

Chapter 1

Why the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?



As a new believer in Jesus, you have now come to enjoy the liberty of being one who has been forgiven of all your sin. Now that you are a new creation in Christ Jesus, you must come to know of the fullness that God intends for your life. When you were born again you received the Holy Spirit within your heart. You were born again by the Spirit of God.

When Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection, He breathed upon them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (**John 20:22**). It was only after seeing Jesus, after His resurrection, that the disciples were able to receive the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that unless you are born again you cannot see the kingdom of God. When you were born again, you became able to see the life of God's kingdom by His Spirit. Just like the disciples, you received the Holy Spirit within you when you became born again. After Jesus appeared to the disciples, He spoke to them concerning a greater fulfillment of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Just like He had for the early disciples, Jesus has a plan concerning your life and the fullness that He intends for every believer to have. This fullness comes when you receive the Holy Spirit upon you to become a powerful witness for Him in the world. It was some days after His resurrection when Jesus appeared to His disciples and breathed upon them to receive the Holy Spirit. Jesus then told these same disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they would receive the promise which He had spoken about. This promise was the Holy Spirit whom Jesus said would come upon them with power.

***Jn. 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said,
"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"***

Jesus has done this for you. He has taken away your sin. He has made you to be of those who can stand before God with clean hands and a pure heart. The blood of Jesus Christ has made you clean. You have been made acceptable to God through the precious blood of His beloved Son.

Eph. 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been made near by the blood of Christ.

Because of the price that Jesus paid for you, you have been brought near to God. Now that you have been brought near to God, He desires you to become a greater witness for Him. To make this possible, God desires to place His Holy Spirit upon you.

When you asked Jesus into your heart, you became *born again*. It was God's Holy Spirit who caused the regeneration of your spirit to give you new life through Jesus Christ. God's Holy Spirit now lives within you. Now that God lives within you, He desires that you have all the fullness of Himself with you here on earth. Not only does He desire to live within you, He also desires to be upon you.

John the baptist testified that Jesus would do two things; *1) take away the sins of the world; and 2) baptize with the Holy Spirit*. As the Lord, He has taken away your sins. As Christ, He desires to baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised that the Father would not leave us comfortless, but that He would send us the comforter who is the Holy Spirit.

Jn. 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

The Holy Spirit has come that He might make known the things of God to us. He is the Spirit of God sent to our lives in order to release the authority of Christ Jesus through us to the world.

Upon the ascension of Jesus to the Father, He spoke of the promised Holy Spirit. He told the disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they would receive power from on high.

Acts 1:5 "For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

He goes on to say in verse 8:

Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses of Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The Holy Spirit comes upon us to give us the power to be witnesses. Without the baptism of the Holy Spirit we are not able to be the effective witnesses that God intends us to be. Jesus is Lord and has taken away our sins. He is also Christ (the anointed one) and is here to anoint us with power from on high that we might boldly declare Him to the world.

After Jesus ascended to the Father, His disciples waited for ten days in an upper room in Jerusalem for the promised Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost, God poured out His Holy Spirit upon them mightily. This event was witnessed by thousands who stood by in wonder of this miraculous testimony of God. Peter, one of the disciples, stood up before the crowd and gave this testimony:

Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Peter's testimony declared that Jesus was not only Lord, but He was also Christ. The name Christ means *the anointed one*. As the anointed one, Jesus has the ability to anoint us with His Holy Spirit.

