

THE COVENANT

INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



THE EXPERIENCE

There is an experience subsequent to salvation called being filled with the Holy Ghost or the baptism with the Holy Spirit. It is for all believers (Acts 8:5, 12, 14-17) and is a gift from God (Luke 11:11-13).

There is a difference between being born of the Spirit and being filled with the Spirit. When we are born again, we receive eternal life (John 3:5-7, 16). The life and nature of God recreates our spirit (our inner man) and we become "new creatures" in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

SCRIPTURES



*John 16:23-24 Matthew 21:22
John 3:16 Romans 10:9-10
Romans 4:25 Luke 11:11-13
Acts 1:8 Acts 2:2-4*

HINDRANCES TO RECEIVING THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- Fear
- Unbelief
- Not Yielding
- Unforgiveness

The bible says in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Fear is the opposite of faith. We receive the promises of God by faith and unbelief and doubt will hinder our blessings. We must embrace God's Word when it comes to His will for our lives and ask Him to help our unbelief or lack of faith (Mark 9:24). If we ask without wavering or doubt, according to His will, then we should be confident or have a great expectation that we will receive what we asked for (James 1:6-7; 1 John 5:14-15).

SURRENDER

We must surrender our will and yield ourselves to the direction and leading of the Holy Spirit (Psalm 143:10; Romans 8:14). If we yield our tongues to the Holy Spirit, He will speak through us using our voice and give the utterance (Acts 2:4). As He prompts us to open our mouths and voice the stirrings within us, if we step out in faith, we will receive.

We must not harbor unforgiveness in our heart because it will close the door to our blessing (Mark 11:25-26). It will prevent us from receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit and a supernatural experience with God.

Just as salvation is a personal experience with God, so is being filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues. No one can force the gift of the Holy Spirit or speaking in tongues upon you. It is received by faith (Mark 11:24). Any Christian who sincerely desires more of God and wants to totally surrender his or her life to Him, need only ask (Luke 11:13).

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PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come to You in the name of Jesus. Your Word says if I ask anything, believing, I will receive it. I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I believe He was raised from the dead for my justification. He is my Lord and Savior.

I ask You to fill me to overflowing with Your precious Holy Spirit. I receive by faith the gift of God. I thank You for the power of God coming upon me and empowering me for service. Now, Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give the utterance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Infilling of the Holy Spirit

WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HE DWELLS IN US

We receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:22) and He dwells in us (1 Corinthians 6:19).

Only those who are born-again or Christians can be filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). It is the manifest power of God enabling believers to be what God has called us to be (Acts 1:8). It is His supernatural ability to help us live holy lives and to be a witness for Him.

It is a commandment of God (Ephesians 5:18) and its initial sign or evidence is speaking in tongues (Acts 2:1-4). Jesus said in 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.” This supernatural experience is available to all who believe and is received by faith (Matthew 9:29).

YOU CAN RECEIVE THE INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY:

1. Hearing the Word

Acts 10:44-46

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

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.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

2. The Laying on of Hands

Acts 19:1-3, 6

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

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

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

Speaking in tongues is an initial sign of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. It is also for spiritual edification or the building up of our spirit man (1 Corinthians 14:4). When we speak in tongues, we have a supernatural means of communication with God (1 Corinthians 14:2, 14). Our spirits are praying or making direct contact with God in a heavenly language. We are also praying according to God's will because the Spirit makes intercession through us and helps us to pray as we ought (Romans 8:26-27).

Praying in tongues stimulates our faith (Jude 20) and stirs up spiritual gifts (Acts 19:6). It also gives us a boldness to speak God's Word (Acts 4:31, 33).