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**Introduction:** Today we are in part 3 of our sermon series on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Review to this point in the series...

- **John the Baptist** declared in Mark 1:8 that Jesus would Baptize us with the Holy Spirit and Fire.
- **Jesus declared** just before he ascended into Heaven, “Wait for the promise of the Father. Not too many days from now I will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire.”
- **Jesus said that this empowerment** would be there for us so that we could be his witnesses around the world!
- **Peter then took time to get the church in order** by filling the vacant leadership position left by Judas the betrayer.
- **Then they waited**...they settled into the upper-room...they were in no hurry...they were unified...and **they prayed**.
- **Acts 2 opens with the Holy Spirit baptism** happening for the first time and the New Testament church is inaugurated. **(Miracle of Hearing and Speaking)**
- **People from around the world hear the wonders of God** be told to them in their languages, at the same time, from men who couldn't have possibly known there language.
- **Now we pick up today in verse 14 and we will see Peter** (the fisherman turned Disciple, The Disciple turned water walker, The Disciple turned betrayer, The failure who went back to fishing, The fisherman who was restored, The Disciple turned Apostle, The Apostle turned Leader of the Church.) **Peter stands up and preaches what could arguably be the most influential sermon ever preached.** (we will be here for at least one more week)

**Acts 2:14-21**

Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy. And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and clouds of smoke. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives. But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.’

**Four Part Series REVIEW**

**Intro:** Introduction to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

**Last Time:** What actually happened on the Day of Pentecost?

**TODAY:** Why did it happen in that particular way? Why tongues and languages?

**WEEK 4:** Connecting the Old Testament with the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

**WEEK 5:** Is the gift of tongues for us today? If so, is it for me?

**WEEK 6:** How can I receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

**Introduction:** BEFORE we dive into this I want to say a word to those who are hear or watching online who may not have a good feeling right now or you are a little nervous about the teaching of Praying in the Holy Spirit...

You may feel this way because

- 1) You didn't **grow up around** it.
- 2) The only thing you have ever experienced with it was **strange or weird** and didn't leave you with a good feeling.
- 3) You have been taught from a young age that Speaking in Tongues as seen in the New Testament has ended and **is no longer for today**.

Allow me to put you at ease...at Skypointe Church...we make it our aim to firmly place whatever we believe or practice in the Bible. If I cannot back it up with the Word, then we do not go there.

BUT JOHN THE BAPTIST said THERE'S MORE COMING  
JESUS SAID...THERE'S MORE COMING WAIT TILL YOU GET IT...  
PETER said...THIS PROMISE IS FOR ALL whom the Lord God calls...

In summery...THERE IS MORE of God to have...and I want it...but I want it because it is in the Bible.

Next week we will talk more about the Old Testament prophesies the foretell about the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit...but today I want to follow Peter's example and explain it by firmly placing it in the Bible.

### 3 Specific References to Tongues/2 Inferred References Tongues

**Acts 2:4 (Original Outpouring)** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and *began to speak in other tongues* as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**Acts 8:14-20 (Samaria Outpouring within 2 years of Acts 2)** When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter and John there. As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit. When Simon *saw that the Spirit was given* when the apostles laid their hands on people, he offered them money to buy this power. "Let me have this power, too," he exclaimed, "so that when I lay my hands on people, they will receive the Holy Spirit!" But Peter replied, "May your money be destroyed with you for thinking God's gift can be bought!"

**Acts 9:17 (Paul the Apostle within 4 years of Acts 2)** "Brother Saul, the Lord--Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here--has sent me so that you may see again and be *filled with the Holy Spirit.*" (1 Cor. 14:18 *I speak in tongues more than you all*)

**Acts 10:44 -46 (Gentile Outpouring between 7-10 years after Acts 2)** Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. <sup>45</sup> The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. *For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God.*

**Acts 11:15-17** "As I began to speak," Peter continued, "the Holy Spirit fell on them, *just as he fell on us at the beginning.* Then I thought of the Lord's words when he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God's way?"

**Acts 19:6 (Uttermost Outpouring almost 25 years after Acts 2)** And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began *speaking in tongues and prophesying.*

**Benefit #1:** Speaking in Tongues builds me up in my faith! (Jude 1:20)

**Benefit #2:** Speaking in Tongues helps me pray when I don't know what to pray!  
(Romans 8:26-27; 1 Cor. 14:14)

**Benefit #3:** Speaking in Tongues sanctifies the most unruly member of my person! (James 3:8)

**Benefit #4:** Speaking in Tongues paves the way to worship and prophesy!  
("filled with the Spirit and...")

**Benefit #5:** Speaking in Tongues is a sign for the unbeliever! (1 Cor. 14:22)

**Benefit #6:** Speaking in Tongues connects me straight to God in prayer! (1 Cor. 14:2)

**Benefit #7:** Speaking in Tongues equips me to battle in the Spirit. (Eph. 6:18).

**Conclusion:** The Gift of Praying in the Holy Spirit with Heavenly (Spirit-Taught Words) is absolutely Biblical and for today! You don't have to speak in tongues to be saved! I want to make that very clear. My only goal today was to mimic Peter and place what we experience within the borders of Scripture!

1 Cor. 2:13

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.