

**Overview of Prayer Meeting ~ December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
**How to Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**  
**Chapter 2 ~ Speaking in Other Tongues**

On November 30<sup>th</sup> of this year, the prayer meeting consisted of going through Gordon Lindsay's booklet, *How to Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit*, where we read Chapter 1. If you haven't downloaded it yet, go to this link and receive a free copy of it. [How To Receive The Baptism In The Holy Spirit](#). Today we'll be reviewing Chapter 2.

The gift of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is exactly that, a gift to all Christians by our Heavenly Father. It's something you don't want to reject.

This Christmas season, we have to be grateful for this gift, not only the birth of Jesus, His death, resurrection, the sending of the Holy Spirit to comfort us and to be born again, but also that we might be filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

This gift, we could figuratively say, is under the Christmas tree for you. In some Christian circles it is rejected, it's the gift that in some peoples minds is like, 'not wanted', 'embarrassing' or a gift that is 'regifted'. We've all received those kind of gifts under the tree, and pride kicks in and you think, why open it, I know what it is, it's something I don't want. You've rejected it before you've opened it. How many Christians today, if they're honest, have rejected the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, yet they haven't even opened up the gift of the Father. It's the gift that's given all year round, not just at Christmas. Jesus says in **Luke 11:11-13**; “ *11 If a son asks for [e]bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 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!”*

**Chapter 2 ~ Speaking in Other Tongues** (this won't be verbatim, it's just an overview)

Scriptural evidence will show that speaking in tongues is the evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

1. **Acts 2:4** says, “*And they [the 120 Christians including Christ's own mother and His brothers (Acts 1:14)] were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*”

2. **Acts 8:17, 18**, “*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,*” **What did he see? He saw them speaking in other tongues.**

3. **Acts 9:17**; “*And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord [a]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.”* **Hands were laid on Saul to receive the Holy Spirit and we know according to 1 Corinthians 14:18 that Saul (Paul), spoke in tongues more than all.**

4. **Acts 10:46**, “*For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.*” **Peter heard these Gentiles, Cornelius and his house, speak in tongues.**

5. **Acts 19:6**; “6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.” **This speaks for itself. Close to 30 years after Pentecost, the baptism in the Holy Spirit was still being received by Christians – Jew and Gentile.**

So what is God’s purpose for speaking in tongues and the reason for this manifestation?

### **Why Speaking in Tongues is Important**

Many Christians might not disagree that speaking in other tongues is scriptural, yet they’ll say it’s not important or it’s not needed for today.

Here are some points that reiterate that it is important.

1. The speaking in other tongues is the “rest” and the “refreshing” promised from the Lord. This was prophesied hundreds of years before the Day of Pentecost. “*For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people. To whom He said, ‘with which you may cause the weary to rest;’ and ‘This is the refreshing:’ yet they would not hear*” (**Isaiah 28:11, 12**).

How many need rest and refreshing? No one can say they don’t. Even at Christmas, you can take a holiday, rest, eat, sleep in, it’s filled with fun and family and at the end, you need another holiday to rest and recuperate after the first one. That’s why all the New Year’s resolutions...especially weight loss. Not that these things aren’t important, but that’s not where true spiritual rest and refreshing come from. True rest and refreshing, will happen to you spirit, soul and body. The presence of the Holy Spirit in your life as a result of speaking in tongues brings that true rest and refreshing. The Holy Spirit who gives the utterance of tongues, is the rest.

Sometimes you’ll wake up in the middle of the night and can’t sleep, but when you start praying in tongues, Holy Spirit will pray what you need and even though you might have lost minutes or hours of sleep, you’ll be more refreshed when you wake up in the morning. It’s a supernatural refreshing of the Holy Spirit, it’s not a natural refreshing that comes from food, sleep, holidays, beaches etc., and even those are nice, they cannot match the rest that Holy Spirit will give you.

*“However, speaking in other tongues alone is not why there is “rest” and “refreshing.” You experience “rest” and “refreshing” because of the Presence of the Holy Spirit inside of you and speaking through you. This manifestation and Presence of the Holy Spirit is what actually becomes the great blessing, the great “rest,” and the great “refreshing.” This is another proof that the infilling of the Holy Spirit is accompanied with the speaking in other tongues, for the latter could not be the “refreshing” unless it were accompanied by the Presence of the Spirit. That’s why Peter, immediately after the Day of Pentecost, when the Early Church was in the flow of its great Pentecostal experience, called the Jews to repent and receive the blessing in “the time of refreshing ... from the presence of the Lord.” “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” (Acts 3:19).” Gordon Lindsay*

2. In the Great Commission, Christ said that believers should speak in other tongues.

*“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’”*

**Mark 16:15-17.**

These signs are to follow all those that believe. You can be a Christian and not believe nor receive. None of these commandments can be taken out, removed or cast aside. They're all equal in their significance. You can be a believer and not believe in healing the sick, or casting out demons or any signs that Jesus said are to follow those who believe in Him. Speaking in tongues is in the same category as healing the sick and casting out demons.

