

## New To Spirit Filled Guide

### Baptism of the Spirit

- Scripture
  - Matthew 3:11
    - I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
  - Acts 1:5
    - ...for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
  - Acts 1:8
    - But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
  - Acts 2:4
    - 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
  - Acts 10:44
    - While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.
  - Acts 19:6
    - And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.
- Sermon: ‘Tongue Talkers- Part 1’ (From the Series: ‘Taboos’)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wdbi6FiauE>

- Books:
  - ‘The Holy Spirit & You’ by Dennis Bennett
  - ‘Baptism of the Holy Spirit’ by Russell Johnson
- FAQ’s:
  - *If I’ve given my life to Jesus, don’t I already have the Holy Spirit?*
    - Answer: Yes, when you give your life to Jesus, you receive the Holy Spirit inside you. This is reflected in scripture in John 20:22 after Jesus rose from the dead where it says, “22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” However, he also told the disciples in Luke 24:49 “49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father **upon** you. But stay in the city until you are **clothed** with power from on high.” Then, at Pentecost in Acts 2 after Jesus had ascended back into heaven, they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. This additional outpouring of the Holy Spirit is the baptism of the Holy Spirit that clothed the disciples in power so that they would be equipped to expand the kingdom through the power of God rather than in their own strength. The same is available to us today. Some explain it this way; the Holy Spirit comes to live **inside** you for you, but the Holy Spirit comes **upon** you for others.
  - *If I’ve been baptized in the Holy Spirit before, is there any point in getting prayed over for it again?*
    - Acts 4:8 accounts Peter being ‘filled with the Holy Spirit’ while addressing the rulers and elders. Later in verse 29, after persecution, the disciples ask God for boldness to continue to preach the gospel. Then in vs. 31 it says, “And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.” We see here that there can be multiple outpourings of the Holy Spirit.

- Also, Ephesians 5:18 says, “18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit...” The Greek word for being "filled" is in the present tense, specifically in the form of a continuous present tense command. This grammatical form is meant to be a continuous, ongoing action that is to be happening constantly, rather than a one-time event. Therefore, the phrase means "be continually filled with the Holy Spirit" rather than a one-time event.
- *If I've been prayed over for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit but haven't received my prayer language yet, does that mean that I haven't been baptized in the Holy Spirit yet?*
  - There is debate around this question. We personally agree with Randy Clark's perspective. If you are trying to claim that the gift of tongues is the only sign of baptism of the Holy Spirit, you have to make several assumptions that are not explicit in various scriptural accounts. There are various things that can happen when someone is baptized in the Spirit including; tongues, prophecy, feeling heat or electricity, weeping, being slain in the Spirit, etc. Here are a few unique testimonies:
    - 1.) A friend of mine was not going to a Spirit-filled church. He decided to fast and seek the Lord on his own. He powerfully encountered the Lord and was baptized in the Spirit on his kitchen floor. From that point on, there was a distinct gift of prophecy that he began to function in. Years later, after he was already on the altar team at Hope; one of the former pastors encouraged the team to start praying in tongues. He asked the pastor what praying in tongues was. This particular pastor held the perspective that you were only baptized in the Spirit if you spoke in tongues. Upon this question, he was shocked that my friend didn't have his prayer language because of all the other ways he already

moved in the Spirit. Then, they took a moment to pray and ask for the gift of tongues and he received it right away.

- 2.) Another friend of mine was prayed over for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. She did not receive her prayer language. A few weeks later she was at an all-night prayer and worship event. In the middle of worship as everyone was singing, she spontaneously began to sing in tongues without anyone praying over her.
  - *\*\*See the 'Tongues' section of this guide and the associated sermon for more information on this gift*

## Manifestations of the Holy Spirit

- Scripture:
  - Slain in the Spirit (Falling down when experiencing the presence of God)
    - John 18:4-6
      - 4 Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." [a] Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus [b] said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.
    - Acts 9:3-4
      - 3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. 4 And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"
  - Weeping
    - Isaiah 6:5

- 5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

- Laughing

- Psalm 16:11

- You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is **fullness of joy**; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- Fire/Electricity

- Matthew 3:11

- 11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit **and fire**.

