

STUDIES IN THE HOLY SPIRIT BY EVANGELIST JOHN M. TAPPERO

REASONS WHY WE SHOULD BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. GOD HAS PROVIDED IT! *Must be of benefit!*
This alone should be enough evidence. God is not talking just to be heard.
2. ALL APOSTLES DID RECEIVE THE INFILLING AS WELL AS JESUS MOTHER AND HIS BRETHREN
Acts 1:14
3. THE EFFECT OF THE INITIAL OUTPOURING RESULTED IN THE CONVERSION OF 3000!
Acts 2:41 *There are places where thousands are being saved! Right now in Brazil!*
4. IT FURTHER ENABLED THEM TO PERFORM SUPERNATURAL SIGNS AND WONDERS
A careful look at Acts 3 and on reveals this. Baptism becomes a 'bridge' to supernatural ministries. We are to do the 'greater' works. John 14:12
5. THE EARLY CHURCH WAS CAREFUL TO LEAD THEIR CONVERTS INTO THE SAME PLACE OF POWER
Acts 8:14, 15 4x Peter makes it very plain that at Cornelius house they received just as they did at the beginning.
Acts 10:47 11:15 11:17 15:8
6. WE ARE COMMANDED TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT
Eph. 5:18 *The H.S. produces something in our lives*
7. JESUS HIMSELF WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
Luke 3:22; Acts 10:38; cf Isa. 11:1,2; 61:1 with Luke 4:18
Study the prominence of the Holy Spirit in the life and ministry of Jesus. He did NOTHING apart from the Holy Spirit.
8. JESUS COMMANDED HIS DISCIPLES NOT TO PROCEED WITHOUT IT!
Luke 24:49 Told to 'tarry' and 'wait'. Told to go and witness but not until they had been FILLED Acts 1:4

SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR TEACHING ON THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. It is prophecied in the Old Test.
Joel 2:28; (Acts 2:16-18) Isa. 28:11-12 cf (I Cor. 14:21,22)
2. John the Baptist Foretells About It
Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33
3. Jesus Himself announces it
John 7:37-39; Luke 11:13; John 14:16,17,26; Luke 24:49;
Acts 1:4,5,8.
4. The Fulfillment
Acts 2:1
5. Other Places in N.T. where they received and HOW
Acts 9:17 Paul
Acts 10:44-46 Cornelius house
Acts 19:1-6 1 Cor. 14:18
Acts 8 22 commentaries say the Samaritans spoke in tongues.

OUR SCRIPTURAL REASONS FOR BELIEVING THAT THE BAPTISM OF HOLY SPIRIT IS DISTINCT FROM AND SUBSEQUENT TO SALVATION

Introduction

The following distinguished men of the past all taught Baptism separate and distinct from salvation: D.L. Moody; C.H. Spurgeon; R.A. Torrey; F.B. Meyer; W. Chapman; A. Murray; A. Dixon; A. B. Simpson!

1. What about the 12 Apostles? Were they saved before Pent.?
 - (1) Matt. 19:27 Says 'They left all to follow Jesus'
 - (2) Matt. 16:16 Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ
 - (3) John 13:10,11 Jesus pronounces them clean
 - (4) Luke 10:20 Jesus declares that their names are written in heaven.
 - (5) John 20:22 Jesus breathes on them the Holy Spirit
 - (6) Luke 24:49 Jesus commanded them to tarry in J. until they be endued from above.
 - (7) Acts 2:1 They were all filled with Holy Spirit and all spake in tongues!!
2. What about Apostle Paul?
 - A. Paul is saved on the Damascus road - 'Who art thou Lord? Lord what will you have me to do.'
I Cor. 12:3 'No man can call Jesus Lord but by Holy Spirit.'
 - B. The Lord spoke to Ananias - Acts 9:10-Saul a chosen vessel; he calls him Brother Saul.
 - C. It is three days after his conversion that hands are laid on him and he receives. I Cor. 14 'I thank God I speak in tongues more than you all.'
3. What did Peter teach?

Read Acts 2:28,39 He taught they must first repent and then they would receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
4. What about the Samaritans? Acts 8

They had a great revival - Jesus was preached - miracles great joy but Peter and John upon hearing of the revival Acts 8:14,15 Now when the apostles at J. heard that Samaria had received the word of God they sent unto them Peter and John. Who, when they were come down prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost.' Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost.
5. What about the Ephesian Saints?

