

# Doctrine of Baptisms 4

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## Receiving the Promise

### Declaring It in NT

To Two Disciples on the way to Emmaus **Lk.24**

- **V. 25** - Rebuked them for their unbelief
- **V. 49** – Wait in Jerusalem for the Promise of the Father

To the Assembled Disciples on the Ascension – **Act.1:4**

- **Act.1:3** - 43 Days after His death = 3 Days in the Tomb + 40 Days seen by them
  - Day of Pentecost = 50 days after the Passover Sabbath
  - The disciples tarried for 7 days (day of coming into the rest)

To the Israel on the day of Pentecost

- **Act.2:33-39** – Peter's anointed preaching
  - For you, your children and all that are far off
  - For all flesh – **Joel 2:27-29**

Many promises in the Bible, but Jesus gave particular emphasis to this one

- Because it makes us His witnesses and releases our potential to minister
  - Peter's and Stephen's boldness
  - Overcoming self-consciousness

### The Manifestation of the Baptism of Power

A Great Experience

- **Act.1:8** – You shall receive power – and shall be my witnesses
- **Act.2:1-13** – An exhilarating experience
  - Supernatural, beyond logic
  - Excited but not weird – People understood them –
    - TONGUES = Glossa Grk = tongue, language (from lingua Lat = tongue)
      - ✦ Extensive information in the Bible, but some denominations lost it because they lost the experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
      - These are languages of men or angels (**1Cor.13:1**), not animal sounds -
        - ✦ My experience at a men's meeting
        - ✦ At my meeting (dog, goat, snake)
      - Our experience in church (2 times that I remember, a lady from India and a Canadian Native)
      - Many witnesses –
        - ✦ A minister at the Praying Wall getting Orthodox Jews mad as he was worshipping Jesus in tongues
        - ✦ Preaching in tongues by missionaries
    - The reaction of the people present and Peter's rebuttal -
      - ✦ 3000 were born again

### Speaking in Tongues

Tongues Is the Initial Evidence of Baptism of Power

- In ALL THE INSTANCES when people were baptized with the Holy Spirit they spoke in tongues
  - **Act.2:4** – Disciples at Pentecost
  - **Act.10:43-46-48** – Peter at Cornelius' house – Evidence: Because they heard them
  - **Act.19:1-6** – Paul at Ephesus

Two Different Manifestations of Tongues

- Worshipping in tongues – (we will focus on this today)
  - Private
  - Collective – **Acts 2:4**
- Public prophetic utterance in tongues

- To witness to unbelievers – **1Cor.14:5**

#### Purpose of Speaking in Tongues

- **1Cor.14:5** – I wish that you all spoke in tongues
- **1Cor.14:4** – Speaking in tongues edifies you – **SOMETIMES WE NEED EDIFICATION**
  - **Jude 20** – Build yourself up by praying in the Holy Spirit
- **1Cor.14:2, Act.2:11** – Speaking to God (private) – **WORSHIP & GLORIFY GOD**
  - To develop intimacy with God beyond our ability to understand and express logically
- To pray when we don't know the will of God – **Rom.8:26-27**
  - Spirit prays but mind is unfruitful
  - Pray in the Spirit, then pray that you may interpret **1Cor.14:13-14**

### Questions to Consider

1. Why do you think that both Jesus and the Bible give much importance to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
2. Why is “speaking in tongues” the evidence and an essential component of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
3. Please give scriptural evidence that God wants you to speak in tongues.
4. What are the reasons why the church for many centuries has neglected the gift of speaking in tongues?
5. Can you describe the benefits of speaking in tongues?
6. What is the difference between speaking in tongues and being baptized in the Holy Spirit?
7. Can you describe the difference and purpose of the two manifestations of speaking in tongues?