- Hebrews 12:29

- 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a **consuming fire**.

- Shaking and Trembling

- Daniel 10:10-11

- 10 And behold, a hand touched me and **set me trembling** on my hands and knees. 11 And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

- Sermon: ‘Tongue Talkers- Part 2’ (From the Series: ‘Taboos’)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p76WzBNmnnl&t=10s>

- Books:

- 'The Holy Spirit & You' by Dennis Bennett
- 'Baptism of the Holy Spirit' by Russell Johnson

## **The Gift of Tongues (AKA: The Gift of Languages)**

- Scripture:

- Acts 2:4-

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

- 1 Corinthians 14:4

- 4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.

- Jude 1:20

- But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit...

- James 3:7-8

- 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

- Proverbs 18:21

- Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

- Sermon: 'Tongue Talkers- Part 3' (From the Series: 'Taboos')

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKv9NIQ7SRk>

- Books:
  - 'The Holy Spirit & You' by Dennis Bennett
  - 'Baptism of the Holy Spirit' by Russell Johnson
- FAQ's:
  - *What if it feels like it's just gibberish?*
    - Often times, when we are learning to allow the Holy Spirit to speak through us; it can feel strange. The enemy will try to convince us through our rational mind that we're just making it up. When we are so used to being the one in charge, it can feel very different to speak without knowing what we're speaking. The more we continue to step out in faith, the more it will flow and begin to feel natural. If you are naturally an analytical person, you may wrestle with this particular gift but this gift is for you too!
  - *Tongues just seems weird. What's the point of it?*
    - No human being can tame the tongue (James 3:7-8). Life and death are also in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21). Clearly, what we speak is incredibly powerful and we can't tame our tongue on our own. We are blessed to be able to let the Holy Spirit tame our tongue and also pray through us when we don't even know exactly how to pray. This yielding to the Holy Spirit through the gift of tongues also builds you up in the Spirit and in faith (1 Corinthians 14:4 & Jude 1:20)
  - *Am I supposed to feel something when I pray in tongues?*
    - Not necessarily. There may be times when you experience various manifestations of the Holy Spirit simultaneously while praying in tongues but much of the time it is an act of faith. You will more often see the effects of praying in the Spirit throughout everyday life. You'll find that you are more bold in your faith, hungry for the Lord and have more faith to see miracles.

- *If it's really the Holy Spirit, isn't it supposed to be something I can't control but just happens?*
  - Not necessarily. There are indeed times where you might encounter the Lord in such a powerful way that tongues naturally flows out but most of the time it is an intentional act of faith to yield to the Holy Spirit. You initiate the speaking but the Holy Spirit partners with you to direct your tongue even though you don't know what you're saying.
- *Isn't tongues supposed to be a private thing that's not spoken in public without interpretation?*
  - There are actually four different forms of tongues referenced in the Bible:
    - 1.) Tongues of Foreign Languages (A human language not known by the speaker)
      - Acts 2- Pentecost
    - 2.) Personal Prayer Language
      - 1 Corinthians 14:4
    - 3.) Tongues of Praise
      - 1 Corinthians 14:15-16
    - 4.) Tongues for Interpretation (In the context of a public address)
      - 1 Corinthians 14:28-29
        - 28 But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. 29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said.
  - That being said, there is a difference between a moment of worship where people may be speaking in their personal prayer



language in the audience (which would not require interpretation) versus someone being led to give a public address to the congregation in tongues (which would require an interpretation)

- *\*\*For more context on publicly interpreted tongues vs. the general prayer language spoken personally in worship—see the sermon link above*

## **Spirit Led Services (Longer Services; sometimes going off script)**

- Scripture:
  - Colossians 1:16b
    - “...all things were created through him and for him.”
- Sermon: Making Room (From the Series: ‘Jesus Freaks’)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-k1Ce8ODoE>
- Books:
  - ‘The Heart of Worship’ by Matt Redman
  - ‘The Reset’ by Jeremy Riddle
- FAQ’s
  - *Why do your services go so long?*
    - ‘Long’ is relative to culture. Just because most church services go an hour and fifteen minutes doesn’t mean that’s the way it has to be. Movies are often 2 hours, professional sporting events are 3 hours and society on average spends 4 to 5 hours on their phone in a day. In that light, one 2-hour service a week is not all that much in the bigger picture. In Matthew 26:6-13 a woman came and anointed Jesus with very expensive perfume. The disciples were mad and asked, “Why the waste?” But Jesus praised the

woman. Similarly, instead of looking at a 2 hours service and essentially asking, “Why the waste?” [of time]; we ask “Why the rush?” Time is valuable; and Jesus is worth our time.