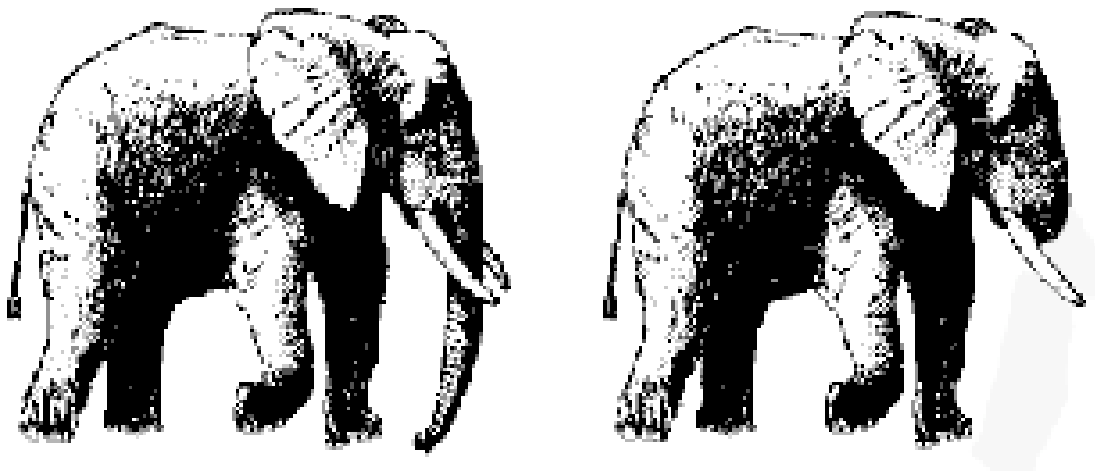
The word baptism means *to be engulfed, submerged, and totally surrounded with*. When Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit we become *engulfed, submerged, and totally surrounded with the Holy Spirit*. When we accepted Jesus into our hearts, we received the Holy Spirit as an inward witness. When we become baptized in the Holy Spirit, we receive the Holy Spirit as an outward witness. In the book of Luke, chapter 24, verse 49, Jesus says:

Lk. 24:49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

The Greek word for endued is *enduo* which means *to invest with clothing* (literally or figuratively): *array, clothe (with), endue, have (put) on*. To be endued with the Holy Spirit is to be clothed in the Holy Spirit. This is an outward evidence of the power of God in your life.

You may ask, "Am I a Christian if I'm not baptized in the Holy Spirit?" The answer to that question is most definitely YES! Your next question may be, "Why do I need the baptism of the Holy Spirit if I am already a Christian and already saved?" The question is not whether or not you are a Christian. It is only a question of how effective you are as a Christian. How effective is your witness, as well as your ability to be conformed into the image of Jesus, God's Son?

Let me give you a little illustration. Suppose you have two elephants. One has a trunk and the other does not. Which of these two animals is an elephant?



Your answer to this question would have to be, both of these animals are elephants. Now let me ask, which of these elephants has the ability to care for itself as an elephant should, and also give you the outward witness that it is an elephant? Obviously only the elephant with the trunk can do this. Without a trunk he cannot feed himself, wash himself, protect himself, or even make the sound of an elephant.

The elephant's trunk is an essential part of the elephant to properly function each day as an elephant. The baptism of the Holy Spirit serves much in the same way for the Christian. Without the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the Christian cannot feed himself, wash himself, protect himself, or even make the sound of an equipped Christian.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit gives the Christian an ability to understand God's word in a greater dimension. It will also effectively enable God to accelerate the renewing of his thinking. The ability for the Christian to receive proper food spiritually is no doubt increased when he becomes baptized in God's Holy Spirit.

Have you ever been assaulted by the things of this world? Have you ever been offended in your soul (mind)? Have you ever been affected by this world in a way that leaves you feeling condemned? The baptism in the Holy Spirit gives you the ability to wash yourself in situations such as these. The Holy Spirit knows how to pray when we do not.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be spared the assaults of the adversary. The Holy Spirit is faithful to tell us things to come. What greater protection from harm can there be than to be warned of its approach?

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be equipped to do a proper warfare against the enemy. Our prayers become effective prayers against the powers of darkness.

The Holy Spirit gives the Christian a boldness to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. The power of God gives an effective outward witness that Jesus is a life changing Lord. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for your benefit as a believer, as well as for the benefit of others as you are empowered to be a greater witness for Jesus Christ.

Chapter 2

Who Can Receive?



