

Receiving Spiritual Gifts

Made Whole: Part 3

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“For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:5, 8

In the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the doors locked because of their fear of the Jews. Then Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them...

“Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” After saying this, He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

John 20:19, 21-22

When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. And tongues, like flames of fire that were divided, appeared to them and rested on each one of them. Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them ability for speech.

Acts 2:1-4

Timeline of Spiritual Gifts

~53 AD – Spiritual gifts so common in the church that Paul was prompted to write guidelines like 1 Corinthians.

~200 AD – Theologian Tertullian writes of expectating Spirit baptism to coincide with water baptism.

313 AD – Emperor Constantine makes Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire.
Use of gifts begin to decline as church numbers swell with people pursuing Christianity for social/political reasons.

1054 AD – The Great Schism
Church splits between east and west.
East maintains teaching and practice of spiritual gifts.

~1750 AD – John Wesley begins teaching spiritual gifts are not just a thing of the past (but does not claim to have “extraordinary” gifts himself).

1898 AD – Charles Parham starts Bible school in Topeka, Kansas with emphasis on the Holy Spirit, divine healing and the gift of tongues for missionaries.

1901 AD – Agnes Ozman experiences the gift of tongues.

1906 AD – Ministry of the Holy Spirit breaks out in the “Azusa Street Revival”.
Churches/denominations formed out of this and similar moves of the Spirit take on the name “Pentecostals” after the events of Acts 2.

1960 AD – David Bennet announces to his Episcopal church that he experienced the gift of tongues.
“Charismatic Renewal” begins as members of churches not traditionally Pentecostal start experiencing baptism of the Spirit and spiritual gifts.

Today – Roughly 640 million people worldwide would say they believe in or have experienced a baptism of the Holy Spirit and to some degree practice spiritual gifts.

If God is for us, who is against us? He did not even spare His own Son but offered Him up for us all; how will He not also with Him grant us everything?

Romans 8:31-32

Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts...

1 Corinthians 14:1

** All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted*