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**A**s we talk about the Holy Spirit today, I would ask that you would really be open and not fearful and not indoctrinated by me or anybody else, but that you just be free and open and that you would on your own read the scripture.

I had this idea of us standing before the judgment seat of Christ and him saying, “Well, look here’s the blueprint, Hettie. I’d like to show you what you could’ve done.”

You look at it and you say, “Wow! That’s what you thought of – that’s what I was supposed to have accomplished in life? That’s what my blue-

print included? Oh!” Then the Lord say, “have you thought about why you didn’t do that?”

“Well, some preacher told me when I was in the third grade or some preacher told me in the seventh grade or this is what my preacher said- or this is what my teacher said or this is what my mother said or this is what my daddy said or this is what Hettie Lou said.”

So, be careful that you take charge of your own soul. You are responsible for your own soul, nobody else can do that for you. You are responsible for your own soul. You are the determining factor for where you’ll spend eternity and not only where you will spend it, but how you will spend it. Not only where, but how you will spend it.

So, don’t let someone else determine how you’re going to do it. Don’t let another person be the influence that would cause you to be restricted or to be limited. Be aggressive, keep




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yourself open. Keep yourself growing and flowing.

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 I've seen many, many people, not receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues or they would not accept healing as a valid expression of the power of God for today or they would not experience something else.

I have seen them resist that because of the rebellion that was in their heart against their mother.

Some kids don't want to receive Jesus because their brother wants them to. They don't understand how the devil has gotten in and per-

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verted that. Some kids, their mother and daddy don't want them to smoke pot, so they're going to do it anyway, just because their mother doesn't want them to.

Do you understand the spirit of rebellion? That we don't want to do it because we're anti-someone or anti something. Well, the devil loves to get you to cut your nose off to spite your face. Many kids may not receive salvation because of their father or their mother or someone else. But the end result of that is over billions and billions of years, where the result of that decision, they will reap the fruit of whatever that decision was.

So, I just want to cut away the negatives so that you can hear today.

I want to cut away the negatives. I want to go quickly and I pray that I'll be efficient and effective. But I want to give you a way of ordering, not only for you, your insight and your under-

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standing about the Holy Spirit, but giving you the ability to communicate it to someone else – giving you the ability to share this with someone else.

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Let's begin with John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter. Let's start there. "You must begin to understand that the Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit is the promise of God."

We'll just pick up the 12<sup>th</sup> verse: "Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, shall he do also."

That's important to you, because the world is saying, "Well I can't do what Jesus did."

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Jesus said that what he did, you can do. You have to say, “But how can I? I’m not the Son of God.”

Jesus did no mighty works that were recorded in the Bible until after he went down in his water baptism and he came up and the Holy Spirit came like a dove and lighted on him. The minute that it did, he was led by the spirit of God.

So Jesus knew exactly what he was talking about when he said, “ the works that I’ve done, you’re going to do also.”

Then he goes on “and even greater works than these shall you do because I’m going to go to the father.”

In other words, Jesus saw in the spirit that we were going to be able to do really lots more things than he did.

You think, “Oh, I could never do more than Jesus.” He’s expecting you to. You’ve got cars,



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you've got airplanes, you've got airwaves. We're praying about a television station and other means of communication, books, printing presses. He expected us to do greater things. You see, if we took what he did – he said, “you're going to do what I've done” – that's healing, that's compassion. That's love. That's his power and his ability to help people.

We're going to have that and then we're going to have greater ability because of all the other things that are going to be added.

He said, “Whatsoever you ask in my name that will I do that the father may be glorified. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments and I will ask the father and he will give you another helper that he may be with you forever I will ask the father and he will give you another helper, that he may be with you forever. That is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not behold him or know

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him. But you know him, because he abides with you and he will be in you.”

All right, it's imperative that you circle that verse.

Jesus is saying that the power of the Holy Spirit has been with you all time. It's the power of the Holy Spirit that leads you to salvation. You can't get saved without the Holy Ghost. He is the convicting power of God. He's the willing force of God.

So, it's the Holy Spirit that brings you to Jesus.

He said, “The Holy Spirit has been with you.”

But he said, “He's going to be in you.”

What he's saying is that, you have had the opportunity to receive the ability of the Holy Spirit, but you will have an experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

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Ok, you've had the Holy Spirit with you, but he's going to be in you.

So he's saying that there is another dimension for you.

He said, "I will not leave you orphans (or, in the King James, I will not leave you comfortless.)

"I will come to you. After a little while, the world will behold me no more. But you will behold me. Because I live, you shall live also. In that day, you shall know that I am in my father and you in me and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them it is who loves me and he who loves me shall be loved by my father and I will love him and I will disclose myself to him."

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**A**ll right, Jesus is saying that the comforter is going to come, the Holy Spirit. The world's not going to understand. He already says that. Don't be surprised in this day and generation that people are resisting the Holy Spirit.

Stephen said to them, if you will read in the book of Acts, Stephen called the religious people "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised of heart. You always resist the Holy Spirit, even as your fathers resisted the Holy Spirit."

So, there is a resistance against the Holy Spirit today, too.

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Jesus told his disciples, you might as well prepare for it now. There's going to be resistance. The world can't see it. The world can't feel it. The world can't prove it in their intellect.

Don't be surprised that college professors don't understand the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said they wouldn't. Don't be surprised that people of great intellectual ability cannot understand the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said they wouldn't. Why? Because they have reduced their abilities to what they can see and feel.