When you became born again, you also became eligible to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Only those who are born again can receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The generation of Adam cannot receive this baptism. Only the generation of Jesus Christ can receive this baptism done by Jesus Christ Himself. Let us look together at some scriptures that will confirm what I am saying. In the New Testament book of John, chapter 14, verses 16 and 17, we find:

Jn. 14:16 "And I (Jesus) will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, (the Holy Spirit), that He may abide with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

We see that in verse 17, the world cannot receive the Holy Spirit. When you became *born again*, you were translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's own Son. You are *a new creation* in Christ Jesus. You are no longer of the world. Now you can receive the Holy Spirit with you, or as **Luke 24:49** and **Acts 1:5** say: "upon you." At your new birth in Christ, the Holy Spirit came in you. Now as a born again creation you can receive the Holy Spirit upon you. Let us look at some examples of those in the New Testament that received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In Acts chapter 8, we have an account of one of the disciples named Philip as he preached the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of Samaria.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

The baptism that is spoken of here is the baptism for the remission of sins, or *water baptism*. The Scripture plainly teaches to believe and be baptized in water. Biblical teaching does not present any situation of being water baptized before believing. Therefore, in this situation, this group of Samaritans had become believers in Jesus Christ and Philip had been obedient to water baptize them as the word teaches. If we look further into this account, we will find the response of the other apostles in Jerusalem when they heard of what had happened to these Samaritans.

Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

We see plainly that after becoming born again and water baptized, these Samaritans received the Holy Spirit upon them when Peter and John laid hands on them. This is a confirming account that you must be born again before you can be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Let us look at another account in Acts, chapter 19, verses 2 - 6. This is an account where Paul is ministering to the people of Ephesus.

Acts 19:2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul

had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

We see that in verse 2 they had believed, but as of yet they had not received the Holy Spirit. After being baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus (water baptism), Paul laid hands upon them and the Holy Spirit came upon them.

Chapter 3

What is the Evidence?



The initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not based upon a feeling. Many people feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and experience the phenomenon of His presence while still others feel little or no feeling at all. Many of us have been taught or have heard that unless there is a feeling, the Holy Spirit was not received. The first evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit has to be based upon the word of God. The word of God simply says that if you ask, you receive. The next question you must ask is, what follows receiving? If we look in the New Testament Scriptures, we find the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit being received was with the speaking in other tongues. When you speak in other tongues, the Holy Spirit gives utterance to your spirit in a language that you do not know. This language is what allows us to pray in the spirit, sing in the spirit, speak the mysteries of God, intercede by the spirit, and communicate directly with God by the Spirit. Without the evidence of tongues you will be lacking the expression and basic manifestation of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Without the evidence of tongues you will be unable to pray to God when you don't know how. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for every born again believer in Jesus Christ and the manifestation of speaking in tongues is for every believer who has been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Many people ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit but fail to speak in tongues because of ignorance concerning tongues, its purpose and its manifestation. Let us look at some examples in the New Testament of those receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Notice that in this scripture the one who spoke was the individual who received the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gave his spirit the utterance, but the individual had to speak with his mouth.

Let us look at another incident of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Acts, chapter 10, verses 44, 45, and 46:

Acts 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered,

The evidence of the baptism was the hearing of them speak with tongues.

Look at Acts, chapter 19, verse 6:

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Here we see that not only is speaking in tongues the evidence, but also prophecy.

When you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you can expect to be able to speak with other tongues.

Chapter 4

The Benefits of Speaking in Tongues



In this chapter we are going to look at the benefits of speaking in tongues. The Holy Spirit is not tongues, but tongues are an utterance that the Holy Spirit (God) gives to you to benefit you as a believer.

When you pray in tongues, it will build up your inner man. Your inner man is your spirit, and the Holy Spirit desires your spirit to be built up.

1 Cor. 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

It is very important that as believers we edify (build up) one another; but before we can edify (build up) others we must first be edified (built up) ourselves. How can we edify (build up) others if we aren't edified (built up) ourselves? When you pray in tongues, you release a flow of living water from within you that is a power from your innermost being. Jesus spoke of this in John, chapter 7, verses 38 and 39:

Jn. 7:38 "He who believes Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom whose believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified.

