

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Mark 1:8 *I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.*

In the Bible, “**The Baptism of the Holy Spirit**” means “the incident of receiving the Holy Spirit when a believer asks and the Holy Spirit taking permanent residence in a believer”

Some other names given in the Bible for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Promise of the Father (*Luke 24:49; Acts 1:5, 2:39.*)

Endued with power from on high (*Luke 24:49*)

Receiving power (*Acts 1:8*)

Baptism with the Holy Spirit (*Math 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33*)

Receiving the Holy Spirit (*Acts 8:15-17; 19:2; John 7:39*).

Holy Ghost falling (*Acts 11:15; 10:44*).

Holy Ghost came on them (*Acts 19:6*).

Anointing of the Holy Spirit (*Luke 4:18; Isaiah 61:1; Acts 4:28; 10:38; 1 John 2:20,27*).

Two important Greek words used for “**Anointing**” in the Bible are “**Aleipho**” and “**Chrio**”. The word **aleipho** is used in *Mark 6:13; James 5:14; Luke 7:46; Math 6:17; Mark 16:1*, where the word is used of the application of oil for medicinal purposes.

The another word “**Chrio**” is used for “**Baptism of the Holy Spirit** in *Luke 4:18; Acts 4:28; 10:38; 1 John 2:20,27*. This word is never used for the application of oil for medicinal purposes.

At the moment of the new birth, the believer is baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ (*1 Cor. 12:13*). However, being baptized BY the Spirit INTO the body is not the same as being baptized in or with the Spirit by Jesus. In the first case, it is the Spirit who immerses us into the body of Christ. In the second case it is Jesus who fills us or immerses us into the Spirit. These are two different events.

The great example for this is Jesus Christ. After receiving the Baptism of Holy Spirit only He could live a power filled life – doing miracles wonders, defeating satan at all levels, healing all kinds of sickness and fulfilling the will of God (*Math 3:16-17; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22*). Jesus did all these by the power of Holy Spirit, not in His own strength (*Isa 11:2; 42:1-7; 61:1-2; Math 3:16-17; John 3:34*). Likewise every born again believer receives the nature of God at new birth, but he can live a power filled life only after receiving the Baptism of Holy Spirit (*1 Cor 12:4-11; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8*). That is why Jesus mentioned this in many places (*John 7:37-39; 14:12-17; 15:26; 16:7-15*).

Ap Paul received the Baptism of Holy Spirit (*Acts 9:17-18*).

Just before Jesus completed his earthly ministry, He commanded His disciples, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature....”

(*Mark 16:15 ; And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*) In doing so, he committed the future of his bride, the church, to a small group of men who only a few days previously had fled in fear, abandoning Him to the cross. (*Matthew 26:56 ; But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.*)

We could reasonably ask, “Were these men equipped for the task?” – Because if not, He had no plan B! Jesus, however, knew exactly what He was doing. His disciples certainly weren’t equipped, but He had plans to change all that and make them incredibly effective witnesses.

Immediately before He ascended into heaven He gave them one final command, “Don’t depart from Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the Father which you have heard of me.” (*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.*)

Jesus had previously told the disciples it would be in their best interests if He went away, because then He would send the Holy Spirit to them. (*John 16:7 ; Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*)

Now, as He left them, He confirmed that promise. “Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence” (*Acts 1:5 ; For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*)

“... 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.” (*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.*)

This is exactly what happened. On the day of Pentecost, they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in tongues as the Holy 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.*)

In that instant, an amazing transformation took place in those men. On three occasions Peter had denied even knowing Jesus, (*John 18:17 ; Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.*

John 18:25 ; And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not.

John 18:27 ; Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.)