We have to realize that science isn't everything. We tried to make it be everything. Man's mind isn't everything. Because our society is producing emotionally sick people, science is having to deal now with the fact that – “Wait! Man is emotion. Man is spirit.”

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That part of man has been ignored. The intellect has been made a god in the United States of America.

If you want to know America's god, it's the intellect. If you want to know America's god, its humanism, it's education, it's what man can do.

We have been reduced to being our own god: "I am god."

Well, this world's in a sad shape if the god of this world is me or you or me or the human frailties of mankind.

So, Jesus said there's going to be a promise. In the King James Version, it says, "For this promise is going to come and it is for you, it is for the promise is going to come to you."

Jesus said there's going to come for you some help.

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When Jesus said, “Greater works than I’ve done,” he didn’t intend for you to rush out and try to be a Christian on your own.

He didn’t say, “Now, Peter, you go out and evangelize the world.”

You know why?

Because he knew Peter couldn’t do it. So he said, “The promise of the Holy Spirit is going to come.”



*L*et's turn over to the book of Acts.

This is a sequence by which you can get it in your mind what the scriptures are trying to say to you. All right? In the fourth verse of the first chapter, Jesus was walking on the earth for forty days before his ascension. He commanded them to not leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the father had promised.

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Now, many people will tell you, "I got the Holy Ghost when I got saved."

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Please understand, you cannot be saved without the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the wooing action of God upon this earth.

We are not talking about the wooing action of the Holy Spirit, we are talking about an experience called the baptism in the Holy Spirit which was Jesus' promise that they were going to do greater works than he had done. Get that in your mind that we are talking about two separate things.

Underline that word "promise." You find it both in the King James and the New American Standard.

He said, "You have heard of me." In other words, he said, "I've already told you."

He said, "For John was baptized in water, but you shall be what? Baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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Now, when people say to you, “Why do you use the term, ‘baptism in the Holy Spirit’?” please tell them that it’s not a phrase that the charismatic community has coined. It is not a phrase that a denomination of people got together and worked up. Take them to the book of Acts. Take them to the Gospels where John the Baptist said, “I baptize you with water, but there is one who’s going to come after me and he’s going to baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.”

Understand that the term, “the baptism in the Holy Spirit,” is not a charismatic term. It is a biblical, scriptural term.

Jesus is saying it to his disciples, so it not only came out of the mouth of John the Baptist, but it also came out of the mouth of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

It’s what Jesus said! So, when somebody asks you about that term, it’s a term that Jesus

used. Can you think of him using that term, “You will be baptized in the Holy Spirit,” without believing that it’s an experience?

He didn’t say, “When you get saved, you’ll be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

That’s not what he said. He said nothing to them about their salvation at this point.

Why?

Because they were already following him. They were already committed to him. They had already forsaken all to follow him.

Here’s what he said.

He said to them in verse 7, “It is not for you to know the times or the epochs which the father hath fixed by his own authority, but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.”

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He did not say, “You get power when you get saved.”

He did not say, “ when you are born again.”

He did not say that. I am only quoting what the scripture said. The power is going to come when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. When does the Holy Spirit come upon you? The verse before says *when you are baptized in the Holy Spirit.*


Satan has blinded the eyes of many people, because they have a handful of scriptures they’ve built a doctrine on and they will not openly look at other scriptures. But it is right here.

He said, “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be my witnesses, both in Jerusalem and in Judea and in Samaria, even to the remotest parts of the earth.”

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So that's the promise. What do we see? In chapter two, Jesus said, "This is the promise. You're going to have power. The works that I've done, you're going to do."

 Do you know frustrated Christians? Have you ever been one? Sure, haven't we all?

That's right. We are frustrated because we are trying to be Christians in our own energies.

Remember this: when you get frustrated in your Christian lives, it's because you have reduced yourself. You are trying to be a Christian in your own power.

You cannot and will not. You will never make it. You will be tormented in your mind. You will be frustrated in your innermost being.

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You will be confused and to – tossed, back and flo – back and forth.

You will be like a ship in those waves, battered and bashed back and forth – because the Christian life is to be lived in the Spirit.

Those who are led by the Spirit are the sons of God.

God never intended for you to be battered and bashed and tossed and thrown hither, to and and fro.

It is the power of the Holy Spirit within you that gives you ability to successfully live the Christian life.

Jesus never said, “Go out now, Peter and come on, convert the whole nations.”

No, he said, “Peter, you go get the promise that I’m going to give. Go get the help I’m going to give you. Get the energy and the life of God



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that's going to be given to you – transmitted to you by the Holy Spirit.”

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 All right now, let's look at chapter two in Acts.

“When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place and there suddenly came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. There appeared unto them tongues as of fire distributing themselves and they rested on each one of them.”

What does the King James Version say?  
Does it rest on each of them?

“It came and it rested and it filled all the house where they were sitting and there appeared to

them like cloven tongues sat upon each of them and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Would you please, in your Bible, underline, “all”?

When people say, “Well, it’s given to some but it’s not given to everybody,” look at that word “all” underlined in your Bible. It says the whole house was filled and the Holy Spirit rested upon all of them and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Then some say everybody there heard them speak in their own language.

No, everybody did not, obviously, hear them in their own language, because we know there is the scripture that says right after that, “Some of them thought they were drunk.”

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“They were all amazed and were in doubt, saying one to one another, ‘What meaneth this?’ Others, mocking, said, ‘These men are full of new wine. These men are drunk.’”

Now, they wouldn’t have thought they were drunk if they had understood their words – if everybody had heard them glorifying God. They wouldn’t have equated somebody praising and worshipping God with being drunk on wine.

