I. Objectives of Phase 2, Session 3 - Being Led by The Holy Spirit

1. Insist on the exercises cited below

2. Discuss the 6 points listed in the text of the email to Participants

3. Promote the practice of listening to and obeying the Holy Spirit

4. Understand the difference between Receiving the Holy Spirit —Resurrection Sunday (John 20:21-23) and being filled with the Spirit—Pentecost Sunday (Acts 2:1-4).

II. Email to participants before session 3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our next session is about Being Led by the Spirit. The material below is provided just for reference.

The Christian life is about releasing what we already have (Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Peter 1:3-4). It is about remembering who He has made us to be (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 5:17,21) and for whom we now live (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Psalm 46:10, Luke 9:23, Mattew 4:19. The Christian life is summarized in Genesis 5:24: it is a walk with God; that happens when we deny ourselves and pick up the cross (die to self) and God takes us which is His promise.

We will begin by meditating on James 1:22-25. Compare these verses to Joshua 1:8-9.

Please select the verse or verses below that touch you the most and tell us why. Read, pray and meditate on those verses that touched your heart.

Listen to Pastor Brian's sermon on May 22nd, 2016:
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Exercises for the week
1. Keep practicing and experiencing the presence of God (Psalm 46:10 and love prayer).
2. Ask the Lord to reveal His love for you and to reveal His love in you.
3. Keep practicing and experiencing the power over sin that the Lord has given you

(Romans 6:6,11,14 and John 8:34-36)
4. Ask the Lord:
Who do You say I am?
What do You want me to Know about You today Lord?
5. Read, Pray and Meditate on Matthew 28:17-20

Exercise during the session
Compare and select the question you think you should be asking as a disciple of Jesus and use the Scriptures below in search for the answer:
Why am I here in this world?
What is the purpose of my life?
What is God's purpose for my life?
What is God's purpose?

His Will
-The will of God is the word of God
-The will of God is in Jesus
-The will of God is the revelation of Jesus in us
-That we be saved
-That we be sanctified
-That we receive the Holy Spirit
-That we work only under His guidance filled by the Holy Spirit
-That we give thanks to Him
-That we pray without ceasing
-That we rejoice always
-That we walk according to the Spirit
-That we abide in Him and He in us
-That we glorify Him (be like Him)
-The will of God is that we conform to the image of His Son (Romans 8:28-29)

Colossians 1:26-29 "*the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily."* (Colossians 1:26-29 NKJV)

Galatians 2:20 “*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me*.”
Colossians 2:6-7 “*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving*.”
Genesis 3:15 “*And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel*.” (Genesis 3:15 NKJV)
John 3:16-17 “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved*.” (John 3:16-17 NKJV)
2 Peter 3:9 “*The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance*.” (II Peter 3:9NKJV)
1 Timothy 2:3-4 “*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*.”
1 Thessalonians 5:9 “*For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ*,”

John 17:17;”*Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth*.”
Hebrews 10:14 “*For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified*.”
Philippians 1:6 “*being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ*;”
Matthew 28:17-20; “*When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen*. (Matthew 28:17-20 NKJV)
2 Corinthians 6:1 “*We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain*.” (II Corinthians 6:1 NKJV)
Ephesians 3:20-21 “ *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.* (Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV)

Ephesians 1:4 "*just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love*," (Ephesians 1:4 NKJV)

Abide in Him and He in us.
John 6:54-56 "*Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him*. (John 6:54-56 NKJV)

John 14:12 "*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also;* ***and greater works than these he will do, <u>because I go to My Father</u>***." Colossians 3:1-3 "*If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.* ***For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God***.

When we abide in Him:
John 4:13-14 "*Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst.* ***But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.***"

When He abides in us:
John 7:37-39 "*On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.* ***He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."*** *But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified*."

John 15:5 *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing*." (John 15:5 NKJV)
John 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."*(John 14:26 NKJV)
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*. (I Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 "*And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very*

highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil." (I Thessalonians 5:12-22 NKJV)

He is faithful
2 Timothy 2:13 "*If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."*
(II Timothy 2:13 NKJV)

Walk according to the Spirit
Romans 8:3-4 "*For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, **that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit**.***"

Be like Him
2 Corinthians 3:2-6 "*You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; **clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God,** not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart. And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life*."
1 John 4:17 "*Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world*."
1 Corinthians 15:46 "*And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit*."