Acts 19:2 Paul said unto them, Have you received since you believed?
Eph. 1:13 In whom we trusted AFTER that ye heard the word of truth the gospel of your salvation; in whom AFTER that ye believed ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise.
6. What about Appolos?

Acts 18:26 Aquilla and Priscilla instruct him.
7. Acts 1:8 Ye shall receive power AFTER that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. He was talking to believers!

8. What about the Types of Passover and Pentecost?

The Feast of the Passover is definitely a type of Salvation through the shed blood. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Blood is the type - At Pentecost - Oil is the symbol.

Two feasts were separate and distinct yet each VIP.

Truth in Law of Leper cleansing Blood first then oil. Lev. 14:14-

17.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit as Distinguished from Conversion

Dr. R.A. Torrey

It is evident that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an operation of the Holy Spirit distinct from and additional to His regenerating work. A man may be regenerated by the Holy Spirit and still not be baptized with the Holy Spirit. In regeneration there is the impartation of life by the Spirit, and the one who receives the infilling is fitted for service.

Dr. F.B. Meyer

Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit and for thirty years Jesus was led and taught by the Divine Spirit. Was not He one with the Holy Spirit? Certainly. Why then must He be anointed? Because His human nature needed to be empowered by the Spirit before even He could do successful service in this world. Jesus waited for thirty years until He was anointed and only then did He say, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me and hath anointed me to preach.' Never forget that the Lord's ministry was not in the power of the second person of the Trinity, but in the power of the third person.'

A.B. Simpson First Jesus was born of the Spirit then He was baptized by the Spirit and then He went forth to work out His life's ministry in the power of the Spirit. Born like Him of the Spirit, we, too, must be baptized of the Spirit and then go forth to live and reproduce His work.

Dr. A.J. Gordon

Let us observe that Christ who is our example in this as in all things did not appear upon His ministry till He had received the Holy Ghost. He had been begotten of the Holy Spirit and lived a holy and obedient life. But when He would enter upon his public ministry he waited for the Spirit to come upon Him.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

1. We note and state as well, that EVERYTHING Jesus did - He did it in the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. It was prophecied that He would work in the power of the Spirit of the Lord. See Isa. 61:1-3 this is what Jesus quoted in Luke 4
3. Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit. Matt. 1:8; Luke 1:35
4. Jesus was filled with the Spirit at His Baptism in Jordan Luke 3:21
5. Jesus was 'full of the Holy Spirit' Luke 4:1
6. Jesus was also 'led' of the Spirit Luke 4:1
7. Jesus returned in the 'power' of the Spirit Luke 4:14
8. Peter states in Acts 10:38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil for God was with him."

9. Jesus through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God Heb. 9:14
10. Jesus was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 8:11
11. Jesus through the Holy Spirit gave commandments to His apostles

THE MINISTRY OF TONGUES

Benefits and Reasons for speaking in tongues!!

1. Speaking with tongues is the UNIQUE & DISTINCT Spiritual Gift Identified with the Church.
Previous to this all other gifts, miracles and manifestations had been in evidence ie fire-smoke-prophecy-healing. On the Day of Pentecost this new phenomenon became identified with the church.
2. Speaking with tongues was ordained by God for the Church.
I Cor. 12:28 'God has set in the church divers kinds of tongues.'
3. Speaking in tongues is a special fulfillment of prophecy.
Joel 2:28,29 cf Acts 2:16; Isa. 28:11 with I Cor. 14:21
4. Paul thanked God for the privilege of speaking in tongues.
I Cor. 14:18
5. The Apostle Paul desired that ALL believers would speak in tongues. I Cor. 14:5
6. Isaiah referred to speaking with tongues as a 'REST' and 'REFRESHING'
Isa. 28:12 [^]Aft^rglow-You can build yourself up physically and mentally!! Many need to enter in here!
7. Speaking in tongues is a proof of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. John 16:7 Acts 2:32,33. Have a 'audio-visual here!!
8. Speaking with tongues is the initial evidence of receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:32-; 10:47; 11:15,17;15:8
9. Speaking in tongues is a Spiritual Gift for Communication with God in private worship. I Cor. 14:2 Devotional Tongues.
A. Only gift that mentions individual is edified while doing it!
B. Devotional Tongues opens a spiritual 'jet stream'
10. Speaking with tongues is a means by which the Holy Spirit intercedes through us in prayer. Rom. 8:26; I Cor. 14:14
 - a. This eliminates selfishness.
 - b. This prayer is in the will of God
 - c. Holy Spirit knows the needs
 - d. This must be what Rom. 8:26 refers to.
11. Speaking in tongues is the GATEWAY to prepare us to be used in other Gifts. Here is where we learn what it means to YIELD to be Sensitive to, the Holy Spirit.

