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Holy Ghost and POWER! Part 3

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Quick Start

When you make a decision to accept Jesus into your life...follow Him...there are two main steps you take...acts of grace.

1.) Being born-again.

Receiving the new birth...the Holy Spirit takes up residence into your life.

~ He will convict you of sin.

~ He will guide you and direct you.

~ You will have access to the fruit of the spirit. **THEREFORE:** Acting like a Christian.

2.) Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Evidence of speaking in tongues. Heavenly language.

In Acts 10 was about seven years after Pentecost and God sent Peter to a Gentiles house. This man and his family were NOT born-again...they liked the Jewish people and their God.

God sends Peter to minister to them. Peter preached.

Acts 10:44-46

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they **heard them speak with tongues**, and magnify God.

Acts 11 – Peter heads to Judea to meet with the church leaders and tell them what happened with the Gentiles.

HIS DESCRIPTION:

Acts 11:15,16

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

~ This will endue you with power.

“Dunamis” – explosive, dynamic, creative, miraculous

RENNER: Explosive, superhuman power with enormous energy that produces phenomenal, extraordinary and unparalleled results; the force of an entire army.

Transforming believers from mere humans and empowers them to operate like God operates.

John 14:12 – “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; **because I go unto my Father.**”

- ~ This will make you an effective witness.
- ~ This will increase your faith.
- ~ This will give you access to the gifts of the spirit.

THEREFORE: You will operate like Jesus! God, himself.

This Gift is a Revealer & Outlet

We have spent a lot of time talking about the power of our words.
I have also spent a lot of time telling us that faith ISN'T right words...it is a substance that is inside you that has the outflow of Godly Words.

Matthew 12:35 – “A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”

UNDERSTAND: What grips your heart (consumes you) WILL come out of your mouth.

- * Is fear inside you? You will talk fear.
- * Is anger inside you? You will talk anger (mean).
- * Is bitterness inside you? You will talk bitter and unforgiveness.

BELOVED: If you are consumed by the Holy Spirit...the words of your mouth will change!

When we pray in the spirit...we are praying in the language of our spirit.
Praying DIRECTLY from OUR SPIRIT to the SPIRIT OF GOD...not taking the route through our BRAIN or MIND.

1 Corinthians 14:2 – “For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.”

BELOVED: This spiritual language supersedes any human language.

ESSENTIAL: The enemy loves to drive a wedge and division into this gift...this language...because it keeps us from speaking directly from spirit to Spirit.

Vs. 2 – “mysteries”

The List Doesn't End There

BELOVED: Jesus MADE SURE that His disciples and followers didn't do anything before they received this gift.

So, it would make sense that more would be attached to this gift.

Ephesians 5:18-21

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit;**

“**Excess**” – riotous, unsafe, dangerous

LITERALLY: without sozo

“**Drunk**” – abundance, more than enough

IMPORTANT: This is NOT a verse on drinking within reasonable limits.

- * This is a metaphor.
- * The people at Ephesus were used to the “party lifestyle” and being drunk...they were used to the effects of that lifestyle.
- * God was simply using that as a comparison to being filled with the Spirit.

NOTICE: He doesn't want you to JUST have the Holy Spirit INSIDE of you...but to have an overflow of the Spirit.

THEREFORE: He is talking about the gift of tongues.

NOTICE: This is NOT just a list of good things that we should do...but several things that come along with this gift.

When you receive this gift...these things will happen also.

- 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
FIRST: Worship will go to new levels.
 ~ Your regular songs will change.
 ~ You will begin to enter spiritual songs (singing in your spirit).
 ~ **“Making melody”** – plucking the strings.
John 4:23-24
 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:** for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
- 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
SECOND: It keeps you centered on gratitude.
 You stay MORE focused on what you have been blessed with versus what you are missing.
THINK ABOUT IT: When you are praying in your human language...your prayers will often go something like this. “Lord, I need...”, “Lord help me...”, “Lord help our church, the people, etc.”
HOWEVER: When you pray in the spirit, you are not saying any such thing...therefore, your heart and mind is focused on HIM.
- 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
“Submitting” – obedience to authority, to defer to someone else.
THIRD: You quit being led by your selfish flesh and become more led by the Spirit.
 It is clear, from Acts 2:1, that the fruit of the spirit will help you operate in one accord and get along.
HOWEVER: When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit...speaking in tongues...overflow...you will NOW take that to a new level.

A Few More Things

1.) It EDIFIES you!

1 Corinthians 14:4 – “He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.”

“Edifies” – a Greek architectural term used to describe increasing the size of an existing building. Better, bigger, stronger!

BELOVED: Speaking in this language INCREASES our spiritual capacity. It gives us room for MORE gifts, MORE power, MORE!

1 Corinthians 14:18 – “I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all.”

2.) You pray the PERFECT will of God.

Romans 8:26-27

26 Likewise the Spirit also **helpeth our infirmities:** for we know not **what we should pray for as we ought:** but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with **groanings which cannot be uttered.**

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints **according to the will of God.**

LITERAL GREEK: vs. 26 – “The Holy Ghost makes intercession for us in groaning that cannot be **uttered in articulate speech.**”

1 Corinthians 14:4 – “For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.”

BELOVED: Often when you are faced with an infirmity...you can have tendency to pray selfishly... think selfishly...operate selfishly.

Praying in the spirit KEEPS selfishness out of your prayers.

James 4:3 – “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”

3.) **Intercession for the Unknown.**

This also goes along with Romans 8:26

ILLUSTRATION: Grandma Fischer praying for Alvin. She was awoken and felt the burden to pray for Alvin, who was off at war. She didn't know what to pray...but prayed in the Spirit...my uncle Alvin was rescued.

We can institute selfish prayers here too.

We can be praying for others...and when we pray in our human language, we can try to pray our opinions onto them...but intercession is God's perfect will.

4.) **Refreshes you!**

Isaiah 28:11-12

11 For with ***stammering lips and another tongue*** will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

In this world of turmoil, anxiety, stress and chaos...we need rest, we need refreshing. Speaking in tongues IS THAT REST and REFRESHING.

ILLUSTRATION: There are people who get home from work and before they do anything else... they have to sit down with a can of beer, or a glass of wine...to decompress...chill out! Why do you think they call them spirits?

Conclusion

BELOVED: God never intended for us to live the Christian life without this gift of the Spirit.

Acts 2:39 – “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

If you don't have this gift...you are missing something amazing.

YOU SAY: Do I have to speak in tongues to go to heaven?

ANSWER: No!

YOU SAY: Do I have to speak in tongues to have a relationship with God?

ANSWER: No!

The truth is, you don't HAVE to speak in tongues... ***YOU GET TO speak in tongues.***

It is a privilege to communicate spirit-to-Spirit with God, Himself.

If you want MORE...then receive this gift.