Fulfill His purpose
Romans 8:28-29 "*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called **according to His purpose**. For whom He foreknew, **He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren***."

Being Led by the Spirit
<u>The Holy Spirit was given to us</u>.

John 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*.

John 15:26-27 “*But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning*.”

John 16:7 “*Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you*.”

John 16:13 “*However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come*.”

Luke 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.*”

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*.”

John 3:5-6 “*Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit*.”

Acts 2:38 “*Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*.”

Acts 4:31 “*And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness*.

Titus 3:4-7 “*But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of* ***the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior****, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life*.”

1 Corinthians 3:16 "*Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you*?"

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's*.

Romans 5:5 "*Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts* ***by the Holy Spirit who was given to us***."

Ephesians 2:21-22 "*in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit*.

Romans 8:14-16 "*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God*,"

Colossians 1:24-29 "*I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily"*

Ephesians 5:17-21 "*Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God*."

Luke 11:13 "*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!*"

The Holy Spirit was given to us as a guarantee:

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 "*For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."*

Pray and walk according to the Spirit, or in the Spirit

Romans 8:26-27 "*Likewise the Spirit also helps in our 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. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God*."

Ephesians 6:18-20 "*praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak*."

Jude 1:20 "*But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit*,"

Galatians 5:16 "*I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh*." (Galatians 5:16 NKJV)

Romans 9:1 "*I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit*,"

Romans 8:5-6 "*For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace*." (Romans 8:5, 6 NKJV)

2 Corinthians 10:1-6 "*Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you. But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to*

the flesh. ***For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal <u>but mighty in God</u> for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled***."

Matthew <u>10:17-20</u> "*But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak,* ***but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you***."

<u>Learn about the thoughts and ways of the Lord</u>

1 Corinthians 1:18-31
1 Corinthians 2:6-16
1 Corinthians <u>3:18-23</u>
Romans 8:1-17

<u>The gifts of the Spirit are for the benefit of all</u>

1 Corinthians 12:7 "*But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all*:"

Ephesians 1:3 "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ*," (Ephesians 1:3 NKJV)

God already blessed us with all spiritual blessings.

Declaring that we are blessed is declaring a state of victory and bring into fruition or bringing into the physical world what the Lord has done.

Philemon 1:6 "*that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus*.
Spiritual things are real. The physical world came from the spiritual (Hebrews 11:3, 2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

John 6:63 “*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life*.” (John 6:63 NKJV)

When you walk in the spirit, Satan, the world and the flesh have no access to us, nor have an impact in us.

Colossians 3:1-2 AMP “*IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [Ps. 110:1.] And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth*.”

HOW ARE WE TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD?

1. **Hearing and doing (obeying) what we hear.**

Proverbs 20:27 “*The spirit of man is the candle of The Lord*.”

We are led by the Spirit not emotions, feelings, senses or knowledge.

John 4:24 “*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth*.”

Revelation 2:7 “*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from <u>the tree of life</u>, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God*.”’

We hear the voice of God.
John 10:1-5 and 10:27-28. We know His voice. His voice is never going to be against His word. We can confirm the veracity of what we hear in the scriptures. This is the meaning of John 10:5 as we wouldn't follow a stranger. We hear His voice and understand His word and commands. Follow the first words that you hear. If it is wrong, the Holy Spirit will let us know; He protects us.

John 10:1-5 “*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do*

not know the voice of strangers."

John 10:27-28 "*My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand*."

God speaks in specifics not vague impressions. Genesis 2:16-17. There is no condemnation when He speaks, but edification; he lifts us up. Romans 8:1; John 15:2. There is love, joy and peace when we hear and do what He says.

We gain understanding and wisdom when we hear and do His sayings. Proverbs 9:10; Psalm 111:10; Matthew 7:24-27; James 1:22.

2. **Practice hearing from God** in comfortable and good times.

Genesis 12:1-4 "*Now the Lord had said to Abram:*
"Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran."

Genesis 13:1-2 "*Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South. Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold*."