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EVIDENCES OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES (GLOSSOLALIA) AFTER 100 A.D.

Many have been led to believe that the Lord withdrew Manifestations of the Spirit at the close of the Apostolic Age.

1. Dean Farrar in his book, Darkness to Dawn, states: "Even for the minutest allusions and particulars I have contemporary authority", he is referring to the persecuted Christians in Rome singing and speaking in unknown tongues. (pages 167, 169)
2. Irenaeus, who was born in Asia Minor 115 A.D. and died 202 A.D. in Lyons, France was a scholar of Polycary who in turn was a disciple of John. Irenaeus states, "We have many brethren in the churches having prophetic gifts and by the Spirit speaking in all kinds of languages."
3. Tertullian, who lived both in the 2nd and 3rd centuries speaks of the Spiritual gifts, including the gift of tongues as being still manifest among the Montanists to whom he belonged.
4. Justin Martyr wrote in an apologetic to Trypho the Jew wrote, "If you want proof that the Spirit of God, who was with your people and left you to come to us, come into our assemblies and there you will see Him cast out demons, heal the sick, and hear Him speak with other tongues and prophecy."
5. St. Augustine wrote about 375 A.D., "We still do what the Apostles did when they laid hands on the Samaritans, and called down the Holy Ghost upon them. In laying hands on them it is expected of the converts that they should speak with new tongues."
6. Chrysostom, (about 400 A.D.) Bishop of Constantinople wrote, "Whosoever was baptized in Apostolic days, he straightway spake in tongues."
7. The Encyclopedia Britannica states that 'glossolalia' "recurs in Christian revivals of every age, eg. among the mendicant friars of the 13th century, among the Jansenites and the early Quakers, the converts of Wesley and Whitefield, the persecuted Protestants of Cevennes and the Irvingites and the Revivalists of Wales and America." (Vol. 22 -- page 283)
8. In the History of the Christian Church by Philip Schaff he shows that the phenomenon of speaking in tongues reappeared from time to time in seasons of special revivals, as among the Camissards and prophets of Cevennes in France, among the early Quakers and Methodists, the Readers in Sweden 1841-1843, in the Irish Revivals 1859 and the Irvingites 1831 and even to this day."

9. In the diary of Thomas Walsh, one of John Wesley's foremost Methodist preachers we quote, "This morning the Lord gave me a language that I know not of, raising my soul to Him in a wonderful way."
10. The Catholic Encyclopedia states that Francis Xavier (who died in 1852) preached in tongues unknown to him.
11. From Scuer's History we learn that Martin Luther had both the gift of tongues and the gift of interpretation.
12. According to John Davidson, close friend of D.L. Moody, he states that Moody had the gift of tongues.
13. From Trials and Triumphs of Faith (1874 ed.) by Rev. R. Boyd DD an intimate friend of Moody:

"When I, a YMCA member got to the rooms of the YMCA (Victoria Hall) London I found the meeting on fire. The young men were speaking with tongues and prophesying. What on earth did it mean? Only that Moody had been addressing them that afternoon. Many of the clergy were so opposed to the movement that they turned their backs upon our poor innocent YMCA for the part we took in the work: but afterward when the floodgates of Divine grace were opened, Sunderland (near London) was taken by storm. I cannot describe Moody's great meeting. I can only say that the people of Sunderland warmly supported the movement in spite of their local spiritual advisors. "God was in the place of a truth. The Holy Spirit came as of old with the force of a rushing, mighty wind and filled all the place where we were sitting."

14. From the ^{DOCTRINES} ~~Outlines~~ of The Bible by Myer Pearlman (page 316) Weinel a German theologian made a thorough study of spiritual gifts and manifestations of the Apostolic Age. He says that what might be called "Inspirational Sessions" were held well on into the 2nd Century. The Holy Spirit was communicated to new converts by the laying on of hands and prayer and wrought signs and wonders. These inspirational sessions would seem to describe the special services for those who desire the Holy Spirit power and Baptism.