The scripture tells of the fire of the Holy Ghost. Don’t settle until you get the fire.

We’ll talk about the fire as the glory of God.

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The fire is the power of God. It's the commitment and the conviction.

You know what fire does? It burns, doesn't it? What does it do with gold? It purifies it. The Holy Ghost in fire is that purifying factor given to you to clean your life up.

It's the purifying factor to get your life cleaned up. There are lots of Christians whose lives are not cleaned up.

You know why?

They don't have the fire of the Holy Ghost to purify their lives – to clean their lives up and to

wash out the lust and the impure motives and take away their pride.

A lot of people heard them glorify God in their own language and they marveled. But obviously, not everybody did. Some thought they were drunk.

Do you know some people today, when you speak in tongues, they think you're crazy. They think you're drunk.

They think we're nuts.

They think we've flipped out.

Nothing has changed. A thousand years ago, they thought the same thing. Two thousand years ago, that was the reaction of the world.

It's important that you hear what Peter says. When he sees that some are mocking the Disciples and thinking they are drunk, Peter steps out onto Solomon's porch. Now, this is the same Peter who just 40 days before denied Jesus.



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He didn't want anybody to know that he was a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

He didn't want anybody to know – because he feared for his life.

Now, all of a sudden, after receiving the power of the Holy Ghost with the fire, there was a purging of Peter's fear. There was the purging of his selfishness.

He had denied Jesus out of fear that he would be killed. But now, he declares in front of more than 3,000 people, "You men of Judea and all ye that dwell in Jerusalem, harken to my words. For these are not drunken as you suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day." That meant 9 o'clock in the morning.

"But this is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel."

In other words, this is the promise they had been looking for.

“It shall come to pass in the last day,” said God. “I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesize and your young men shall see visions, your old men shall see dreams and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit and they shall prophesy and I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth below.

“Blood and fire and vapors of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before that great and notable day of the Lord shall come. And it shall come to pass that whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

That was a prophecy from the book of Joel that Peter was quoting.

He said, “Ye men of Israel, hear these words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you of wonders and signs which God

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did in the midst of you as ye also know, him being delivered by the determinate council and foreknowledge of God. You have taken him among wicked men who have crucified and slain him whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death.” Then he goes on to tell about the resurrection.

Look at verse 33. Peter’s still telling them about Jesus. He’s telling them he’s not dead anymore. He’s resurrected. He’s telling them he’s alive. Then he tells them, “Therefore, being by the right hand of God Almighty – exalted, having received of the father, the promise of the Holy Ghost, he has shed forth this which ye now see and hear.”

Then look down at verse 39, “For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off.”

Now, where – if it’s to you, if it’s to your children, if it’s to all that are afar off – where does it

say that the baptism of the Holy Spirit died with the apostles?

Some people would tell you that when the apostles all died – Peter, James, John and all the 11 plus the apostle Paul – when they all died, the ability to speak in tongues and the power of the Holy Spirit all went away.

Now, Peter said, “First of all, what we’ve received is a promise. It’s already been prophesized by Joel. Jesus confirmed it by saying, ‘You go – go on to Jerusalem, you go get the promise.’”

**P**eter said that this promise is to you and to who? Is your children the next generation? Then it is not only to you, but it is to the next generation. How could it then have died with the apostles? How could it have with just that generation of the apostles? He said, “It’s to you. It’s to your children and to those that are yet to come to those that are afar off.”

All right, I want you to turn to Acts, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. I’m giving you a sequence of scriptures that will give you a way to help somebody to understand what you believe – what you see the Bible is saying about this.

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In Acts, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter, we see Peter having his experience of the sheet being let down from heaven and the unclean beasts being there. God is telling Peter, go give the power of the Holy Ghost to the Gentiles.

What? Peter had never had anything to do with Gentiles! They were unclean! They were cursed! Peter had never – he couldn't. He was a member of the chosen race, God's people. They were the ones who were supposed to receive the Messiah.

But God told Peter, "Don't call anybody that I've made unclean."

It's a word to our generation, isn't it?

With our snobbery over various unacceptable people – it's a word to us, isn't it?

So Peter is obedient and he goes to this gentile named Cornelius. Cornelius is excited.

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He had heard that Peter'd had a mighty experience with God.

Although he was a Roman commander, Cornelius was a man of God who prayed all the time and gave alms to the poor.

During his prayer time, he got a vision of this great man of God coming and sharing him with the Gospel – and *more*.

So, we see the Pentecostal movement.

We see the power of God.

We see the the witness.


Jesus said, "When you get this, you're going to be a witness of me unto the world."

Well, here it comes. Peter starts witnessing to them what he had received. Peter's preaching to them and telling them all about Jesus.

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 want you to look in verse 44, of chapter 10. “While Peter yet spake these words,” – he’s just preaching, telling them about it – “the Holy Ghost fell on” – what’s the word? “All.”

Not just a few. Not just some special ones to whom God gave a special gift.

Now, here is the difference between the gifts in the church and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. They are two separate things.

The Jews that were with him were just astounded at what they saw.

How would you know if while I'm speaking somebody got the Holy Ghost? How would you know that? If we're just sitting here – nobody would know that, would they?

Now, suppose John, all of a sudden, begins to speak in a language which you've never heard before. Suppose he'd begun to speak in a foreign language.

You'd say, "He got something!"

You might not know it was the Holy Ghost, but you could say, "Something's happened to him."

You would know it, wouldn't you?

The Jews standing around did. They knew that something happened. They knew the Holy Spirit had come. It says, "They of the circumcision were astonished. As many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles, was poured

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out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues.”