.....but there and then, he stood up with the other disciples in front of the assembled multitudes, and preached an impromptu sermon in the power of the Holy Spirit. (*Acts 2:14 ; But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:*)

About three thousand people were saved. (*Acts 2:41 ; Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*)

The apostles began to do many signs and wonders (*Acts 2:43 ; And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.*)

and it quickly became apparent that Jesus hadn't made a mistake! Men and women were being saved and added to the church daily! (*Acts 2:47 ; Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*)

There can only be one explanation for the change that had taken place in the disciples – the **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**. Even spending three and a half years with Jesus, observing his miracles, hearing his teaching and experiencing everyday life with Him, hadn't changed them, but after Pentecost, they were utterly transformed, boldly witnessing, (*Acts 4:8 ; Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, Acts 4:18-20 ; And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. [19] But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. [20] For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.*)

Powerfully preaching the gospel, doing mighty works (*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 2:37 ; Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Acts 2:41 ; Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:42 ; And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 2:43 ; And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.)

And fearlessly facing persecution and death. *Acts 5:16-18, 27-33*

It was the baptism in the Holy Spirit that had made the difference!

In those days it was the norm for believers to be baptized in the Spirit. Often it occurred almost simultaneously with new birth, but on those occasions when the apostles encountered believers, who had not been baptised in the Spirit, they laid hands on them and the Holy Spirit filled them. (*Acts 8:17 ; Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.*

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

Sadly, it is far from being the norm nowadays, but it is not because God is any less willing to give the Holy Spirit to believers now than he was then. It's because many believers today are unwilling to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and throughout the church worldwide, whole denominations have rejected the very means of their own empowerment!

By contrast, in those instances where sections of the church have embraced the baptism of the Holy Spirit, there have frequently been great outpourings, miracles and massive growth!

Some of the things that happen when the Holy Spirit comes to us.

1. Jesus said that when the Holy Spirit came, he would abide with us forever,

(*John 14:16 ; And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;) Eph 1:13,14; Heb 13:5; Rom 8:35-39; John 14:16).*

2. He would be our teacher and remind us of everything the Lord had said,

(*John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.)*

3. He would help us to be witnesses, (John 15:26-27

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: [27] And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

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.)

4. He would guide us into all truth and even show us things yet to come. (*John 16:12-13 ; I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. [13] Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.)*

5. Jesus also explained that spiritual power would accompany the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

6. Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit comforts us through all our challenges and difficulties and enables us to minister God's comfort to others.

(*2 Cor. 1:4 ; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.)*

7. In *1 Corinthians 12* he gives us a description of the **spiritual gifts** the Holy Spirit distributes. These are – the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues and interpretation of tongues. The Holy Spirit decides who receives which gifts, but the last verse of *1 Corinthians 12* is implying that this will have some bearing on the Holy Spirit's decisions.

1 Corinthians 12 tells us to covet earnestly the best gifts, (*1 Cor. 12:31* ; *But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.*)

Born again and Baptism of the Holy Spirit

John 14:16-18 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [17] Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [18] I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

.... by your side He dwells, and in you He shall be. I will not leave you behind, helpless. I come to you. (An Expanded Translation by Kenneth S. Wuest)

First Stage: When a person is born again, the work of Holy Spirit is “**with you**”.

Second Stage: When a person is born again, the work of Holy Spirit is “**in you**”.

All of the disciples of Jesus are born again, but to them Jesus was telling to receive the Baptism of Holy Spirit. Other places of examples where people who are already born again receiving the Baptism of Holy Spirit are – *Acts 2:4; 8:16; 19:1*.

We can also understand this from ***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.*

It is very likely that the phrase “Spirit of Christ” refers to the born-again spirit that every believer receives at salvation (with you). The phrase “Spirit of God” possibly refers to the Holy Spirit that only indwells the believers if they receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit (in you).

Another example is

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Here the “**well of water**” denotes the “**with you**” stage. This is the work of Holy Spirit in born again experience.

John 7:37-38 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. [38] He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Here “**flow rivers of living water**” denotes “**in you**” – the stage of receiving the Baptism of Holy Spirit.

Here we have to understand that the Baptism of Holy Spirit arises from you, not coming from out side of you.

Who gives the Baptism of Holy Spirit ?