Disobedience gets you away from what God has already provided to you. There is no curse or penalty assigned by God, whatever happens is a consequence of our disobedience and solely our fault.

Meditate on the verses below from Exodus 3 and 33 and see with the eyes of your heart that the burning bush is within you. Answer the Lord's call, look at Him listen to Him and begin to talk with Him. See His glory which is His goodness.

Exodus 3:1-6 "*Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush.* ***So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight***

why the bush does not burn.*"*
*So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "****Moses, Moses!"***
And he said, "Here I am*."*
*Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Moreover He said, "****I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God***."

Exodus 33:7-11 "*Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the Lord went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp. So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle.* ***And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses****. All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door.* ***So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.*** *And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle*."

Exodus 33:13-14 "*Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight,* ***show me now Your way, that I may know You*** *and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people."*
*And He said, "****My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest***."

Exodus 33:16-20 "***For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us****? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."*
*So the Lord said to Moses, "****I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name****." And he said, "****Please, show me Your glory.****"*
Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you*. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."* ***But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live***."

Matthew 5:8 "***Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God***."

Meditate on 1 Corinthians 3:16 "*Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you*?"

3. **Expect to be led by the Spirit of God**.

The real man is the spirit. We were created in the image of God. God leads us by our spirits.
Romans 8:14-16
Proverbs 20:27

John 1:11-13 "*He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:* ***who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God***."

John 3:8 "*The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit*."

When we are born again, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us. Our spirits became brand new, not restored. Our spirit has been born again. We are new creatures. We are led by the Spirit of God not by our minds or emotions. Our conscience is the voice of our spirit and a safe guide for a born again Christian. The Holy Spirit doesn't make us do anything that we don't want to do.

John 16:7-11 "***Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.*** *And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me;* ***of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more****; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged*."

John 16:12-14 *"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.* ***However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth****; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you*."

4. **Surrender**.

We must yield to be led by the Holy Spirit. The surrender to the Holy Spirit must be absolute. The poor of spirit (of the world) are the humble. Humility is absolute and complete dependence on the Lord. It is not less of me, more of Him; it is none of me, all of Him.

Less of me more of Him is what John the Baptist told his followers, not what Jesus told us. This is what I tell the people whom I disciple, when they ask me numerous questions. In other words, I tell them to ask the Lord, to ask the Holy Spirit, for He is our true teacher.

Some of Him and some of us leads us is to be double minded. This is exactly what James cautions us not to do:
James 1:5-8 "*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways*."

Luke 9:23 "*Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me*."

When Jesus says deny yourselves, pick up the cross and follow Me, He means die to self (not a little bit or a lot, just die).

It is about how often the Spirit has us. It is about how often have we surrendered to Him not how much of the Spirit we have (we have Him all). He guides us through our spirits by faith. The senses are designed to live in the physical world. God doesn't lead us through our minds. The mind takes us to self effort.

Genesis 1:26-27
Genesis 2:7
John 3:3-8
Ezekiel 36:26-29; 11:19-20
I will give you a new heart. It is talking about the spirit of man is refreshed, it is being ignited again. We receive the nature of God.

1 Peter 3:3-4
2 Corinthians 5:17
A new man in Christ, a new creature, a new creation.

Intensity

It is important to remember, however, that Sanctification takes a lifetime. Not every moment of our lives will we act truly dead to self. Not every moment will we be the perfect image of Jesus. Yet we will have our moments when the glory of God is clearly revealed in us. These are the moments when we act truly (100%) dead to self and it is not we who live but Christ who lives in us (Galatians 2:20). It is important to remember that death is a matter of all or nothing; you can't be 99% dead and 1% alive. When you are dead, you're 100% dead! This refers to the intensity of Sanctification;. We are truly sanctified when we realize that we are already 100% dead — and we act like it! Some Christians misinterpret John the Baptist's statement, ""*He must increase, but I must decrease.*" (John 3:30 NKJV) to mean that We gradually grow from being 10% Jesus and 90% old man/self to being 50/50% and finally 99% Jesus and only 1% old man/self. No, as believers, we're 100% dead to self, period. The question is, "Are we acting dead to self and reflecting Christ's image, or are we acting as if the old man/self were still alive, as if we were still wearing our old corrupt "clothes". Do we rely on the mind of Christ, which we receive when we put on Christ, or do we rely on our old man's natural, carnal mind. Do we judge and doubt the things of the Spirit of God with our carnal minds. If so, James says we are being double minded.

