

Speaking in Tongues

(Acts 2:1-18)

Being baptized with the Holy Spirit includes speaking in tongues.

The Holy Spirit enables and empowers both men and women to speak in tongues and prophesy.

Acts 2:32-33 (NKJV)

32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

Acts 2:4 (NLT)

And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Acts 2:11 (NKJV)

“...we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”

Acts 2:11 (AMP)

“...we all hear them speaking in our own native tongues [and telling of] the mighty works of God!”

Acts 2:11 (NCV)

“...we hear them telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!”

Acts 10:44-46 (NKJV)

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

45 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.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Acts 9:17-18 (NKJV)

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.”

18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

1 Corinthians 14:18 (NKJV)

I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all.

1 Corinthians 14:2 (NLT)

For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious.

1 Corinthians 14:2 (NKJV)

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.

Not everybody speaks in tongues, but everybody can pray in tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:14 (NKJV)

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

Ephesians 6:18a (NLT)

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.

Jude 1:20 (NIV)

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

John 7:37-39 (NKJV)

37 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.

38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

39 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.

1 Corinthians 14:4a (AMP)

He who speaks in a [strange] tongue edifies and improves himself.

1. Praying in tongues strengthens you and builds you up.

Jude 1:20-21 (NKJV)

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

2. Praying in tongues helps you walk in love.

Romans 8:26 (NKJV)

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.

3. Praying in tongues helps you pray when you don't know exactly what to pray for.

Luke 11:13 (NLT)

"So if you sinful people 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."