

Exercising Spiritual Gifts

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— Study Note Outline —

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Three Tape Series

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Receive The Holy Spirit

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I. Two Ways To Receive The Holy Spirit

A. Resurrection Sunday (John 20:19–22)

1. Jesus showed them His hands and feet to convince them that it was the same body—
resurrected
2. He breathed on them to receive the Holy Spirit
 - a. Individually
 - b. They received immediately
 - c. They passed from Old Testament to New Testament salvation at that point
 - (1) Confession and belief needed for New Testament salvation (Rom. 10:9)
 - (2) At this point, however, they believed He was raised from the dead
 - d. “Receive holy breath”
3. At this point disciples receive divine, eternal resurrection life, but there was more:
 - a. Luke 24:48–49
 - b. *The promise of the Father* (Acts 1:4–5, 8)

B. Pentecostal Sunday (Acts 2:1–4)

1. Holy Spirit came down like a mighty wind and filled the house— *Baptism is an immersion*
2. They were all *filled* with the Holy Spirit
3. The *overflow*: They began to speak with new languages (Matt. 12:34)
4. They received manifest supernatural power
 - a. Manifest: Everybody knew it happened
 - b. Supernatural
 - c. Power: They received boldness to witness
 - d. Insight into Scripture
 - e. Released to apostolic mission
 - f. All Jerusalem felt the impact

Resurrection Sunday

Resurrected Christ
In-breathed Spirit
The result: Life

Pentecost Sunday

Ascended/Glorified Christ
Outpoured Spirit
The result: Power

Not a question of either/or, but receiving both

II. Receive The Holy Spirit

- A. From Acts 2 onward—refers to Pentecost Sunday experience
 - 1. Acts 8:12, 14–17
 - 2. Acts 10:47
 - 3. Acts 19:2
- B. How to receive the Holy Spirit
 - 1. The seal/culmination of the baptism in Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues
 - a. It was the seal the apostles received
 - b. It was the seal they recognized in others
 - 2. *Ask for it* (Luke 11:11–13)
 - 3. It comes out of the *belly* (John 7:37–39)
 - 4. A result *seen* and *heard* (Acts 2:32–33)
 - 5. Steps:
 - a. Be thirsty
 - b. “*Come unto Me*” – Jesus
 - c. *Drink* – open your mouth and drink the invisible Spirit being poured out over you
– Breathe it in
 - d. Release the outflow
 - (1) Through the mouth
 - (2) In speech
 - (3) Luke 11:13
- C. Objections:
 - 1. That’s not real, you’re just doing it yourself – that’s right! *You* must speak!
 - 2. “How do you know you have the right thing?” – God guarantees it (Luke 11:13)

Prayer To Receive The Holy Spirit

Lord Jesus Christ,

I believe that You are the Son of God and that on the cross You died for my sins and rose again from the dead. I trust You for forgiveness and for cleansing. I believe You have received me as a child of God. And because You have received me, I receive myself as a child of God.

If there’s any resentment in my heart now, any unforgiveness against anyone, I lay it down. I forgive every other person as I would have God forgive me. If I’ve ever been involved in the occult, I acknowledge that as a sin. I ask your forgiveness and I loose myself now from every contact with Satan and with occult power in the name of Jesus.

And now, Lord Jesus, I come to You as my Baptizer in the Holy Spirit. I present to You my body to be a temple of your Spirit. I yield to You my tongue to be an instrument of righteousness, to worship You in a new language. By faith, I receive this now and I thank You for it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Now just breathe it in. Then just begin to speak it out. Move your lips and tongue and begin to speak in another language.

Interpreting And Prophecying 4155

I. Baptism In The Holy Spirit: Goal Or Gateway

A. Doorway into the supernatural (1 Cor. 12:8–10)

B. Gifts of revelation:

1. Word of wisdom
2. Word of knowledge
3. Discernings of spirits

C. Gifts of power:

1. Faith
2. Miracles
3. Healings

D. Vocal gifts

1. Tongues
2. Interpretations
3. Prophecy

Problem gifts because they involve the problem member: The tongue

II. Vocal Gifts

A. Varieties of tongues

1. Speaking with another tongue (1 Cor. 14:2, 4)
 - a. Speaking to God
 - b. Speaking mysteries
 - c. Edifying (building up) yourself
2. Speak in the assembly for interpretation
3. As a sign to unbelievers – That “other tongue” is sometimes understood by an unbeliever who speaks it
4. Sometimes tongue is angry, worshipful, etc.

B. Interpretation and prophecy

1. Has no meaning apart from the gift of tongues
2. Interpretation comes through Holy Spirit
 - a. Interpret: To communicate the meaning
 - b. Translate: Word-for-word
3. Prophecying: Speaking in a language that is known, words given by the Holy Spirit
 - a. Not through understanding
 - b. Supernaturally, by Holy Spirit

III. How To Exercise Interpretation And Prophecy

A. 1 Cor. 12:7, 11, 31

1. Gifts of the Holy Spirit impact the senses
2. Given to an *individual* for the profit of *all*
3. Each one
4. Covet the best gifts
5. “And desire spiritual gifts” (1 Cor. 14:1)
6. *Each one* contributes (1 Cor. 14:26)

B. How to interpret

1. Bible encourages interpretation (1 Cor. 14:5)
 - a. It edifies the whole church

- b. Pray for interpretation (v. 12–13)
 - 2. Two principles of petition:
 - a. Ask according to His will (1 John 5:14–15)
 - b. You receive what you pray for when you pray (Mark 11:24; Luke 11:11–13)
 - 3. Now begin to speak in tongues for a couple of minutes
 - 4. Stop. Ask the Lord for the interpretation
 - 5. Interpret as the Holy Spirit gives it
- C. Prophecy
 - 1. “But especially . . . prophecy” (1 Cor. 14:1)
 - 2. *All* can prophesy (v. 23–25, 31)
 - 3. Desire *earnestly* to prophesy
 - 4. Pray for prophecy
 - 5. Release the words of prophecy

Gifts Of Power And Revelation 4156

I. Gifts Of Power

A. Faith

- 1. Different from the faith for salvation every Christian has
- 2. Different from one of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)
- 3. The gift of faith: A mustard seed of God’s own faith imparted sovereignly and supernaturally
 - a. “Have the faith *of* God” (Mark 11:21–23)
 - b. Quality, not quantity of faith (Matt. 17:20)

B. Gifts of healings

- 1. God’s supernatural power against sickness (Luke 5:17)
- 2. Gradual, invisible
 - a. Keep praising God
 - b. When symptoms appear, praise God for healing

C. Workings of miracles

- 1. Restoration rather than healing
- 2. Often instantaneous and visible
- 3. Usually released by a simple act of faith

II. Gifts Of Revelation

A. A word of wisdom

- 1. God has *all* wisdom but He gives us *a* word of wisdom
- 2. Wisdom is directive

B. A word of knowledge

- 1. A mustard seed of God’s knowledge
- 2. In a specific situation, for a specific purpose
- 3. Revelation of a certain sickness in a certain person

C. Discernings of spirits

- 1. To discern: To recognize and distinguish between; a kind of spiritual sense
- 2. God can use a word of knowledge or allow someone to “see”