Then guess what, when they heard them speak with tongues – what did they hear? Cussing? Underline that. They didn’t hear them cussing.

“They heard them speak in tongues in their own language.”

What were they doing? Glorifying God.

You hear people say, “I don’t want to speak in tongues, I might be cussing. I don’t want to speak in tongues – why, I might be blaspheming God if I don’t know what I’m saying.”

Listen, you know what you’re doing – by the spirit of God.

That’s the whole purpose of it.

For you to know something by the Spirit that your intellect can’t mess up. For you to know

something by the Spirit that you are more spirit than intellect. It's your spirit that's grieving, the reason you're unhappy and miserable. The spirit is grieving for more of God. The spirit is grieving to be in peace with God.

Now, you may go through temporary times of just feeling great. You think your answer is your marriage, you think your answer is your boyfriend, you think your answer is money, you think your answer's a girlfriend,. You think your answer is your education. You think the answer is your future job. You think the answer's all that.

How many married people do you know are miserable? One out of every two marriages today ends in divorce. Those statistics are staggering.

So, man is looking for the power and the satisfaction and the fullness of Holy Spirit of God.

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“So, they heard them all speak in tongues and magnify God. Then answered Peter, ‘Can any man forbid water?’”

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**W**ait a minute. When you got saved and water baptized, you got the Holy Ghost, right?

These guys didn't. They got the Holy Ghost and they hadn't even been water baptized.

See, you can't put God in a box. God's going to give you what people are open enough to receive. Here, people had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and hadn't even experienced water baptism.

“Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?”

In other words, those people at the house of Cornelius were not apostles or even Jews. They still received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues and – and they hadn't even been water baptized.

Jewish ceremonial cleansing demanded that you go through a baptizing as a sign of your position with God. To bring you into His presence.

So he's saying here, "Hey, you see this is a Jewish ceremonial experience, a baptism – now we're talking about people that aren't Jews."

He's talking about Gentiles. And that's the reason that Peter turned around to all his Jewish buddies and said, "Well, what do you think? Can any of us say they can't be baptized in water now?"

See, they just got saved. They just got saved while they were talking. Then they got filled with



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the Holy Ghost. The next thing that they've got to do is be baptized in water.

Now, you might be saved, baptized in water and then get the Holy Ghost. You see?

Then we'll see another experience in that. But yes, they were expected to be baptized in water. That expected of a Christian – that you would have that expression of the power of God.

Why? Because Romans tell us that we identify with Christ by our burial. I would encourage everybody, if you haven't been buried in a watery grave, then you've missed a glorious experience – because there's nothing like following Jesus' example in water baptism.

It cleanses. It washes away. To learn more, I encourage you to get my tape on baptism. It will tell you all that happens to you. It's like the Lord's Supper. It's not just doing it in remembrance. Everybody uses the scripture, "Do this

in remembrance of me.” But there’s much, much more to the Lord’s Supper than that.

OK, I want you to consider Acts the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter:

“It came to pass that while Paul was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coast, “

Now, we’re far away from Jerusalem. Many great men of God – who are precious and have been mightily used of God – teach that the experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit was only on the Day of Pentecost so that all of the visitors to Jerusalem who spoke different tongues and languages could hear God glorified in their own language.

Many preachers and Bible teachers teach that the only time the Bible describes anyone speaking in tongues was in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. Be sure you search the scriptures for yourself – particularly before you take

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a stand on an issue like this, because, see, we're not fussing, we're not fighting, we're searching for truth.


Is that what you're seeking? I am.

I don't want to stand before God and him say, "Boy, did you miss it. You don't know. Why didn't you search for truth, Hettie? You could've had so much in life if you had just been a searcher for truth. But no, you settled for a pretty dress and going to a party on Saturday night. Your whole goal and objective in life was to have a husband and a beautiful home – and now it's gone. You've got the rest of eternity and you missed the point of why I put you down on Earth. Your purpose was not that home. Your purpose was not that car. Your purpose was not the clothes you wear. Your purpose was to find and fulfill my plan in the intimacy of my spirit that indwells mankind."

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See, all this other stuff's going to pass away. It really doesn't make sense, does it for you to beat your brains out, trying to get a car. Then what happens, the spark plugs go ka-flooey. Then what happens, you get a house and it burns down. Or just when you move in, you pass on into eternity.

 Do you know why the world is so filled with apathy? Because so many people are bitter. They say, “Life doesn’t make any sense. Materialism hasn’t fulfilled my deep needs. Working all my life doesn’t make sense. See, they don’t know that the purpose of this life is that you might come alive in your spirit and get hooked up in the divine destiny.

Choose God! Be in relationship with him!

The circumstances of your life are beside the point. Do you understand that? The kind of car you drive, the house you live in, whatever

you do, it's all the result of what you choose of God.

All right, so in Acts 19, Paul is not in Jerusalem. We're in Ephesus. He found certain disciples in verse two and said to them, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?"

Now, how in the world can anyone take that scripture and say that everyone receives the Holy Ghost when we believe?

That it's an automatic thing with salvation, what happened in Ephesus? Paul said, "You are believers."

Now, you can try and read into this that they really weren't saved.

Well, it doesn't say that.

That's an assumption. The apostle Paul said to them, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?"

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“They said unto him, ‘We’ve not even heard whether there be a Holy Ghost or not.’ He said unto them that were baptized, ‘Then under what were you baptized?’

