**John 3:5-8**

Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom.**6**Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7**Don’t be surprised that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ **8**God’s Spirit[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+3%3A5-8+&version=CEB#fen-CEB-26118a)] blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. It’s the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” **CEB**

***The baptism of the Holy Ghost is not an experience apart from Jesus Christ - it is the evidence of the ascended Christ.***

**Acts 2:33** *Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.*

**Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 1:13;** **Hebrews 8:1; Hebrews 10:12; Hebrews 12:2**

* **Did I receive the Holy Spirit when I was saved?**

**Eph 1:13-14** (also 4:30); **John 14:16-17; Romans 8:14-16**

* Are Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit the same thing? **Acts 8:12-17**
* Jesus told them to wait /tarry in Jerusalem for what? **Acts 1:4-8**
* Where does the power come from? **Luke 24:49**

**So, then, how does the Baptism in the Holy Spirit happen?**

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| Verse | Received Holy Spirit | Sound from Heaven | Mighty Wind | Tongues of Fire | Spoke in Tongues | Prophesied  |
| Acts 2:1-7 | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Acts 8:12-19  | X |  |  |  | Can Assume |  |
| Acts 9:17-19 1 Cor. 14:18 | X |  |  |  | X |  |
| Acts 10:44-46(Acts 11:12-16) | X |  |  |  | X |  |
| Acts 19:4-7 | X |  |  |  | X | X |

**The history of wind and fire in the Old Testament**

Wind and fire are used repeatedly in the Bible as symbols of divine presence and power. God spoke to Moses from the burning bush (Ex. 3:1-4), led the Israelites by night in a pillar of fire (Ex. 13:21), and descended on Mount Sinai in fire (Deut. 4). God rides the wind (Ps. 18:10), His judgment is seen as a mighty wind (Is. 11:15; Jer. 30:23), and His way is in the whirlwind (Nahum 1:3). In keeping with this symbolism, supernatural wind and fire preceded the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit to show that God himself was in this incredible event. These signs are not seen again in Scripture.

***Speaking in Tongues: The Spirit Seeking Expression***

* **Who is eligible for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit? Acts 15:7-9**
* **Why Should I want more of the Holy Spirit?**
* What is our primary motivation for seeking this Baptism? **Acts 1:4-8**

**“Power” (dunamis) = energy, power, might, great force, great ability, strength.**

* Other reasons we should want more of the Holy Spirit:

**John 14:26; John 15:26; John 16:7-15**

**Acts 1:8-15; Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 14:2-5; 1 Corinthians 14:13-17; Jude 20; Romans 8:26-27**

(**1 Corinthians 14:14; Ephesians 6:18** )

**Acts 4:31**

**“Boldness” (parrhesia) = outspokenness, unreserved utterance, freedom of speech, with frankness, candor, cheerful courage. The opposite of cowardice, timidity or fear.**

**2 Corinthians 1:21-22; John 7:37-39**

**How Do We Receive**:

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| Verses | Together in Unity | Laid Hands On Them | Hearing the Word  |  |  |  |
| Acts 2:1-7 | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acts 8:12-19  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| Acts 9:17-19 1 Cor. 14:18 |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| Acts 10:44-46(Acts 11:12-16) |  |  | X |  |  |  |
| Acts 19:4 |  | X |  |  |  |  |

With one accord (homothumadon)

Being unanimous, having mutual consent, being in agreement, having group unity, having on mind and purpose. The disciples had an intellectual unanimity, an emotional rapport, and volitional agreement in the newly founded church. In each of its occurrences, homothumadon shows a harmony leading to action.

**John 14:12-14** {Simply ask.} ***12****Very truly I tell you, all who have faith in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.****13****And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.****14****You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

**Matthew 7:7; Acts 1:4; Luke 24:49**

We need the Holy Spirit to acknowledge who Jesus Christ is: **1 Corinthians 12:3**

The difference between the Initial Physical Evidence and the Gift of tongues (or message in tongues) is purpose and use. **1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28-30**

**What is the difference between:**

* Speaking in Tongues’ when one is baptized in the Spirit.

Known as the Initial Physical Evidence (**Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6**)

* ‘Speaking in Tongues’ publicly (prophetic)

As a gift to edify the church (**1 Corinthians 12:10**)

As a sign for unbelievers (**1 Corinthians 14:22**)

* ‘Praying in Tongues’ in one’s private prayer life

As an effective provision for effective prayer and praise (**1 Corinthians 14:2, 4; 14:18**)

Tongues is the same **gift** in all the above but **different** in purpose.

Peter: Boldness **Acts 2:14-16;** The lack of: **Luke 22:55-62**

Paul: Do not be uninformed **1 Cor. 12:1, 4-11, 18-30; 14:1—4, 13–18**

Extra: **Galatians 4:6**

*The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him—
    the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
    the Spirit of counsel and strength,
    the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—*

**Isaiah 11:2**