James 1:6-8 NKJV *"But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."*

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 NKJV *"But the natural (carnally minded) 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. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But* ***we have the mind of Christ****."*

Romans 8:5-8 NKJV *"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God."*

Ephesians 4:17-18 NKJV *"This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;"*

Romans 12:2 NKJV *“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.”*

Frequency
Another aspect of Sanctification is the frequency with which we see it manifested. As new believers, we usually act 100% dead to self and are the perfect image of Jesus only on rare occasions — maybe 10% of the time, maybe only 1% of the time! As we grow in our faith and in Sanctification, however, we see these moments of death to self and the glorious revelation of Christ within us more and more often. This is the frequency aspect of Sanctification. By God’s Grace, we keep growing towards a revelation of 100% death to self 100% of the time (Philippians 1:6). Remember that it is God who completes this work in you. You don’t do it through your own effort; you just need to let God do His work in you (Philippians 2:13).

Philippians 1:6 NKJV *“being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”*

5. What happens when we are led by the Holy Spirit?

Partial list

A. Contrary to public believe, we work more than anybody else because we are resting in Him.

1 Corinthians 15:10 “*But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me*.”

B .We do what is right effortlessly.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 “*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.* ***I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them***.”

C. We acquire the mind of Christ and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 2:16 *For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?”*

But we have the mind of Christ."

D. We have the power not to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16 "*I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh*."

E. We are led to the truth.

John 16:13 "*However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come*."

F. We have power over darkness. We are the light of the world.

Matthew 5:14-16 "*You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven*."

John 1:4-5 "*In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it*."

H. We overcome the world.

1 John 5:4-5 "*For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God*?"

I. We receive power to be His witnesses "*For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power" (*1 Corinthians 4:20).

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*."

This was just a sample of what happens when we are led by the Holy Spirit. I would like

to encourage you to add to the list of things that we are able to do when we are led by the Holy Spirit because as believers we are not just humans, we are humans in whom the Spirit of the Lord dwells!

6. Become spiritually conscious

1 Thessalonians 5:23
Man is a spirit being. God leads us through our spirits. Spiritual things supersede natural things. John 4:24

Natural things mean more to some people than spiritual things. 1 Corinthians 2:14

Faith is the key to the spiritual world (See Phase 1, Session 6 and Phase 2, Session 5).

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 "*Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, **yet the inward man is being renewed day by day**. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, **while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal***."

Hebrews 11:3 "*By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible*."

John 1:3 "*All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made*."

John 1:10 "*He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him*."

Colossians 1:15-18 "*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence*."

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and*

marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
John 4:24 "*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth*."

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

John 4:14 "*but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life*."

John 7:37-39 "*On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified*."

John 6:54-56 "*Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him*."

John 3:3-8 "*Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*
Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"
Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

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III. Email to be sent to participants after session 3
Dear Brothers and Sisters is Christ,

Per our conversation today, the following are some relevant verses on the subject of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Tongues:

The Baptism of The Holy Spirit

Jesus began His ministry only when He received the Holy Spirit **after** He was baptized. Matthew 3:16-17 "***When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him****. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*."

Jesus instructed His disciples not to do anything until they were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 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*."

Acts 1:4-5 "*And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water,* ***but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now****.*"

Jesus told His disciples that they would be His witnesses when they receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them.

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.*"

They received the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues.

Acts 2:1-4 "*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.* ***And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance***."
These were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus but had not revealed the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:5-8 "*Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city*."

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*."

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

Paul received his sight and was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:10-12, 17 "*Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias."*
And he said, "Here I am, Lord."
So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."
*17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "****Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit***."

These gentiles received the Holy Spirit before they were baptized.

Acts 10:44-46 "***While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word****. 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****. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, "Can anyone forbid water,* ***that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have****?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days*."

These 12 men didn't receive the Holy Spirit when they believed. They were baptized in the name of Jesus and then Paul laid hands on them and the Holy Spirit cane upon them.

