

## ADMINISTERING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES

At the end of a ministry session I usually ask the person if they have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in other tongues? I learned to always ask “with the speaking in other tongues?” If they say, no, then I ask, “would you like to?” If the person is not sure, then I usually give them my testimony and what it did for me and how I received a boldness and power that led to the ministry that I do today. (Acts 1:8)

I like to ask the person if they have ever asked Jesus to baptize them in the Holy Spirit? (Luke 11: 9-18) If they say yes then I tell them that I believe that they received at that time, now they get to speak with other tongues if they will just open their mouth and do it.

Sometimes, the individual will say they believe they received the Holy Spirit when they were born again. I always agree with this...that they were drawn to salvation and received a measure of the Holy Spirit. The Bible says in John 3:34 “That Jesus received the Holy Spirit without measure.” This implies that there are measures of the Holy Spirit, certainly the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in other tongues is evidence of a full measure.

Sometimes, a person will say they are not sure they want or need to speak in other tongues. I like to open the Bible and show them that Jesus said that “believers shall speak in other tongues” (Mark 16:17) and that Paul said “He spoke in other tongues more than anyone.” (1 Corinthians 14:18) **Who has a higher authority to say we should not? Paul clarified why we want to have our tongues or prayer language.**

Paul said “he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God.” (1 Corinthians 14:2) In other words, we are praying to God what needs to be prayed at that time...since we don't always know what to pray this is an excellent advantage in our Christian walk.

Paul also said, “He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself.” That is, he is building himself up, like charging a battery. Who does not need this? It's a tough world here.

It is interesting to note that Jesus in all four of the Gospels always baptized with the Holy Spirit.

You will hear people say they have asked Jesus to baptize them in the Holy Spirit but have never been able to receive their prayer language. Some people, I think are waiting for a bolt of lightening or for the Holy Spirit to take them over and make them speak. I like to point out Acts 2:4 where we read that “**they** (There were 120 assembled there) **were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**”

You can see that the 120 there spoke. How does anyone speak? By opening their mouth and using their vocal cords. To initiate with some sounds or mumblings. If you keep your mouth closed nothing will come out. So here is our part, to use our physical then the Holy Spirit gives the supernatural utterance, the words of our prayer language.

It is important to understand again that we are always in control, that we can start and stop our prayer language or tongues anytime we wish. I sometimes show the person at this point by speaking in tongues for 15 or 20 seconds. To again point out I was in total control to start and stop and that I did not understand what I just said. That the Holy Spirit was giving the utterance.

### **When the person says they are ready I ask them to repeat after me:**

Jesus, thank you for the ministry you have given me. If you have more for me then I am ready. I know I need the power, it's a tough world here. So Jesus, I ask you to baptize me in the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, by faith I receive you, the fullness of you and my prayer language.

I lay my hand on their head saying, “Receive ye the Holy Spirit.” I now commence speaking in tongues. One of three things happens at this point:

1. A flowing language comes right out.
2. The individual receives a few mumblings (As a start)
3. Nothing comes out at this time. In the next day or two they speak as they are relaxed in private and their eyes are on Jesus

I have seen it help some to get started by saying, “Just speak out some sounds or vowels...and I will lead them in this, finally rolling on into my own prayer language.

If they were able to speak some then I like to suggest we go one more time so they can see they can start their tongues anytime they wish.

I usually then give them the Baptism of the Holy Spirit handout so they can look up some of the scriptures and look at what the fullness of Holy Spirit brings to us.