“They said, ‘Well, we were baptized under John’s baptism.’ Then he said, ‘John verily baptized you with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him that should come after him “ – that is on Christ Jesus.

“When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Now, remember, they had already been baptized in John’s baptism of repentance. They have had water baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, we’re talking about believers, are we not?

We’re talking about saved people.

They've been baptized twice. Once, under John's baptism for repentance and now in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Well, my goodness, if anyone ever should have received the Holy Ghost, it seems that those guys would have – they've been baptized twice!

When Paul then laid hands upon them, it was not in the water baptism of John. It was not in the water baptism of Jesus. It was not at the point of their salvation. It was when the apostle Paul laid his hands on them that the Holy Ghost came upon them and they spoke with tongues and began to prophecy.

Praise God!

Now, those are some pretty difficult scriptures for people to argue with. It's not me. Don't ever say, "Hettie said!"




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Say, "Read the Book of Acts, chapter 19.  
Here's what it says."

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 Do you know how Paul himself received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues? The Book Acts tells us that Ananias came and said, “Brother Saul, receive ye the Holy Ghost. What makes us believe that he spoke in tongues? Turn to 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter, the 18<sup>th</sup> verse. It says, “I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all you Corinthians.”

I recommend that you read the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> chapters of Corinthians. The Corinthians were misusing speaking in tongues and Paul

corrects them. Do you know what some preachers say?

“Yeah, see how those Corinthians were? They were the most unruly church in the country. Paul had to get on to them about speaking in tongues. That’s the reason I don’t want to speak in tongues, because I don’t want to be like the Corinthians.”

Have you ever had anybody get saved who had divorced their spouse?

Are any divorced people going to heaven? Yes.

Do you have anybody on your church membership roll who got saved at your church, but you haven’t seen them since? Yes, of course. Thousands!

You don’t quit getting people saved just because someone is not being faithful to Jesus. You will see Christians today speaking in

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tongues who are misusing the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some are misusing it and some are not using it at all. Are you hearing me? Some are misusing it and some are not using it.

Here are just a few scriptures for you to meditate on. Look in the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians and underline the 18<sup>th</sup> verse so that you will know what the apostle Paul said about himself – how he was unashamed of speaking in tongues.

Now, look in the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter, the second verse. It says, “One who speaks in tongues does not speak to man but to God.”

People say, “What good does speaking in tongues do you? Who are you talking to when you speak in tongues?”

Look at verse 4. “One who speaks in tongues edifies himself.” That’s what happens when you speak in tongues! What does edify mean? You build yourself up. You cause the

devil to get off your back. You quit having depression. You quit thinking you're ugly. You quit being full of fear for your future. You quit worrying about your finances and whether you are going to be able to eat next week or whether you are going to be able to have enough money to go to college?

Are you ever going to fall in love? Are you ever going to do this or that?

One who speaks in tongues builds himself up. If I've ever seen a generation of people who need to be built up, it's this generation. They are tormented, tormented, tormented by their intellect – battering their brains out. Look at their lives! Their joy is *gone*.

I've had people tell me, "I used to speak in tongues, Hettie, but I don't anymore. I don't believe it anymore."

I respond, "Honey, you didn't have to tell me, I could see it from afar! You don't have to tell

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me you're not speaking in tongues anymore. It's obvious that the glow and the joy and the power and the fire of God have gone out of you."

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There's a limit to how much you can keep yourself pumped up. There's a limit to how much you can keep yourself being a good Christian. There's a limit to how much you can keep overcoming temptation. There are human limits. But the power of the Holy Spirit has no limits. *One who speaks in tongues edifies himself.*

Let's see what the apostle Paul says in verse 14: "Therefore, if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays."

There are things in the Spirit that we should not do. What if I stood up in front of one of our

women's conferences and spoke in tongues the entire time – what good would it do for those in the audience? It would do you no good unless someone got right up and interpreted what I just said.

So, when I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying. If you ask me, "What good does it do to speak in tongues?" the answer is that our spirit prays.

What is your spirit? Your spirit is the part of you that knows God better than your intellect ever can.

Your intellect wants to know, "Does he have a long, white beard? Does he sit up on a throne? Is it gold?" Your intellect wants to know, "How could he have been from the beginning?" Your intellect wants to know, "How could there be a God? Now, just how could there be?" Your intellect says, "How could he be born of a vir-

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gin?” Your intellect says not to let God prove himself to you.

How could there be atoms? How could a man go to the moon? How could a picture come on a little wire? How can I have television? That’s what your intellect would ask. But men were driven from a revelation from God. Do you know why television is here? It’s not here because man is smart. It’s here because God revealed it. Television’s been here from the foundation of the Earth, how many years ago that was. The atoms have been here and man’s potential has been, too. The only reason man ever discovered TV is because God revealed it.

OK, Paul says in verse 15, “I shall pray with my spirit.” He adds, “I’m going to pray with my mind, also.” He says, “I’m going to pray in the spirit and I’m going to pray with my mind also.” He says, “I will sing with the spirit. I will sing with the mind also.”

That's the reason when you come to our church, you may hear people singing a beautiful love song to God in the Spirit. The apostle Paul said, "I'm going to do it both ways. I'm going to sing with my Spirit and I'm going to sing with my mind."

Can you ever misuse praying in English? Can you pray a selfish prayer? The devil can pervert any gift God gives you.

Jesus told us about the hypocrites praying long prayers in a language that people understood. Then Jesus pointed out that the only prayer God heard that day was the guy who smote his breast off in the corner and said, "God, forgive me, a sinner." That was the only pure prayer that was prayed.