Acts 19:1-7 "*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."
And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?"
So they said, "Into John's baptism."
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."
***When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <u>And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied</u>**. Now the men were about twelve in all*.

The verse sequence presented to you (Matthew 3:14-17, Acts 1:7-8, Acts 8:14-17 and Acts 19:1-7) indicates that there are two separate events: one the baptism of water (belief-Salvation, the indwelling of the Spirit) in which we receive the Holy Spirit and a second event, the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Lordship, the infilling of the Spirit-Confirmation).

This resembles the words of many preachers I have heard when the say, "you can't get more of the Holy Spirit, but you can allow the Holy Spirit to have more of you." The first part of his statement is the indwelling, received when we believed and publicly acknowledged at water baptism. This is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit — 1 Corinthians 12:13, 3:16, 6:19-20. The second is the infilling of the Spirit when we acknowledge His Lordship. This is the infilling of the Holy Spirit — Ephesians 5:18-20, 1 Corinthians 12:3). This occurs when we decide to fully surrender and submit to leadership of the Holy Spirit, when we agree "*that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again*." 2 Corinthians 5:15. This is when the power of the Holy Spirit is manifested in and through us. See 1 Corinthians 4:20, 1 Thessalonians 1:5, 2 Timothy 3:1-6 and Jude 1:19-23.

There are some denominations that don't perceive that there is a strong argument to support the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a separate and distinctive event, but, of course, they understand the difference between Salvation and Lordship (Indwelling—1

Corinthians 12:13, 3:16, 6:19-20 and infilling—Ephesians 5:18-20, 1 Corinthians 12:3).

According to 1 Corinthians chapter 14 tongues, interpretation of tongues and prophesy are some of the manifestations of the infilling of the Spirit. It is my understanding, however, that if we don't have any of those manifestations it doesn't mean that we have not been baptized in the Spirit (or confirmed or saved).

I have included the views of John Wesley. At the end, I also included links to Andrew Wommack's and Dennis Rouse's sermons that speak about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and tongues.

The Anglican tradition of Confirmation, by which Wesley probably abided, cites Acts 8:14-17 in support of Confirmation. The old Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, which also calls Confirmation the "Laying on of Hands," contains the following prayer by the Bishop, which shows the purpose of Confirmation as something separate from just reaffirming the Baptismal vows:

"Almighty and everliving God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these thy servants by Water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins (note the past tense, because this was done at Baptism/Justification); Strengthen them, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and forever. Amen (future tense, Sanctification)

The following is a link to an article from the *Wesleyan Theological Journal* called, "**THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION**"
http://www.lcoggt.org/Articles/bapt_of_the_holy_spirit_in_wes_trn.htm

The following paragraph near the end of the article sums it up well:

"Wesley had said many times that the three criteria of doctrine are Scripture, reason and experience. Hundreds of Christians who knew they had been “born of the water and of the Spirit” later saw the need of heart purity and perfect love. They sought and experienced what they thought appropriate to describe as the “baptism of the Holy Spirit,” not for the remission of sins, but rather for purity and power, an experience like that of Jesus’ disciples at Pentecost."

If you don't have time to read the whole article now, the following link is to a short (7min.) youtube video from Seedbed, which discusses Wesley, the Holy Spirit and Pentecost, and the holiness movement.:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=qx5bhDixAUs

It is most likely that you have it all and that there is no reason to be concerned. I just wanted you to see what the Scriptures say, so that in prayer and meditation you would ask the Lord to confirm your understanding. I hope that this helps.

Speaking, Praying and Singing in Tongues

In prayer I asked the Lord for a period of several months for the gift of tongues, and I received this gift. I also asked someone to lay hands on me and baptize me in the Holy Spirit.

Regarding tongues, start with Romans 8:26-27 and the whole chapter 14 of 1 Corinthians. You may also want to read 1 Corinthians chapter 12. Then, go through the following list of Scriptures, which I found very helpful to explain the reasons why a believer should speak in tongues.

Praying in tongues enable us to pray for the unknown, for the Holy Spirit knows everything. It is also praying in accordance to the perfect will of God, for the Spirit gives us utterance.