In addition to building us up, tongues will also allow us to receive revelation knowledge from God. Look at 1 Corinthians, chapter 14, verse 2:

1 Cor. 14:2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men,

but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

When you speak in tongues you speak mysteries. Look at 1 Corinthians, chapter 2, verses 7 through 16 to find more concerning these mysteries:

1 Cor. 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

This mystery is the same as mentioned in 1 Corinthians, chapter 14, verse 2.

1 Cor. 2:8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

Here we see the Spirit searching the things of God as you pray or speak in tongues. If praying in tongues will search the deep things of God, do you think it is a benefit?

1 Cor. 2:11 For what man knows the things of the man except the Spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Notice that these mysteries, this searching of God, these things freely given to us by God are done with words which only the Holy Spirit teaches. This is tongues.

1 Cor. 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

This scripture verifies that praying in tongues is foolishness to the natural man. Praying in the spirit, speaking in tongues, is for the spiritually discerned.

1 Cor. 2:15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For "Who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Now we know that speaking in tongues will build us up and also reveal revelation knowledge to us. Speaking in tongues will also enable you to hear the voice of your spirit which is one with the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor. 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

In Romans, chapter 12, verse 2 we find:

Rom. 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

When you pray in tongues, your spirit prays. Praying in tongues will help you change your thinking. When you pray in the spirit (tongues), you pray things you don't know about by your natural understanding.

Rom. 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps us in your weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Tongues is a way of expressing this inner groaning of the Spirit. By praying in tongues you pray the perfect will of God.

Rom. 8:27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession (tongues) for the Saints according to the will of God.

Do you think it is a good idea to pray according to the will of God? Praying in

the spirit (praying in tongues, **1 Cor. 14:14**) allows you to do just that.

Many times you will find that it is hard to remain built up in your faith. Offenses can come against your soul (mind) and try to wear you down. Praying in tongues will build up your most holy faith.

Jude 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, (praying in tongues, 1 Corinthians 14:14)

The ability to pray in tongues was prophesied by the prophet Isaiah in the Old Testament.

Isa. 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, 12 To whom He said, "This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest," And "This is the refreshing"; Yet they would not hear.

Here we see that speaking in tongues will give you rest when you are weary, and will refresh you. Would you like rest? Would you like to be refreshed? Speak in tongues.

When you speak in tongues it gives thanks to God and magnifies Him.

1 Cor. 14:16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? 17 For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

Allot of times we look at these two verses of scripture and put the emphasis on not speaking in tongues to others, and fail to see that speaking in tongues to God blesses Him and gives Him thanks well.

Acts 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.....

Here we see that speaking in tongues magnifies God.

Another benefit of speaking in tongues is that it gives you the power to intercede for others.

Eph. 6:18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, (praying in tongues, 1 Corinthians 14:14), being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

This is a clear description of praying for one another in tongues with all perseverance and all prayer, or every time you pray. Every time you pray for one another you should pray in tongues. When you do this you will pray the perfect will of God for them. When you pray for someone else, do you think you should pray the perfect will of God for them? Pray in tongues.

Paul endorsed that praying in tongues for all believers. In 1 Corinthians, chapter 14, verse 5, we see:

1 Cor. 14:5 I wish you all spoke with tongues,

This word *wish* in the Greek means *to determine, choose, or prefer*. Paul is saying he has determined, he has chosen, he prefers that you all speak in tongues. He verifies this in his own life when he says in verse 18:

1 Cor. 14:18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

Jesus Himself made it known to you that you can speak in tongues when He stated in Mark, chapter 16, verse 17:

Mk. 16:17 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

Are you a believer? If you are, speaking in tongues is for you and it is an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit in your life!

Chapter 5

How Do I Receive?



Suppose you are hungry and you know I have bread. A reasonable thing for you to do might be to ask me if you can have some bread. You could just sit down and hope that I might come and give you some bread, but a more logical solution would be for you to ask that you might receive and be filled.

Jesus used this same analogy when He related to us the parable of the persistent friend.

Lk. 11:5 And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? 8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. 9 And I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

God wants you to be persistent in believing Him for the good things that He promises. What greater gift, what greater provision, what greater bread is there than His Holy Spirit upon you! Jesus said that everyone who asks receives. Look within the confines of the word "everyone", you must be somewhere within its boundaries. When YOU ask, YOU receive!

