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The Holy Spirit #5 - The Benefits Of Speaking In Tongues

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The Holy Spirit has been given to us in order to be an aid and fulfill the many needs in our lives. We have learned in the previous teachings that He is a helper, comforter, counselor, teacher, standby, intercessor and advocate. The Holy Ghost has been given to us in the absence of Jesus. Scholars believe that John 14, 15 and 16 were shared with the disciples at the Last Supper and that John 17 was in the Garden of Gethsemane. In these 4 chapters Jesus was trying to help His disciples understand what was going to happen to Him and prepare them for His departure, but that in His absence the Holy Spirit would be sent to them. He would be their aid and support.

John 16:7-13 (7)"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." (13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." KJV

John 14:16-18 "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." KJV

1 John 2:27 "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." KJV

The Holy Spirit will be with us and in us forever, just like Jesus told His disciples. He dwells within us. We have learned that there are three baptisms for the believers, 1) salvation or the new birth, 2) water, 3) the Holy Spirit. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John teach of these 3 baptisms. We need to be willing to accept all three of these baptisms, not rejecting the baptism of the Holy Spirit due to false

teachings or things we have learned wrongly.

Acts 1: 4-5 "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." KJV

The book of Acts tells how the disciples and others were instructed to tarry in Jerusalem, how the Holy Spirit baptized the believers, how many received and the many people who came to know the truth about Jesus and the many miracles which followed. Then some 20 years later, Paul teaches about finding believers and praying for them to receive the Holy Spirit and how they all spoke with other tongues. That the gift of the Holy Spirit was just not for the Jews but for the Gentiles as well.

For 40 days after Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to men. In Luke 24 they were instructed to tarry in Jerusalem in order to receive power and in Matthew 28 Jesus is instructing his disciples how they were to go into the world and make other disciples.

Major revivals or moves of God in the past, have always begun by people speaking in tongues.

We find that there are many benefits to speaking in tongues for all individuals. This experience of speaking in tongues should be a stream in our lives that never dries up. We must not allow this to happen to us.

1 Cor 14:2-4 "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. 4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church" KJV

Speaking to God, or "God talk" is one of the benefits of speaking in tongues. We speak to God and not to individuals and this can be done anytime anywhere. We recharge or build up ourselves when we are speaking in an unknown tongue. Speaking in tongues promotes growth and wisdom. It will enable us to gain control and overcome situations in our lives given the chance, but we have to yield to the Holy Spirit allowing the stream to flow in our life.

Edify means to build up, be a house builder or to repair or build again.

However, when we prophesy in an unknown tongue, we edify the church. There is a difference in speaking in an unknown tongue for the individual and prophesying to the church.

Paul says not to be ignorant or forbid to speak in tongues.

1 Cor 14:38-40 "But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant. 39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. 40 Let all things be done decently and in order." KJV

Research at ORU by Dr. Peterson, showed the difference in those who spoke in tongues and those who did not. He said that as individuals pray or praise in the Holy Ghost in a heavenly language, the brain releases two chemicals which are directed into our immunity system which gives a boost of 35% and promotes healing in our bodies. This comes from a part of our brains which do not have any other activity unless we pray in the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a helper and will help us in prayer and in our infirmities. The Holy Spirit knows how and what needs to be prayed for.

Rom 8:26-27 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." KJV

Rom 8:26-27 "So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid *and* bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer *nor* how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication *and* pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings *and* groanings too deep for utterance. 27 And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is], because the Spirit intercedes *and* pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to *and* in harmony with God's will." AMP

Rom 8:26-27 "Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good." MESSAGE

Jude 20 "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost," KJV

Examples given of how Oral Roberts, John G. Lake and the Garlock's would pray in the Holy Spirit and the things that God would show them regarding their ministries and how to proceed or do what He showed them. The miracles that would take place. They all acknowledged that it was because of praying in tongues.

Speaking or praying in tongues is a tool that God has given to us. More prayer - more hearing from Him on what and how to do things. Giving instruction to us.

Tapping into the mind of God.

Isa 28:9-12 "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear." KJV

For those who desire to know more about the Holy Spirit, the benefits of speaking in tongues, the following scriptures are a must, meditating them will enable us to know more.

1 Cor 2:10-16 "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ." KJV

Purpose to let the gift of the Holy Spirit become an everflowing stream in our lives.