Romans 8:26-27 "*Likewise the Spirit also helps in our 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. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God*."

These are the words of Jesus.

Mark 16:17-18 "*And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; **they will speak with new tongues**; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.*"

Our faith is strengthened when we pray in tongues.

Jude 1:20 “*But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit*,”

Speaking in tongues first occurred when they were filled with 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*.”

This is the purpose of tongues
1 Corinthians 14:2,4,14
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.*
4 ***He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself,*** *but he who prophesies edifies the church.*
14 ***For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays****, but my understanding is unfruitful*.

With tongues we give thanks and praise the Lord.

1 Corinthians 14:15-17 “*What is the conclusion then? I will* ***pray*** *with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will* ***sing*** *with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. 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? For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified*.

Paul expresses his gratitude that he speaks in tongues more than anyone else.
1 Corinthians 14:18 “*I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all*;”

Paul wishes that we all speak in tongues.
1 Corinthians 14:5 “***I wish you all spoke with tongues****, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification*.”

Tongues are a sign for unbelievers
1 Corinthians 14:22 “*Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.”*

Edify yourself and others while maintaining order.
1 Corinthians 14:27-28 “*How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of*

you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. ***Let all things be done for edification****. If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn,* ***and let one interpret***."

A word of caution from the Scriptures to not forbid to speak with tongues and to have order in the church.
1 Corinthians 14:39-40 "*Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and* ***do not forbid to speak with tongues****. Let all things be done decently and in order*."

1 Corinthians 14:12-13 *Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.* ***Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret***."

The Scriptures also invite us to pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, including tongues and interpretation of tongues.
1 Corinthians 14:1 "***Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts,*** *but especially that you may prophesy*."

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 "***Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:*** *You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit*."

1 Corinthians 12:31 "***But earnestly desire the best gifts.*** *And yet I show you a more excellent way*."

1 Corinthians 12:10-13 "*to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues,* ***to another the interpretation of tongues****. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills*."

As we saw in previous verses, it is the Holy Spirit who gives us utterance in tongues, so speaking in tongues is proof that the Holy Spirit abides within us, and will do so forever.

John 14:16-17 "*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 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*."

Also see 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20

Some people say that tongues are only naturally existing languages known and spoken by someone in the world. They probably rely on Acts 2.4 and or, 1 Corinthians 14:6-13, particularly verses 10-11. That is of course one way in which tongues are manifested.

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*."

1 Corinthians 14:10-11 "***There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance****. Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me*.

There is, however, the possibility that at Pentecost those who received the Holy Spirit spoke in a spiritual language uttered by the Holy Spirit to people from 10 different language cultures, who all were able to understand the speakers. This points to natural language understanding, not natural language speaking. The support for this possibility can be found in acts 2:6-8. *And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together,* ***and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language****. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "****Look, are not all these who speak Galileans****? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born*?

The KJV makes this possibility even clearer:
Acts 2:8 KJV "***And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?***"

The same could be said about Acts 2:11-12
*Cretans and Arabs—****we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.****" So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"*
Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

The mocking could also point to an unheard, unknown and non natural language.

There are verses that clearly lead us to believe that tongues are also spiritual languages and unknown in the natural world.

1 Corinthians 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*.

1 Corinthians 13:1 “***Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels****, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal*.”

Romans 8:26 “*Likewise the Spirit also helps in our 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***.”

We know that when we pray in tongues, we pray in the Spirit according to God's will. This is how the Holy Spirit helps us bring our hearts and tongues to submission to His will. The tongue can’t be controlled primarily because the problem is not of the tongue, but the heart. However, even when the heart is healed (Adam and Eve before the fall), the tongue may still spew poison coming out of their heart (Eve during her conversation with the devil at the fall when she added to what the Lord had said). The only possible way to bring the heart (our heart is weak — Psalm 73:26, 1 John 3:20) and the tongue into submission, is by yielding the heart and the tongue to the Holy Spirit. We know that when we are praying in tongues, we are praying in the Spirit according to the will of God. This is how the Holy Spirit helps us bring our hearts and tongues into submission to His will.
James 3:1-11. See V8 “*But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison*.”

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