So sure, you can pray in English and it can be selfish. You can pray in tongues for the wrong reason, too.

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Once God gives tongue to you as a gift, it's yours. Once he gives you your salvation, it's yours to do whatever you will do with it. You can go out and commit adultery the night you get saved, can't you?


Sure, it's your responsibility once God's given you a gift to keep it and use it.

Suppose I have a language of the spirit that I can turn on anytime. I can transfer that out of the spirit and into my intellect. Are you with me? You see, where the intellect begins to just pray routinely. I could pray routinely – meaning that there is no spiritual communication with God.

There is nothing of the spirit that's there. I can go up to someone and say, "I love you." Does that necessarily mean I do? No! I'm telling you that speaking in tongues can be something that you are just mouthing.

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 It will benefit you to speak in tongues when you don't feel good and you're just praying in the spirit out of obedience. You have a better chance of shifting a gear where the spirit will take over for you than you ever could do with your intellect in domination.

Your spirit knows dominions that your intellect never could.

By speaking in tongues, your opportunities to touch God are enhanced a hundredfold. The spirit can pray for you when you don't feel good. The spirit can pray for you when you're in a bad

humor. The spirit can pray for you when you just dislike somebody greatly.

The Spirit can come and edify and cleanse.

All right, the apostle Paul then says in the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter, verse 39, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, desire earnestly to prophecy." And then how does he caution us?

"Never say it's wrong to speak in tongues." That's the Living Bible. The King James says "Forbid not to speak in other tongues." The New American says, "Do not forbid to speak in tongues."

I don't know how much plainer that can be.

The world needs help. Speaking in tongues was never supposed to be a divisive issue.

It was never supposed to make churches fight and fall apart.



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It was never supposed to make people think you were spooky. It was intended to be the promise of God for you to do greater works than Jesus did.

Paul didn't say, "Well, I thank God I speak in tongues more than all of you for this season."

Nor did he say, "I thank God I speak in tongues – but I don't want all of you to speak in tongues."

He said, "Forbid not to speak with other tongues."

He did not say that this only applies to the twelve disciples or a hand-picked few waiting in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost.

He didn't say that.

All of those things are read into what is actually being said.

He said, “Forbid not to speak with other tongues.”

That’s an open-ended statement.

It has no qualifications.

*“Forbid not to speak with other tongues.”*

*M*y life totally flipped out when I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. I was given a language of the Spirit by which I could pray. When that happened to me years ago, I was never the same. I've never been in bed with depression since then. I've had a power that I never had before.

Some people think it's a new thing. It's not new for me.

I speak in tongues quietly and under my breath many times at church even though nobody is aware I am doing it. I don't tell every-

body since not everybody has been taught or understands.

For many people it is a source of conflict and confusion.

I'm sorry that the language of the spirit of the living God and the experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit has been so controversial for so many people.

I'm sorry. But Jesus was crucified and he wasn't guilty. They misunderstood.

Just because Jesus was everything right didn't mean that the people understood it.

Some people will say that if speaking in tongues wasn't of the devil, it wouldn't cause so much confusion. Well, then you would have to say that our Lord Jesus Christ is of the devil. I don't know anybody else who caused any more confusion than Jesus did – so much that

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they wanted to get rid of him. They crucified him.

Yes, speaking in tongues is controversial. I believe it's controversial because it's so power-packed.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is full of help for you.

The devil doesn't want you to have God's supernatural help. Satan wants you to be a do-it-yourself person because he knows you will fail. If I worked at our summer camp and at our conferences using only my own strength, I'd be wiped out. There's no way.

I've had counselors who come here who never were baptized in the Holy Spirit. They say, "Well, I made it through just great."

But if they'd been in another camp where the influence of the Holy Spirit had not been manifested through all the other believing coun-

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selors, it would be different. So many times many people are surrounded by the power of the Holy Spirit. They themselves may not be drinking of it. but they still get the benefits.

Many people like to come to our church to get the benefits of the love of God, even though they don't want to make a commitment to Jesus. So the power of the Holy Spirit has been made available in this place.

Look at the first chapter of Acts. Jesus is speaking. "Gathering together, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, to wait for what the father had promised."

He told them: "For John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

I want to point out two things for you. He said that you're going to receive a promise. We are not talking about something that just fell on the apostles. We're not talking about something that

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just became a good idea with God all of a sudden.

We're not talking about something that's really as mysterious as the world wants to believe it is.

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 used to teach my young Sunday school class of kids the little that I knew about the Holy Spirit.

When I got through I'd be as confused as they were because I always tried to teach that the Holy Spirit was like a puff of wind.

I knew that one scripture. I

It was the only scripture I knew in my denominational church growing up – that the Holy Spirit was like the wind, that it came whenever it wanted and it went whenever it wanted.

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I didn't know that the Holy Spirit was a "he," a person, a being. I didn't know the Holy Spirit could be grieved. I didn't know the Holy Spirit was responsive. I did not know that the Holy Spirit was the power of God and that this promise of the Holy Spirit had been given for generations and generations and generations. The prophets had looked forward to this time.

They had so yearned for this time, because they had seen it prophesied throughout the scriptures what was going to happen.

On the day of Pentecost – a celebration 50 days after Passover – the Holy Ghost came in power. Those waiting in the Upper Room were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

It was a promise.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an experience apart from salvation. For those who say that when you get saved, you get all the Holy Spirit there is – it's just not true. I had a minister ask me, "Hettie, why do you use the term 'baptized in the Holy Spirit'? We get the Holy Ghost when we get saved."