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

John 1:32-34 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. [33] And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. [34] And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Jesus gives the Baptism of Holy Spirit (*Mark 1:8*)

Who can receive the Baptism of Holy Spirit?

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:

All born again believers can receive the Baptism of Holy Spirit. It is the will of God. It is the right of the believers. (*Math 3:11; John 1:33; 7:37-39; Luke 11:9-13; 24:49; 14:12; Acts 1:4-8; 2:16-21, 38,39; 5:32; 8:14-18; 9:17; 19:1-6*).

Who cannot receive the Baptism of Holy Spirit ?...Why ?

John 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [17] Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 1 Cor. 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Those who are not born again cannot receive the Baptism of Holy Spirit.

Can a believer ask for Baptism of Holy Spirit and receive an evil spirit ?

No. *Luke 11:10-13 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. [11] If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? [12] Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? [13] If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

Baptism with Holy Spirit and with fire

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: 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:

Only Luke and Matthew mentioned this fire in association with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. *Mark 1:8 and John 1:32-34* do not mention this. It isn't made clear in Scripture what this fire is, but from the fact that in both Matthew and Luke, mention of this fire is followed by statements of the Lord burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire, it's possibly speaking of judgment. Some have referred to it as a fire for purifying (*Malachi 3:2-3*). Another possibility is that it was prophetic of the "cloven tongues like as of fire" that appeared at the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost (*Acts 2:3*). Some others say this is "elliptical form of speech", that is both words signify the same.

Do we have to "Tarry" to receive the Baptism of Holy Spirit ?

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.

Some have used this scripture to teach that we must "tarry" in order to receive the Holy Ghost. This has led many people to become passive in their seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost and they wait for years, in some cases, for God to give them the Spirit.

These disciples had to wait because the Holy Spirit wasn't given until the day of Pentecost (*Ac 2:1-4*). That is not the case with us. The Holy Spirit has now been given and is immediately available to all believers (*Joh 14:17*) who ask in faith (*Jas 1:6-7*).

If you try to apply this statement of Jesus directly to us today, you would have to go to Jerusalem to tarry for the Holy Ghost and of course, that is not the case. As Jesus taught in *Luke 11:13*, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Do we have to cleanse ourselves first to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

What ever we receive from God, it can be on the basis of “by Grace through Faith”. If we add anything with that like – self righteousness, self works etc.. we become separated from Jesus. We will frustrate the Grace (*Gal 2:21; 5:4*).

Col. 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

As we received Christ, we live the rest of our life by receiving everything from God freely.

Receive the Baptism of Holy Spirit; He will help you to overcome any sin.

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

When one can receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit ?

Before or After the Water Baptism ?

Every Born-again believer can receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, before or after the water Baptism.

Examples; **Before Water Baptism** : *Acts 10:47.*

After the Water Baptism: *Acts 8:15-17; 19:5-6.*

How to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

All born again believers are the children of God.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. (Rom 8:16; 1 John 3:10; 4:4; 1 Thes 5:5).

As His child, your loving heavenly Father wants to give you the supernatural power you need to live this new life: – (*Luke 11:10,13* ; “*For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened... how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*”) (*John 7:37-39*)

All you have to do is ask, believe, and receive!

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

James 1:6-7 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. [7] For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

Pray, “Father, I recognise my need for Your power to live this new life. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. By faith, I receive it right now! Thank You for baptizing me! Holy Spirit You are welcome in my life!”

When we ask for the Holy Spirit, in faith believing that we received when we ask (because God cannot lie), then we know we have it. The manifestations are different for every person. But we don't walk according to our feelings or lack of feelings. We walk by faith.

Some syllables from a language you don't recognize will rise up from your mouth. (*1 Corinthians 14:14; For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.*)

As you speak them out loud by faith, you're releasing God's power from within and building yourself up in the spirit. (*1 Corinthians 14:4; He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church*)

It is similar to receiving the inspiration for a song. We hear it on the inside, but it is up to us to take paper and pen and write down the impressions that we have had. God doesn't force us to write, nor is it 'automatic handwriting.'

