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1. THE PROMISE

Tongues was not seen in Old Testament times, but it was prophesied that it would happen in the last days

Isaiah 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

There were prophets in the Old Testament, there were miracles in the Old Testament, but there were no tongues in the Old Testament.

Even in the times when Jesus was on the earth there were no tongues. There were no tongues in the gospels. There were miracles, but no tongues.

John 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jesus' disciples did not speak in tongues when Jesus walked on the earth and went to the synagogues with his disciples. Tongues were not spoken when Jesus healed the sick. Tongues were not in the gospels.

People only spoke in tongues after Jesus rose from the dead and after Jesus ascended up to heaven, when Jesus poured out the Spirit from heaven, in the book of Acts.

Acts 2:33. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

There are Christians who are still living in the gospels (the baptism of John), but they are not living in the resurrection power of Christ in the book of Acts (the baptism in the Holy Spirit). Apollos is an example.

Acts 18:24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.
Acts 18:25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

The people who received John's baptism did not hear that Jesus rose from the dead. They were baptized with John and did not hear about Christ's resurrection and glorification. They were still living in the Old Testament

Acts 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Acts 19:3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Acts 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Acts 19:7 And all the men were about twelve.

Tongues is the sign that believers have received the Power of the Holy Spirit which God promised

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

The believers waited for the Power of the Holy Spirit as Jesus commanded them

Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Then on the day of Pentecost they spoke in tongues. Tongues was the sign that the power had come.

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

They had to wait 10 days, but today we do not have to wait because we can receive immediately.

John baptized in water, and we also baptize in water. But Jesus baptizes in the Holy Spirit from heaven today

Luke 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

The power and the baptism in the Holy Spirit was a fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel

Acts 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

2. THE PURPOSE

Only believers in the church can be baptized in the Holy Spirit. You believe, you get baptized into the church, and then you can speak in tongues

Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

The church was born with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is the power of the church.

On the day of Pentecost, they spoke in tongues and the Church was born.

When they spoke in tongues it was the language of the Holy Spirit.

There are 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12, including tongues, but tongues is special and different.

Tongues is special and different because it is the language of the Holy Spirit.

Tongues is the language of your spirit speaking

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

When you speak in tongues, your spirit is talking to God. Praying in Tongues prevents the devil from hearing and intercepting your prayers.

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.

Tongues builds up and strengthens your spirit

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

Jude 1:20. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Tongues allows you to pray without ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17. Pray without ceasing.

Tongues allows you to pray according to the will of God

Romans 8:26 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.

Romans 8:27 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.

3. THE EVIDENCE

First you get baptized in water, then following this, you get baptized in the Holy Spirit and you speak in tongues.

Tongues was proof to Peter that people had received the Holy Spirit

Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Acts 10:45 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.

Acts 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Acts 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Tongues happens every time people are baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

This is the same as being filled with the Holy Spirit.

When you believe in Christ, you receive the word of God and the Spirit of Christ, but you are not yet filled with the Holy Spirit.

It is the second stage of Christianity, just like water baptism is the second stage of Christianity. The first stage is salvation. After salvation, you are water baptized. Then you are baptized in the Holy Spirit.

When a person is baptized in the Holy Spirit, miracles do not always happen, but Tongues always happens!

Tongues is the initial evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. If you speak in tongues then you are baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Tongues is proof that you are baptized in the Holy Spirit

4. YOU ARE COMMANDED TO SEEK IT

Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

The infilling of the Spirit is available to all flesh. It is like filling up with gasoline

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Samaria first received the word of God (the Spirit of Christ) and then they laid hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Acts 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

Acts 8:16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Acts 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

5. HOW TO SPEAK IN TONGUES

If you are not already saved, then receive Christ. When you are saved you receive the Spirit of Christ. Then you receive baptism in water. Afterwards you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

You can receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the gift of tongues without laying of hands, but normally, it is by laying of hands

You can receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the gift of tongues before water baptism, but normally, it is after water baptism

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the power of God to be a witness for God, and to fulfill the great commission

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

When you receive prayer with the laying of hands, believe you will receive the power. Then you just open your mouth and speak

You do not speak a language you know, You do not speak English or Visayan or Latin. You just move your mouth in faith.

Psalms 81:10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

You will not understand the words you speak, your mind will not think when you speak in tongues

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

When you speak in tongues, YOU are the one who opens your mouth and God gives you the words. At Pentecost THEY began to speak as the Spirit gave them utterance

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Do not be afraid of what other people think and do not be proud. You may look drunk, and you may shake or you might cry or fall down. It is all in the bible.

I will now pray a short prayer that you will receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to the Scriptural pattern, with the evidence of speaking in tongues.