

HOLY GHOST POWER FEBRUARY 21, 2018

INTRODUCTION:

God dealing with mankind involves a threefold manifestation of the Godhead. First, the Father dwelling among men in the tabernacle and then the temple. There were times when His glory was seen and His voice heard. **2 CHRONICLES 7:1-3** – Second, is the gospel era when the Son lived among men in the temple of His flesh. **HEBREWS 10:5** and **HEBREWS 1:1-2 (ESV)** - He was the perfect will of God in manifestation. **HEBREWS 1:3 (ESV)** – After doing what He came to do, He sat down at the right hand of God. Third, is now and involves the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost He came looking for bodies to inhabit so He could do His work in and through them. **JOHN 7:37-39, 14:15-18** – The Spirit must be received. Those who receive Him become His temple, or dwelling place. **1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20** – The Spirit is looking for holy vessels to inhabit. **ROMANS 12:1, 2 TIMOTHY 2:19-21**

A TWO-FOLD WORK

1. Salvation is a work of the Spirit evidenced by the Fruit of the Spirit. **JOHN 15:4-5, GALATIANS 5:22-23 (ESV)**
 - A. Salvation is based on the finished work of Christ - His death, burial and resurrection.
 - B. The Spirit baptizes us into the body of Christ and imparts to us the divine nature.
1 CORINTHIANS 12:13, 2 PETER 1:4
 - C. The new life should be evident to all who know us. Our lives are changed because of the Spirit.
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17
2. The Baptism of the Spirit is evidenced by power and tongues. **ACTS 1:8, 2:4**
 - A. God established the pattern when He gave the Spirit to both the Jews and Gentiles. **ACTS 10:44-48**
 - B. To deny salvation and the Spirit Baptism are two separate experiences is to deny what the scriptures teach. **ACTS 8:12-19**
 - C. Jesus said those who believe the gospel would speak in new tongues. **MARK 16:15-18** – Speaking in tongues is God’s will for every believer and is part of the gospel message.

THE VALUE OF TONGUES

What value can there be in speaking in a language we don’t know or understand? We must understand there are three types of tongues.

- Sign tongues. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:21-22** – On Pentecost, those gathered from all over the then known world heard unlearned men and women speak in their languages the wonderful works of God.
ACTS 2:5-12
 - Ministry tongues. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:5** – Paul was not discouraging tongues, he was explaining the proper use of tongues in the church. The church is edified when tongues is interpreted.
 - Devotional tongues. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:2, 14-15** – Our spirit is in direct communion with God. We by-pass the mind and engage the Spirit. Our spirit and the Holy Spirit interact.
1. The initial sign of being filled with the Spirit. **ACTS 2 & 10**
 2. A supernatural means of communicating with God. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:2**
 3. A supernatural means of edification. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:4**
 4. Helps us pray in line with God’s perfect will. **ROMANS 8:26-27**
 5. Stimulates faith. **JUDE 20**
 6. Gives spiritual refreshing. **ISAIAH 28:11-12**
 7. We give thanks well. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:14-18**
 8. Helps control the tongue. **JAMES 3**
 9. Edifies the church when interpreted. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:5**
 10. Activates the Holy Spirit within. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:14-15 (AMPC)**