That comes from churches that allow you to go to sleep when the preacher starts talking. It comes from religious settings where you learn when somebody reads the Bible, you tune out.

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It's nothing in the world but an attack of the devil to keep us ignorant, dumb and dull.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit can change your life and make you a totally different person for the rest of your life.

*by Celia Rae Brock*  
**HETTIE: From here on, the tape repeats  
much of the same material. I think you  
were wrapping up and reviewing. I suggest  
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**Maybe you can read the rest of these  
pages and point out anything that we need  
to include that I missed.**

You'll be open to what the spirit of God is saying to you.

I told that minister, "Wait a minute! The term 'baptized in the Holy Spirit' didn't come from me. I've not coined that phrase. The charismatics have not either. The phrase comes from the word of God. The book of Acts is not the first time we find it."

In the Gospels, John the Baptist said, "I baptized with water. There's one who's going to come after me and he's going to baptize you in the Holy Spirit." Jesus himself uses the term, telling his disciples to wait for the promise.

I did not coin the phrase. Neither did the tongue-talking charismatic people. It's right here in the Bible.

It came like tongues of fire.

It sat upon each of them and they began to speak in languages they had never learned. So, I would advise people such as that preacher to giving their opinion on the baptism of the Holy Spirit when they haven't studied it.

I've heard another preacher say, "Well, they heard them speak intelligible languages. It wasn't this jibber jabber. It wasn't something that people didn't understand."

That's not, that's not so. Obviously, there were a group of people there that didn't understand in their language at all because they thought the apostles were drunk.

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If you heard someone saying, “Praise the Lord. I thank you father, thank you, Lord. Praises to God,” you wouldn’t think they were drunk.

Obviously, there were some people there who did not hear their own languages. It is a great possibility that those who did hear their own languages were hearing by the Spirit. That they were receiving an interpretation of tongues because they had the kind of heart that was open to that. That’s a possibility.

Peter, who denied Jesus and did not even want to be identified with the disciples, received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It made him bold and articulate.

As the mockers said the apostles were full of sweet wine, Peter took his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them, “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem. Let this be known unto you and give heed to my words, for these men are not drunk as you sup-

pose. For it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken of through the Prophet Joel.”

If you want to make a note of that, you will find that in Joel, the second chapter, the 28<sup>th</sup> through the 32<sup>nd</sup> verses. “It shall come to pass in the last days that God said, ‘I will pour forth of my spirit upon all mankind.’” Upon the apostles? Upon a handful picked people? He said, “I’m going to pour out my spirit on “ who? On all mankind. Your sons and your daughters shall prophecy.

Now, Peter goes on to explain here: Prophecy is speaking the things of God. That’s what prophecy is, speaking what God is saying. Therefore, speaking in tongues as Peter was referring to it here, is a type of prophecy whereby God was speaking. So he said, “Your sons and your daughters shall prophecy and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams, even upon my bondser-



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vants and both men and women I will – both men and women, girls. Hear that, girls? Both men and women. “I will in those days pour of my spirit and they shall prophecy. I will grant wonders in the sky above and signs in the earth beneath. Blood and fire and vapor and smoke, the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before that great and glorious day of the lord shall come. It shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Peter is saying, we have just come out of this experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. It was already prophesied in the book of Joel, that it was going to happen. Jesus said, “Go on, receive the promise.” We got it, now everybody can have it. Do you – do you see the indication of all of that in this? I’m going to pour out my spirit on all flesh. It’s going to be to all mankind. Everybody can have what we have.

It's going to be available. They're not drunk. Hey, God is doing something.

Then we see the signs and wonders and the miracles and we see the New Testament church becoming fired up. Peter preaches and 3,000 get saved, 5,000 get saved. Man, we see a power-packed church. Not the church where a bunch of kids are passing billfolds up and down the aisle and a bunch of people are sleeping over in the corner and a bunch of people are dull and they can't even listen to what's going on. People, who are numb to the power of God. No, when the Holy Ghost came upon them they woke up. The sleep and the cobwebs got out of their heads – tradition. You know what put you kids to sleep when you hear the word of God? Tradition. You're used to it. You're used to going to sleep when someone reads the Bible. You're used to not listening. You're used to not paying attention. You're used to getting ig-

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nored and overlooked when someone's talking about God.

I see you every time your eyes slump. I see you every time you can't hardly stay awake. I see how the devil is attacking you, I see the weakness from the fatigue of your body. I see the battle is on. That's the reason that I put myself into a position where I can't go to sleep. I sit up, I pinch myself. I do whatever I have to do so I don't go to sleep when God's word is being spoken and taught. I'm not going to go to sleep on God. I'm not going to walk in tradition. I'm not going to be dumb and dull.

All right. So the day of Pentecost had come with the evidence of the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues was the miracle phenomenal of man's communication with God.

John?

[Question from male audience member, John. " this verse and it says the last days it's

talking 'bout the days of Pentecost, right? the scripture like “]

These, that's right, these are the last days.

[Question continues. “Except for the part about the, the sun being turned into darkness “]

That's right. You see, we are in the last days. We are in the last days. Is this not the last period of time that man shall know before Jesus comes again. So, from the day of Jesus' departure, the last days begin. The day of the Lord began, it all started – the last days begin with the departure of Jesus. We are in the last days, why are they called the last days? Meaning this is the last era, this is the last period of time before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. So, yes. That's this hour. That's right. This has been, these 2,000 years since Jesus. This period of time is the last days until the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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All right now, we see a church full of people in Corinthians. Turn to 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians. They had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and they were speaking in tongues. It is important, kids, because there are those teachers who teach you that only the apostles spoke in tongues. Now, you will have to have the first tape to show you that the apostles were not the only ones. 120 in the upper room spoke in tongues. The people of Ephesus, they all spoke in tongues. The house of Cornelius all spoke in tongues. It was not just the apostles, it was not just that chosen few. At the house of Cornelius, guess what? It wasn't even those of the synagogue, they were gentiles. That's you and me. The Holy Ghost was poured out on the gentiles.