So it is with speaking in tongues. The inspiration of the Spirit is within, and we provide the vocal chords, the tongue, the lips and the will. We can start and stop and speak loudly or softly as we wish. The Spirit gives the inspiration but we control how much we want to release. So it is with the other gifts as well. We have inspirations, 'ideas,' 'burdens,' etc., and we begin to step out in faith with words or actions to bless others. We know that we know that the ability of God is

within us and that He wants to flow through us. But we must get out of the boat. God does not force these things, nor take over our bodies and make us do things without our cooperation.

You can do this whenever and wherever you like! It doesn't really matter whether you felt anything or not when you prayed to receive the Holy Spirit. If you believed in your heart that you received, then God's Word promises you did.

Tongues

Ability to speak in another language without studying or knowing it. Praying in the Spirit.

Joel 2:28-29; Isaiah 28:11-12; Mark 16:17.

There are **three kinds of tongues** mentioned in the New Testament.

1 Cor. 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

Tongues of men

The first kind we see on the day of Pentecost when every man heard the gospel in his own language. These tongues needed no interpretation.

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 2:8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Tongues of Angels

The Second kind involves praying in the Spirit and speaking mysteries that edify us and build us up on our most holy faith. Paul said he speaks in tongues more than all, but not in the church. So the question is, where? And then he says he wished that all spoke in tongues. So there is a prayer language that is available to all Christians who have been filled with the Holy Spirit. *Mark 16:17, 1 Cor 13:1; 14:4,14,16,17; Acts 10:45-46; 8:18*

The third kind we find in the church meeting when it must be interpreted and only two or three should give such a message in tongues. *1 Cor 12:10; 14:5,26,27,28; 12:30*. This is a gift. If there is no interpreter one can speak between him and God.

According to 1 Cor 14:23, avoid all speaking together.

Every baptised in the Spirit Christian receives at least one spiritual gift, and that is the gift of speaking in tongues. It is possible for us not use this gift because the Holy Spirit will never make us do anything against our will. However – there is no reason to fear tongues; we are always in control and we decide whether to speak in tongues or not!

(1 Cor. 14:32 ; And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.)

The uses of Tongues

1. Speak to God without other man knowing.

1 Cor. 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.

2. Spiritual edification, Spiritual growth, revelation knowledge.

“In the Spirit, he speaketh mysteries”.

Spiritual revelation is to be received from God;

John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Holy Spirit gives this revelation from God.

Luke 2:26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 16:12-15).

Only this revelation shall be true. **John 2:27** *ut the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*

So all believers who are baptized in the Holy Spirit can receive this revelation.

Col. 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (1 cor 2:9-16).

3. Build up ourselves on our most holy faith.

(Jude 1:20-21 ; But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, [21] Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.)

4. Keep ourselves in the love of God, Jude 1:20,21.

5. Receive rest and spiritual refreshment

(Isaiah 28:11-12 ; 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.)

6. And speak the hidden wisdom of God.

(1 Cor. 2:6-7 ; Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: [7] But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 1 Cor. 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.)

7. Our spirit always knows how to pray perfectly for situations, for ourselves and for others, so when we don't know how to pray for a specific situation or person, we can pray perfectly in tongues!

(Romans 8:26-27 ; 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.)

Speaking in tongues was the way Paul received revelation knowledge and as we follow his example, we will too! As we use them, we build ourselves up spiritually, *1 Cor. 14:4 ;*

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Apart from the private use of the gift of tongues, the spiritual gifts we receive are really to promote the Kingdom of God. We can see this quite clearly as we read the book of Acts. Many were healed, delivered and added to the church as Spirit-filled believers did signs and wonders and performed miracles. As we contemplate the 'revivals' happening in many places today, we again see Spirit-filled believers performing these same signs and wonders, bringing life and vitality to the church and acting as a trumpet call to bring men and women under the sound of the gospel.

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