

Passion: Holy Spirit

The infilling of the Holy Spirit

Genesis 1:1-2

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters.

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Samson

Judges 15:14

As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. **The Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands.**



Saul

I Sam 10:9-11

As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul's heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day.

When they arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the **Spirit of God** came upon him in power, and he joined in their prophesying.



Joel 2:28

And afterward, **I will pour out my Spirit on all people.** Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.




Main Text: Acts 2:1-18

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting...


4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



Acts 2:38-39

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-- for all whom the Lord our God will call."



1 Corinthians 14

4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church...

14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

15 So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.



1 Corinthians 14:26-27

What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church.

If anyone speaks in a tongue, two-- or at the most three-- should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret.

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Church Fathers throughout centuries

- ▶ Irenaeus, who lived from 115 to 202 A.D. was a pupil of Polycarp, who as a disciple of the Apostle John. He wrote (A.D.V.) Her, 6, page 6), “We hear many brethren in the Church having prophetic gifts, and speaking in all sorts of languages through the Spirit.”
- ▶ Tertullian, who lived from 160 to 220 A.D., speaks of the spiritual gifts, including the gifts of tongues, as being manifested in his day. See Smiths’s Dictionary of the Bible, vol. 4, page 3310.



Church fathers continued

The following is attributed to Augustine in the fourth century: “We still do what the apostles did when they laid hands on the Samaritans and called down the Holy Spirit on them by the laying on of hands. It is expected that converts should speak with new tongues.”

Chrysostom in the 4th century speaks of people speaking in tongues.



Other sources

Encyclopedia Britannica states that the “glossolalia” (or speaking in tongues) “recurs in Christian revivals of every age, e.g., among the mendicant friars of the thirteenth century, among the Jensenists and early Quakers, the converts of Wesley and Whitefield, the persecuted Protestants of Cevennes, and the Irvingites” (vol. 27, pages 9 and 10, 11th edition))