Jesus goes on to clarify His intentions concerning us and our ability to receive His Holy Spirit when He relates the story of the good father found in the next verses of this same chapter of Luke.

Lk. 11:11 "If a son asks for bread and any father among you, will he give him a stone?: Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

If you expect to receive God's promise of the Holy Spirit, you must ask Him for His Holy Spirit to come upon you so that you may receive Him as an outward witness. If you do not ask, you will not receive! If you ask, you must expect to receive, knowing that God, as your heavenly Father, desires to give to you His Holy Spirit much more than even your earthly father desires to care for you. Perhaps you have not experienced a loving earthly father or an earthly father of any sort. You can be assured that God wants to show you what a father really is, and He will give you the Holy Spirit if you ask for Him.

When you ask for the Holy Spirit you must believe that you receive Him. In the book of Mark, chapter 11, verse 24, we find:

Mk. 11:24 "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

God is faithful to send His Holy Spirit upon you when you ask. It is not based upon your feelings. It is based upon God's word, your believing, and His faithfulness to reward. In Hebrews, chapter 11, verse 6, the word says this concerning faith:

Heb. 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him (God), for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

When you asked Jesus to come into your heart, He was faithful to cause you to

become born again. It was the Holy Spirit who faithfully caused your new birth in Christ. It is with that same faith that you can allow Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit. He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

If you have read this book and you are still not baptized in God's Holy Spirit, you can be. His promise was to you. God wants to make you a powerful witness of Him. He wants you to experience and walk in the fullness of His immeasurable love both within and upon your life. If you are a born again believer in Jesus Christ, you can have His Holy Spirit poured out upon you right now. Just say:

God, I want all that you have for me. I want to be an effective witness for You. I believe that Jesus died for my sins, He took my judgement, and He even rose from the dead for me. Jesus, You not only sit in the heavens right now, but you also live in my heart. You are my Lord and my Savior. God I ask you right now to baptize me in your Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. I receive You Holy Spirit and I release You to move through my spirit, soul, and body right now. Thank You Father, for Your Holy Spirit and His fullness.

Right now you can begin to bless and magnify God in other tongues. Whatever the sound may be, release it from your spirit, through your soul, and out your mouth right now. Remember that other tongues are foolishness to your natural mind, but will issue forth in a river of life if you will do so right now. God is able to take the words that you speak by faith and increase them to a refreshing flow of living water.

Your baptism in the Holy Spirit is not based upon your feelings. It is based upon the word of God and God's faithfulness to fulfill His promise. Perhaps you are feeling a great measure of the presence of God right now. Perhaps you are not feeling anything. If you did not feel the presence of the Lord, let me assure you that He was there, is there, and did pour out His Holy Spirit upon you when you asked Him to. Continue to exercise your faith in speaking in other tongues and exercising the gift that God has given you. I guarantee even your feelings will bear witness to His fullness, but it is not your feelings that declare God faithful. God's own word declares that He has performed, is performing, and will continue to perform all that He has promised.

Now that you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, you will find that a new boldness will come upon you. As you learn to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit you will find that He will lead you and witness mightily through you as to testify of the Lordship of Jesus Christ to this world. Pray in tongues as often as you can and God will continue to expand your understanding.

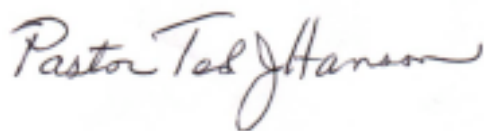
Be sure to continue in following Jesus with other believers such as yourself who walk in like faith. It is important that you become actively involved in a local church so that you can become the most effective with the good news of Jesus Christ. In Psalms, chapter 92, verse 13 we see:

Ps. 92:13 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

If you expect to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ, you must be planted in a local church to be able to give a flourishing expression of His life to the world.

God will begin to use you as a specific part of His body here on earth and will equip you by His Holy Spirit which is now within you and upon you. I encourage you to become an active disciple of Christ. God has a plan for your life and a strategy to unfold all of His goodness for your sake and the sake of your effect on others.

God Bless Your Walk In Christ,

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