

**The Azusa Street Papers – Without This, (Acts 1:8), You Can't Fulfill That, (Joel 2)
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On the day of Pentecost, after the 120 disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues, they were mocked by some people of being drunk with new wine, while others were amazed and perplexed saying to one another, "What could this mean?", for they heard many different languages in their own native tongues, speaking the wonderful works of God. Some saw the supernatural, others could not see it as supernatural but saw it as gibberish, drunken behaviour.

We read of Peter's response to the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of tongues is found in **Acts 2:14-21**; *"14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only [e]the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. 21 And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"*

There will always be those that mock the baptism of the Holy Spirit, accrediting it to be a work of the flesh, or go so far as to blaspheme the Holy Spirit by accrediting speaking in tongues or the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit, to be that of the devil.

Jesus talks about the unpardonable sin in **Matthew 12:31-32**; *"31 Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. 32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come."*

What took place on the day of Pentecost in the upper room, also took place in Toronto Canada in 1907, of which both were a fulfilment of the prophecy of Joel, that Peter referenced after being mocked and accused of being drunk with new wine. We see this outpouring at Azusa Street spread across the North American continent and around the world just as it did in the Book of Acts.

AZUSA PAPERS says;

"In Toronto, Canada. The Lord is wonderfully blessing the work in 651 Queen Street, E. Toronto. For five months it has gone on without a break. Nearly 80 have received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues. Four workers have gone out from here to preach the full Gospel. Many are being healed. Last Sunday we had a glorious time all day, especially in the afternoon service, when the power of God prostrated two brothers and came upon many at the altar. The whole meeting place was used as an altar, everyone turning their seats and getting down before the Lord. One brother who began speaking in tongues staggered to his feet exclaiming: "This is glory, glory, glory!" and before he had got through a sister rose under the power of God and commenced saying: "This is glory, glory." A spirit of great rejoicing seized everyone. It was a time of magnifying God. Truly He has done great things. A band of workers from this mission went to a place just

outside the city limits and held services, and the power of God came down upon the people. We are believing for a mighty outpouring upon the people in that district. — Sister Hebden”

This is an important prophecy from the Prophet Isaiah, in **Isaiah 28:11-13**; “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 wearry to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing”; Yet they would not hear. 13 But the word of the Lord was to them, “Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little,” That they might go and fall backward, and be broken and snared and caught.”

Many a Christian today mocks the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, and like those who were religiously trained during Isaiah’s day, will not hear it nor receive it, but to them it is blah, blah, blah, in one ear and out the other, and as a result, they backslide in one way or another in their Christian walk.

This is why Peter in **Acts 3:19-21** says; “19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send [a]Jesus Christ, who was [b]preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since [c]the world began.”

What many Christians need to repent of today, is the deaf ear that they have turned toward receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, where to them it is as blah, blah, blah, “Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little, That they might go and fall backward, and be broken And snared and caught.”

Christian, are you backslidden, broken, snared and caught in some sin as a result of rejecting what is needed the most, the baptism of the Holy Ghost? The same Baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire that was given to His disciples, is the same one that the saints at Azusa Street received and is the same one today that is available to you.

All Christians that are baptized in the Holy Spirit speak in tongues, and if they don’t speak in tongues, they haven’t received that which was spoken of by Old Testament prophets, as well as Jesus Himself and His apostles.

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Did all Speak in a New Tongue Who Received the Baptism?

In Mark 16:17, we read, "They shall speak with new tongues." And what other construction can any fair exegete put upon Acts 2:4, than this, not only that every one of the 120 was filled with the Holy Ghost, but that everyone who was filled began to speak with a new, or another tongue than his own native one. "They were all filled and began to speak." The "all" who were filled spoke with other tongues. Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans. And how hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born." Doubtless everyone in the audience heard one or more of that large number speaking in his own native language; but who will be bold enough to declare and try to prove that there were not at least some of the 120 who spoke in languages which were not native to some one there, and could not therefore be understood by anyone present? The multitude heard these Galileans speaking in a new tongue "the wonderful works of God," and yet a part of that amazed and wondering multitude that had come together, became mockers, and had the effrontery to say, "These men are full of new wine." The only answer which needs to be made to the same kind of doubters and cavilers, and

to all others today, is the same which Peter made to them: "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh," etc."

