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Part 26 – Objections to Speaking in Tongues – Part 2

It is obvious that over the centuries, the devil has plagued the church with lies as to why Christians don't need the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Last week, we focused on four objections that many in the church world have about speaking in tongues and today we continue with more.

OBJECTION #5: The speaking in other tongues is merely psychic ejaculations by persons who are in a state of delirium or religious frenzy.

Answer: Many have said this, that Christians are in a state of frenzy, euphoria or disorientation and are operating in the psychic realm when speaking in tongues. They try to discredit it by making it look like religious frenzy. The disciple Luke wrote the book of Acts under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and clearly states in **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.”*

The Holy Spirit gave them the ability to speak in other tongues, the utterance is the language from the Holy Spirit. So for a person to attribute this utterance as psychic ejaculations, and delirium while in a religious frenzy, is saying that this work of the Holy Spirit is of the devil. This is a very serious sin. Stating this as truth is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, which, by the way is unforgivable.

We read in **Matthew 12:24-32** the following; *“Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, “This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad. “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. 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.”*

This should put the fear of God in a person and keep them from attributing the work of the Holy Spirit as being that of the devil, Beelzebub. You can blaspheme Jesus, his disciples, his mother, his brothers and sisters, and me and be forgiven. But if you blaspheme the Holy Spirit you will not be forgiven.

I think Pastors need to get a little more backbone, so to speak, and warn the Church to not blaspheme the Holy Spirit by accrediting speaking in tongues to being that of the devil.

OBJECTION #6: The passage of Mark 16:9-20, in which are included the words, *‘they shall speak with new tongues’* as one of the signs to follow believers, is a spurious, forged or false addition to the book of Mark.

Answer: The Vatican manuscript has left out these scriptures in the Catholic Bible for the most part and ends the book with Mark saying in verse **8**; *“So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”* Even non-Catholic Bibles will have in quotations or footnotes as a disclaimer saying that it may or may not be part of what Mark originally wrote. So what has this done? Opened the door for many Christians to discredit it, meaning that Jesus really didn't say what He said.

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This abrupt ending is so obvious, leaving out the supernatural appearances of Jesus after his resurrection to Mary Magdalene, two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and the eleven apostles where he gives the great commission before ascending to heaven. This is Mark the evangelist and one who traveled and ministered with Peter, Paul and Barnabas. Do you really think he would have ended his book of 16 chapters with; “...for they were afraid.”? It’s obvious a lot of scripture after Jesus’ resurrection was purposefully left out by the Vatican and has also infiltrated Evangelical Christianity.

Here is the full text that has been left out in **Mark 16:9-20**: “Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 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.” So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.”

I’m quite sure the devil is very happy that these scriptures have been removed from some manuscripts. These scriptures are in perfect agreement with rest of the teaching found in the New Testament. Look at some of these scriptures that attest to what Jesus said:

- **Matthew 10:8**; “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”
- **Matthew 28:19-20**; “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.”
- **Acts 28:8**; “And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him.”
- **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.”
- **Acts 19:6**; “And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”
- **Acts 10:46**; “For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.”

So, to say that Mark 16:9-20 is just a spurious addition, you’re obviously reading a Vatican version of the Bible that has totally removed it. You need to keep in mind that there are uncial and cursive manuscripts together that recognize these scriptures as genuine.

OBJECTION #7: Certain Scriptures state that one cannot be a Christian unless he has the Holy Spirit. There are many who have felt the regenerating and sanctifying power of the Spirit, and have not spoken in other tongues.

Answer: A believer has a measure of the Holy Spirit. Unless you’re born again you cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven as **John 3:5** clearly states; “Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” You can’t be a Christian with out having the Holy Spirit.

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John 14:17 says this; *“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.”* All Christians have the Holy Spirit, but there is an additional baptism of the Holy Spirit. There is a difference that Jesus stated with the words, ‘with’ and ‘in’. ‘Dwells with’ indicating present tense and ‘will be in’ indicating a future tense.

John 20:19-23 says; *“Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”*

This is the resurrected Jesus Christ speaking here. This shows as he breathed on them the Holy Spirit, being the crucial part of the born-again experience. Some have confused these scriptures and led many to believe that there was no difference from this scripture and now the one in **Acts 1:4-8** where it says; *“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.**” Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 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.”*

It could sound confusing to think that Jesus breathed on them once to receive the Holy Spirit for them to become born-again, and now he’s telling them to **wait** for the Holy Spirit. But it isn’t confusing. It’s talking about two different evidences or workings of the Holy Spirit. In no uncertain terms Jesus was saying, ‘you need this baptism’.

