

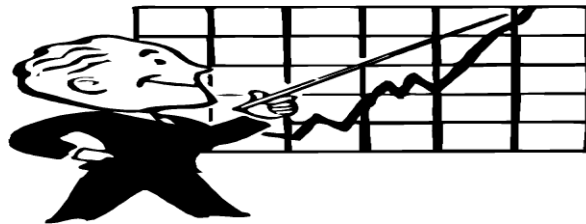
They Shall Speak in Tongues

“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues”

(Mark 16:17).

The initial (first) evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance. The Book of Acts provides five occurrences of people receiving the Spirit. Three of these accounts specify speaking in tongues as the initial proof of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- ☑ “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4).
- ☑ “While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God” (Acts 10:44-45).
- ☑ “Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied” (Acts 19:2-6).
- ☑ “And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues” (Mark 16:17).
- ☑ “And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49).



HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Speaking in tongues is the initial evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit.

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
Is this what the Bible teaches?			
Is this what you believe?			
Is this what your church teaches?			

Study Questions

1. The Book of Acts provides five occurrences of people receiving the Spirit. Three of these accounts specify speaking in tongues as the initial proof of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Write out the verses (with Scripture reference) for each of these three.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____