To maybe expound on the word, 'exegete', which is someone skilled in exegesis who gives exposition or interpretation of scriptures, one could say, what can you conjure up, or construct or construe that could even have any comparison to what's written in Acts 2:4 to persuade someone to not be baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues?

There are Christians today that have no knowledge of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, they believe in Jesus and are born again of His Spirit but have out of genuine ignorance to what the Bible says about it, haven't received it yet. We read an example about this in **Acts 19:1-6** where the Apostle Paul is at Ephesus; *"19 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So 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."*

It is evident that these were born again believers in the Christ to whom John the Baptist preached, who then after being baptised by Paul in the name of Jesus, received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues and prophesied as hands were laid on them, and all twelve of them spoke in tongues just like all 120 disciples in the upper room did on the day of Pentecost.

There are Christians today that believe they have received the same baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire that the disciples did in the upper room, yet they don't speak in tongues and their scriptural preface for this is Acts 8:17 where it states that they had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit but no mention of speaking in tongues is given. Let's look a little closer starting at verses 14-19.

Acts 8:14-19; *"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. 18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."*

What exactly did Simon see, was it tongues of fire on their heads, without the evidence of tongues? I can pretty much conclude that without it being mentioned that Simon saw them speaking in tongues. He saw and heard them, whether it was mentioned or not, it was a forgone conclusion that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was evidenced by unknown tongues. It provoked him enough to want to buy it!

Jesus says in **Mark 16:17**; *"17 And these signs will follow those who [a]believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;"*

Jesus didn't say that some would and others wouldn't speak with new tongues, it was a factual statement Jesus was making that they would all speak with new tongues.

Speaking in tongues is the trade mark of being baptised in the Holy Spirit, and without it a Christian is like an engine without the turbo power under the hood, you can hear the engine that is religiously well tuned, but no power that's needed to finish the race and win the prize. This is why so many Christians are now backslidden, they have not been baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues and therefore are without the power needed to finish the race.

Acts 11:15-17 says; *“15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, ‘John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17 If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?”*

In this scripture, Peter is giving an account from his trip to the Gentile believers who received the same baptism of the Holy Spirit as they did, but here he does not mention the evidence was speaking in tongues, where as in Acts 10:44– 48 he does. This just shows that speaking in tongues was the evidence of their baptism in the Holy Spirit, whether it was not mentioned later, because it was common knowledge to be the evidence and didn't need be mentioned.

So **Acts 10:44-48** is the original record of this; *“44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And [a]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, 47 “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.”*

If you read the latter account in Chapter 11 without having read the original record in Chapter 10 of the event at the Gentiles home, you could conclude that tongues are not the evidence of being baptized in the Holy Spirit.

AZUSA PAPERS says;

“In reading the Apostolic Faith, we have read concerning the work in Los Angeles, or in reports or letters which they had received that such a person or persons had received their Pentecost; but not always was the statement made, “with the Bible evidence.” If we had read it in some other papers, we would not have known whether this was implied or not, but we knew the Apostolic Faith expected it would be so understood, whether it was stated or not, that it was with the Bible evidence.

How then can we regard New Testament reports of the bestowment of the baptism, or the gift of the Holy Ghost, in any other light than this, that it was accompanied with certain well understood signs or evidences or manifestations of it, even if such are not recorded.”

The same baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues, is available to a born-again believer today as it was in the early Church found in the Book of Acts, nothing has changed, except Christians that have surrounded their lives with false teachers that keep them from being Baptized in the Holy Spirit and experience a supernatural rest and refreshing, that can only be found in speaking in tongues. False teachers have gotten in the way.

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“There was a time when we were fed upon theological chips, shavings and wind, but now the long, long night is past. We are feeding upon the Word which is revealed by the Holy Ghost — the whole Word and nothing but the Word.”

Christian, that is what you want today. You don't want the theological chips, shavings and a lot of hot air that is coming out of many a pulpit today, long drawn-out sermons but are void of power. You want and need to be baptized in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. We know that at Azusa Street they had very long meetings but they had power, they weren't theological exegesis meetings. You should want to be refreshed by tongues and once you receive it, you don't want to go back, that is God's will for your life.

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