## Dance, Flags and Arts in worship

- 2 Samuel 6:12-23
  - Several forms of worship are displayed when David is bringing the Ark of the Covenant back into Jerusalem
- Psalm 20:5
  - May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!
    - Note: Strong’s Lexicon Usage for the word ‘raise’: To flaunt, raise, or to be conspicuous
- Sermon: ‘Worship & Arts’ (From the Series: ‘Jesus Freaks’)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDWW2z5EiTg>
- FAQ’s
  - *When people are dancing and waving flags, it’s distracting. Worship shouldn’t be distracting, should it?*
    - Answer: When we gather together for corporate worship, it’s important to recognize that we are growing together as well as going deeper in the Spirit together. If you grew up in a church where the worship was more stoic, it’s natural that a charismatic service would take some getting used to. Initially, it may be helpful to simply close your eyes during worship. Over time, you will become more used to it and it will be easier to center your focus on Jesus.
      - On the other hand, it is important that we honor what the Holy Spirit is doing in the room. If it’s a loud celebratory

moment of worship, people have the freedom to celebrate. If it's a quiet and holy moment of worship, we all collectively honor the moment by not doing something that would draw others' attention out of the presence of God.

## Inner Healing

- Scripture
  - Psalm 23:3
    - He *restores my soul*. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
  - Luke 10:10
    - 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
      - \*\*That word ‘save’ is the Greek word ‘sozo’ which is a deep word involving being saved, healed and delivered
- Sermon: ‘Inner Healing’ (From the Series: ‘Jesus Freaks’)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8m2H0BVwKXY&t=535s>
- Books:
  - ‘Supernatural Freedom from the Captivity of Trauma’ by Mike Hutchings
  - ‘Sozo: Saved, Healed, Delivered’ by Dawna De Silva

## Women in Ministry

- Scripture
  - Many of the complex scriptures involving women in ministry are discussed in the sermons and workshops below
- Sermon: ‘Women in Ministry’ (From the Series: ‘Jesus Freaks’)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqFurh3wAIU&t=1s>
- Women in Ministry Workshop:
  - Part 1
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpR8rmmiLUc&t=138s>
  - Part 2
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMcW8XO9oz8&t=21s>
- FAQ's
  - *Aren't there some scriptures that make it clear that women aren't supposed to teach or be in leadership roles in ministry?*
    - It's actually a lot more complex than those handful of verses because there are also other places in scripture that seemingly contradict those verses and imply a freedom for women to minister. Whenever scripture seems to contradict itself, it means that there is more for us to learn because the truth does not contradict itself. In cases like these, we have to dig deeper into scripture and historical context to find the answers to a few different questions:
      - 1.) When Paul references women not being permitted to teach (1 Timothy 2:12), was that a circumstantial instruction to Timothy based on what was going on at the time in the church of Ephesus or a universal standard for all time?
      - 2.) If it was a universal standard, does that mean we should also restrict women from talking in church (1 Cor 14:34-36), make them cover their heads (1 Cor 11:6) take off jewelry & unbraid their hair (1 Tim 2:9-10) etc.?
    - We take a deep dive into these questions in both the sermon and the workshop links above.

## Prophecy

- Scripture
  - 2 Peter 1:21- “For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”
  - 1 Corinthians 14:3- “On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.”
  - 1 Corinthians 14:31- “For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged”
- Sermon:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4U8H-xrURcY>
- Books:
  - ‘Voice of God’ by Art Thomas
  - ‘Hearing God’ by Ben Dixon
  - ‘Love & Prophecy’ by Dan McCollam
  - ‘Prophecy’ by Ben Dixon