

# The Coming Of The Holy Spirit: The Gifts.

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## 1. (1-4) The Filling Of The Holy Spirit.

The Day of Pentecost was a Jewish feast held fifty days after Passover. It was a time to celebrate the firstfruits of the harvest. At Pentecost, the firstfruits of the wheat harvest were given to God; therefore, Pentecost is called the day of Firstfruits (Numbers 28:26).

The Holy Spirit manifested Himself in the sound of the rushing wind and appeared as tongues of fire without burning up their heads. At the Baptism of Jesus the Spirit came down in form of a Dove...

In certain places in the Old Testament, God showed His special pleasure with a sacrifice by a fire from heaven coming down to consume the sacrifice. At Pentecost God sends a fire from heaven to show His pleasure and power, but this time, it descended upon living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

## 2. (5-13) The Gifts Of The Holy Spirit-Tongues.

As a result of the filling of the Holy Spirit, they began to speak with other tongues. These were languages that they were never taught, and they spoke these languages as the Spirit gave them utterance, *the wonderful works of God*.

The crowd was heard inquiring, "Whatever could this mean?" This is the gift/grace of the Holy Spirit, an undeserved supernatural ability.

- i. The gift of tongues is a personal language of prayer, whereby the believer communicates with God beyond the limits of knowledge and understanding.  
**1 Corinthians 14:4** – *He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself,*
- ii. When someone speaks in tongues in a church service, others who are gifted accordingly must give an interpretation.  
**1 Corinthians 14:27-28** - *If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.*
- iii. (14-21) Peter Explains:

These men are not drunk, but have been filled, empowered and gifted by the Spirit of God in fulfillment of **Joel 2:28-32**. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in us, in order that we might have power to be real witnesses for Jesus Christ.

**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,*

#### 1 Corinthians 12:1-10; 14

- i. Word of wisdom; acting appropriately in a situation.
- ii. Word of knowledge; facts about something or someone supernaturally.
- iii. Faith; belief in God Word and promises.
- iv. Healings; supernatural recovery from an illness or disorder.
- v. Miracles; supernatural occurrences in human impossibilities.
- vi. Prophecy; foretelling the future, encouraging and warning.
- vii. Discerning of spirits; distinguishing good and evil.
- viii. Different kinds of tongues; speaking in other languages not previously known.
- ix. Interpretation of tongues; interpreting languages not previously know.

#### Romans 12:4-8

- i. Prophecy...
- ii. Ministry; helping with anything.
- iii. Exhortation; challenging and encouraging.
- iv. Giving; cheerfully and willful generosity.
- v. Leading or Administration; leaders in any capacity.
- vi. Mercy; helping others in need regardless whether or not they're undeserving.

#### Ephesians 4:11-12

- i. Apostles; going out with the Gospel message, missionaries.
- ii. Prophets...
- iii. Evangelists; calling people to salvation.
- iv. Pastors-Teachers; explaining God's Word.

We should notice that the speaking in tongues stopped when Peter began to preach and we are going to see various people being filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit in multiple ways for different ministries.

**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!"*

**Ephesians 5:18** - *And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit...*