues and the moving of the Holy Spirit through you.

21c) Keep your journal handy to write things down that the Lord shows you or speaks to you.

21d) Begin worshipping more freely during our congregational worship time on Sunday morning. One of the main purposes of the power of the Holy Spirit is to be a witness. We should never be ashamed of the Holy Spirit. During praise and worship begin to close your eyes and just sing whatever comes out of your heart. Without distracting those around you, spend intimate time with Jesus. There is a pure balance between flowing in the freedom of the Spirit and not doing anything out of order or in a selfish manner.

21e) Below is the most important points in the handout.

- the STRONGER your burden of intercession or WORSHIP, the EASIER it is to pray in tongues. It is so much EASIER to flow in this power when you have a BURNING PASSION to WORSHIP or INTERCEDE in such a way that causes you to forget YOURSELF.
- You have opened up the faucet of the Holy Spirit rising up from your spirit into your soul a LITTLE BIT. Now you have a chance to get the faucet WIDE OPEN.
- This is what lets you know that Tongues is REAL. Spend time everyday ALONE with Jesus and let your soul (mind, will, emotions) drink deeply and freely of the Spirit of God flowing up from your spirit. This will give you a WIDE OPEN faucet and you will always know how to get RE-FILLED with the SPIRIT.

- The Holy Spirit does not force people to “fall” or “pass out”. That may be the way that someone REACTS to the power of the Holy Spirit. If I were to give 5 different people one million dollars, they all may react differently. One may pass out, another may laugh or cry uncontrollably, another person may run around the room screaming, etc.
- **Above all else...don't misrepresent the Holy Spirit by being WEIRD!!! ☺**