The disciples could have asked Jesus; ‘but didn’t you already breath the Holy Spirit on us?’ Clearly yes, but Jesus was ordering them to wait for the Holy Spirit who would visit them in just a few short days, that he would be **in** them. On a side note, the word for ‘power’ mentioned above when he says; *“you shall receive **power**”*, is the Greek word **dunamij** – pronounced *doonamis*. This definition of power differs from other verses where power is used. This is *“force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself):--ability, abundance, meaning, might(-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle(-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work”*.

John 7:37-39 says this; *“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.”*

Jesus is obviously talking about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit because while not yet glorified, he gives them the Holy Spirit in **John 20:22**; *“And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”*

So, they only received a portion of the Holy Spirit and they were born-again, and later received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. **Acts 2:1-4** says; *“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*

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

This is what each of us needs to overcome the devil in this world.

If you're born again today but don't speak in tongues, you do need to ask for this baptism in the Holy Spirit, to empower you to do what He's called you to do. Don't say you don't need it and turn away from it.

After Peter and John had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, they were arrested, thrown in prison for preaching in the name of Jesus, and when they were released, they were let go and returned to their own companions. It says then in **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.”*

You can read the full chapter in Acts 4, but it shows that even after already being Baptized in the Holy Spirit, they were filled with the Holy Spirit **again**, which gave them power to preach with boldness. It's a continual work of the Holy Spirit. There will be seasons in your life where you'll need more of the Holy Spirit than you need right now, to carry you through whatever you'll be going through.

Back to this Objection then; *‘Certain Scriptures state that one cannot be a Christian unless he has the Holy Spirit. There are many who have felt the regenerating and sanctifying power of the Spirit, and have not spoken in other tongues.’*

We've now studied that it is evident that you have to have the Holy Spirit to be a Christian. It's not about good works, religious belief systems, structure, formalities, or rational thinking. The disciples were **COMMANDED TO GO AND WAIT** to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit after already receiving the Holy Spirit at conversion. Then after waiting, they did receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and spoke in tongues as we've studied. They still received more of the Holy Ghost as we just read in Acts 4. The Bible is the blue print to follow; no if's, but's or maybes. It's an ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in your life that you need.

So then according to Acts 4, you can be preaching, praying in tongues, prophesying, operating in the nine gifts of the Spirit, but you still need a continual infilling to grow into the next level of what God has in store for you. It's like you need more power to go to the next level which will have a new devil and that you'll need to conquer. This is what happened to Peter, John and the rest. They were emboldened even more when the place was shaken and they were filled with the Holy Spirit! We're not exempt brothers and sisters.

In conclusion, so long as you think that you have no need of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and to be continually filled by him, you're operating in a spirit of independence and the end result is that you won't have power over the devil. You can't continue on with last weeks, months or years manna, you need a fresh outpouring and to be continually filled today to be able to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. The very thing that the church needs most is the Holy Ghost. And that's what the devil has fought the most and convinced many to reject. Don't resist any longer.

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Prophetic Word by Pastor Richard at Church today.

I'm not finished yet says the Lord, I'm not finished. I'm just beginning to pour out my Spirit upon you. I've just begun to continually fill you. Don't say I have no need for the infilling of the Holy Spirit – I say be continually filled with the Holy Spirit. Be continually filled until you're overflowing and the river of living water is coming out you and touching the lives of many around you. Don't settle for the scraps under the table, the scraps of religious law that will take you no where in life. Don't settle for the scraps that fall off of the religious table. Don't settle for those scraps today. I've prepared a feast, says the Lord. A rich banquet for you, I've prepared a rich, rich, rich outpouring of my Holy Spirit. Stop settling for the scraps off of the religious leaders table. Settle for nothing less than the out pouring of the Holy Spirit in your life, says the Lord. Stop rejecting my Spirit. Make the Holy Spirit number one in your life and you'll go places. Number one, not #2, but number one. I want first place in your life. I'm not interested in second place, I want first place. Any man who wants to follow me, he has to pick up his cross and deny himself of everything that exalts itself above the very Word of the Lord. Deny yourself today. Give it up. Die to those things in this world that are continually getting in the way of the Holy Spirits work in your life. Give it up. Stop holding on. Stop clinging on to the way the world says a relationship with Christ is. Stop clinging to the law. Stop clinging to the flesh. Stop clinging to those security items, Stop clinging to those things that seem to make for life. I say, says the Lord, that they make for death. I say they make for death. They're so temporal. That's why I say to you, seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and all it's righteousness and everything else will be added unto you. But oh, I think some of you have it backwards today says the Lord. Seek the kingdom, seek the kingdom first, not last. I want the first. You have to choose me first in everything. Put my Holy Spirit first in everything. Number one, not number two. That's the only way you're going to win this battle with the devil. You're not going to win giving the Holy Spirit second place in your life. You're going to lose every time. You're going to lose every time by putting the Holy Spirit second. Put him first and you'll win every battle, every battle. Every battle with the devil, every single battle with the devil you will defeat him if you put the Holy Spirit number one in your life.