3. He that speaks in other tongues “speaks to God.”

*In this verse, Paul declares that a man who speaks in an unknown tongue speaks to God! Many people wonder or question God's purpose for speaking in other languages. Here is one reason, sufficient it is, even if it were the only one. He, who speaks in an unknown tongue, speaks unto God! ~ Gordon Lindsay*

4. The believer who speaks in tongues edifies himself.

*“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church” (1 Corinthians 14:4).*

*This statement is one that a man on the outside usually does not understand. He hears someone speak in tongues, and he cannot see any blessings in it. This is not surprising, for the Apostle Paul declares that the speaking in other tongues is not for the purpose of edifying the listener. For this reason, Paul taught that speaking in tongues in the assembly, unless accompanied by interpretation, was to be discouraged (1 Corinthians 14:6).*

*The fact is that speaking in other tongues, except in special instances, is not designed to edify the listener. The speaking in other tongues is a spiritual exercise designed to edify the speaker. Paul said, “He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself” (vs. 4). The fact that the apostle was sincere in this statement is reflected in his statement, “I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all.”*

*Naturally, until a person speaks in tongues, he cannot understand how it can be a blessing to him or how he is edified by it. Once he receives the Holy Spirit, he finds the experience carries with it a rich spiritual blessing. It is a supernatural experience that he never forgets. ~ Gordon Lindsay*

5. One may pray in the Spirit through an unknown tongue.

*“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” (Romans 8:26, 27).*

No matter the trials of life, what the New Year will bring and whatever your cares are that come from real life experience with the devil sowing fear, doubt and unbelief. When that happens, you pray in tongues and you'll pray God's perfect will. There is an anti-Christ agenda in the world and at Christmas in particular the devil ramps up and tries to steal the Christ-child out of you, to steal God's promises, to get you to be discouraged, despondent and not even hopeful for a future and to shut down your prayer life. In those times you're to pray in tongues over the situations and praying the perfect will of the Father.

*“How does the Spirit pray through us? We may be sure the Spirit seeks to help us, whatever is the manner in which we pray. This, however, is not what the Apostle is speaking about here. It is evident he is referring to prayer in the Spirit, through an unknown tongue. In such case, the Holy Spirit prays through the believer. Now, Paul says he will pray with the Spirit and with his understanding – both ways. It is good to pray with understanding, but it is also good to pray with the Spirit. When we are at a loss for words to express ourselves in prayer, the Spirit will, in the unknown tongues, take the need and lift it up to God.” ~ Gordon Lindsay*

The Holy Spirit knows all things and He knows God’s heart. It is not an accident that the great promise in Romans 8:28 follows the promise found in 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. 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”*.

This promise speaks of the Holy Spirit as the intercessor within us. With the Holy Spirit praying through us, all things are bound to work for our good. *“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” (Romans 8:28).*

6. Speaking in tongues is a gift to the Church.

*“Apart from the private use of the gift is its purpose in the assembly, although not all believers will manifest the gift in public. Before it can be used in public, it must first be used in private. The gifts of the Spirit are truly needed.*

*We must not allow this gift to cease in the Church, although it must operate in accordance with the instructions laid down in 1 Corinthians 14. A Christian may not have any other public ministry than this gift and their usefulness in the church increases with the interpretation of tongues, which would be equal to the prophetic utterance. The manifestation of these gifts helps confirm the people of God and assists in preparing them for the Coming of Christ.” ~ Gordon Lindsay*

With this teaching in mind, as a church we prayed for various needs in our community, the church and personal needs. We prayed with our understanding and in tongues. We took authority over the demonic that wants only to kill, steal and destroy. Jesus has given us His name to tread upon serpents, scorpions and over all the power of the devil. That means when we pray in faith, believing we receive, the demonic assignments are broken and rendered null and void.

Receive the greatest gift this Christmas, Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and receive the gift He said the Heavenly Father would give you, the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues and receive the rest and refreshing you’re heart is desiring.