

Message Summary: Most of us have heard of the Holy Spirit, but may not be familiar with Who He is exactly or what He does. The Holy Spirit blesses believers with spiritual gifts beyond their ability, but sadly, many people are ignorant about them. In this message, we learn why Christians have a personal spiritual language called Tongues and the reason for a personal Holy Spirit baptism is still relevant for us today. We also learn that in order to utilize and develop our spiritual gifts, we must ask the Holy Spirit to fill us.

Beauty of Holy Spirit Baptism

1. Spiritual language is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

A. The gift of speaking in other tongues follows salvation.

John 16:7; John 20:21,22; Acts 1:4,5; Acts 2:38,39; Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

B. Holy Spirit of God is involved in the gift of tongues.

Luke 11:13; 1 Corinthians 14:2,14

C. Prayer with the laying on of hands is the pathway.

Acts 8:14-17; Acts 9:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 11:13

2. Benefits of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

A. Holy Spirit allows us to PRAY beyond our understanding.

Romans 8:26,27; 1 John 5:14,15; 1 Corinthians 14:14,15

B. Holy Spirit allows us to OBEY beyond our understanding.

John 14:12-17; Galatians 5:16,22,23; Jude 20

C. Holy Spirit allows us to PRAISE beyond our understanding.

John 4:23,24; 1 Corinthians 14:15-17; Ephesians 5:18,19

QUESTIONS: *All LifeGroups are on Summer Break*

EXPLORE IT – Review Sunday’s sermon outline and discuss the following questions:

1. How has this teaching change your expectations to receive and enjoy the Holy Spirit’s help in your everyday life?
2. How has God shown to you that the Holy Spirit is a real person?
3. What does living with the power of the Holy Spirit look like in the life of the believer?

APPLY IT - What did God reveal to you in the sermon or among your discussion group? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?