



How to Receive the Power

The Beauty of Spiritual Language

- A. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a distinguishing characteristic for the Christian church.
- B. A spiritual language best describes the Biblical experience of verbal expression through the Spirit.
- C. Biblical evidence:
 - 1. Isaiah 28:11, 12
 - 2. Mark 16:17
 - 3. Acts 2:4
 - 4. Acts 10:46
 - 5. 1 Corinthians 12:28
 - 6. 1 Corinthians 14:18

III. Spiritual Language as Personal Devotion

- A. Spiritual language enables us to commune with God (1 Corinthians 14:2).
- B. Spiritual language edifies (1 Corinthians 14:4).
- C. Spiritual language enables us to pray privately and intimately (Romans 8:26, 27).

- D. Spiritual Language enables us to worship in a way that liberates our spirits (1 Corinthians 14:14, 15).
- E. Different kinds of tongues in the New Testament:
 - 1. Preaching in different languages (Acts 2:6-11)
 - 2. Confirming the Word (Mark 16:17-20)
 - 3. Providing a spiritual rest (Isaiah 28:10-12)
 - 4. Communicating between God and the church (1 Corinthians 12:10)
 - 5. Fulfilling prophecy (Isaiah 28:10-12)
 - 6. Giving a sign to the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 14:22)

IV. Spiritual Language in Public Worship

- A. Edifies the church (1 Corinthians 14:5)
- B. Guidelines governing the practice and function of tongues in public worship:
 - 1. Tongues and Interpretation and Prophecy (1 Corinthians 14:3)
 - 2. Edification (1 Corinthians 14:5, 13, 26, 28, 40)
 - 3. Worship (1 Corinthians 14:28)
 - 4. Influences Unbelievers (1 Corinthians 14:23-25)
 - 5. Avoid Confusion (1 Corinthians 14:32, 33, 40)
 - 6. Control personal feelings (1 Corinthians 14:32, 37)
 - 7. Foundation is love (1 Corinthians 13:1-13; 14:1)
 - 8. Tongues and Interpretation reside in the church (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)
 - 9. Use wisdom (1 Corinthians 14:16, 17, 32, 33)
 - 10. Do not lead the entire congregation in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:23)

V. The Spirit's 21st-Century Agenda

- A. God is stirring up His world
- B. We are living in the final days before the glorious coming of the Lord Jesus.

VI. Five Steps to Receiving the Holy Spirit

- A. We must accept the baptism in the Holy Spirit, just as we accept salvation.**
- B. We receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit through obedience.**
- C. We must intensely desire the Spirit and the gift.**
- D. We must ask for the gift of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.**
- E. We must receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39)**

VII. How to Yield to the Spirit

- A. To yield is to . . .**
 - 1. Reason truth**
 - 2. Realize one's need**
 - 3. Relax from defensiveness and fear**
 - 4. Respond in simple obedience**
 - 5. Relate to God's will**
 - 6. Receive God's gifts**
 - 7. Rejoice in the Lord**
- B. Paul laid hands on the recipients (Acts 19:6).**

VIII. The Holy Spirit's Action in Acts

- A. Initial Action (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)**
- B. Exceptional Power (Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)**
- C. Signs and Wonders (Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15, 16)**
- D. Courage (Chapters 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23)**
- E. Direction (Chapters 24, 25, 26, 27, 28)**

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