So people cannot keep telling you things that are not so. That's what some man was taught in seminary. That's what he's begun to believe. And, do you that you can read some of these scriptures and still never see many of these

truths? You see, your eyes can be blinded. You can – there are plenty of pastors that are well-meaning, precious men of God, they are precious women-teachers of God. They are precious, but their eyes have never been able to see. They have never heard or allowed it to be taught to them in a way where they can say, “Wait a minute!” when I talk to many, many precious ministers it – wha – it’s like they never saw it before. Yet, you ask them, “Have you ever read the Bible through?” “Oh, I’ve read it through many, many times.”

My mother had read the New Testament, oh, I don’t know how many times, but had never seen many, of the truths that are revealed to you only by the Holy Spirit. They are revealed to you – and do you know that you can read and only get what you want to get? Do you know that you can read and only get – if you’ve got a resistance to get certain things, then you can

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read and get only what you want to get if there is a resistance there that's built up.

All right, we see, first Corinthians, the 12<sup>th</sup>, the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> chapters are very basic. I am not going to teach on the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. I call it "the goody," the peanut butter between the sandwich. Because the goody in the middle of the sandwich tells you that you can speak in the tongues of men and of angels. If you have not loved your noisy gong and a clanging cymbal, it's important that you understand right now, that speaking in tongues – nobody said that it's everything. Nobody said that speaking in tongues is everything. It's just like – did you know that when you got saved, it wasn't everything? Do you know that? It was the beginning of everything. It was the beginning of everything. Speaking in tongues is the beginning of everything.

But if you speak in tongues and hate your neighbor, you're just wasting your time, sugar.

Because you're not – but let me tell you something.

Somebody says, "Well, so see there. What I need is just love instead of speaking in tongues."

I say, "Honey, you can pray in English and hate your neighbor. Your prayer in English won't do you a bit more good than your prayer in tongues."

Do you understand that? That some people say, "Well, what if I speak in tongues and I hate my neighbor?"

I said, "What if you pray in English and – and hate your neighbor? It's the same thing." You see, it's the same thing.

In the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter, which I will not teach, it tells you the importance of the gifts of God as they are used in love. The Corinthian church was messing up. They got excited about the



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gifts, they got excited about the power of God, they got full of pride. They got full of a partying spirit. The apostle Paul was having to straighten them out. Now, many preachers said, “Uh-h you see the books in the Bible that talk the most about speaking in tongues are the ones that were messing up the most.” Why wouldn’t that be so? The church that was adventuresome enough to be fool with the power of God is going get attacked by Satan more than any other church. The church that is doing most for God and that is most open to the gifts of the Spirit will have the greatest attacks by Satan. That’s going to be true in your life, my life. That’s the way it is. That’s the way it is. That’s the reason many people don’t want [to be full?] They don’t want to be open to that.

All right, I want to show you one thing in Corinthians. That’s important again. I think I did it on the first tape but I’m going to do it again on this one. In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter let’s

look at a verse that many people have used to discredit speaking in tongues. Verse 8. “Love never fails, but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away with. If there are tongues, they will cease. If there is knowledge, it will be done away with.” Many preachers say, “See? It says that tongues is going to cease. When the apostles all died, tongues ceased.”

Well, I think that’s quite funny, don’t you? It also says knowledge will cease. No pastor ever teaches on how knowledge is done away with. Nobody – no pastor teaches on how prophecy is done away with because most preachers believe that when they are preaching at the pulpit; that is the spirit of prophecy that is speaking the word of God.

So they have picked out one thing and they have said, “You see? It has ceased. It has ceased.”

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I say, "Do you believe that knowledge has ceased?"

"Well, of course knowledge hasn't ceased."

I said, "It also says that knowledge will be done away with."

"Ohh ! Oh!"

See kids, boy, you can just take something somebody teaches you and you build a doctrine out of it and the whole thing is not there. It also says in this scripture right here – it says, "For when the perfect has come then that which is in part will be done away." Some people want to believe that the perfect was the New Testament. The perfect was the New Testament. We believe that the New Testament was written in the perfection of the Holy Spirit, but it is not "the" perfect. If it was "the" perfect, you cannot get anymore perfect than the perfect, can you? I mean, the perfect doesn't leave any room for one other thing. If the perfect had come, Jesus

would never have to come again. So, if the perfect had come, there would be no need for Jesus to ever come back again.

So the – the scripture is the perfect manifestation of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and is a perfect gift of the Holy Spirit. Perfectly inspired by the Spirit of the living God. But the perfect would indicate that it's all wrapped up. Everything is done because perfect is perfect and you can't get any more perfect than perfect. Are you with me? All right.

So therefore I say, "Then you do not believe in the second coming?"

"Oh, yes, I do."

"Well, if the perfect is already here, are you saying that there is more perfect than the perfect?"

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All right. So I wanted to take care of those scriptures.

Now, in the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, you find the gifts of the Spirit that are given to the ministry of the church and the believers. I want to read a little bit in the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter. “concerning spiritual gifts, brethren “ – what does the King James version say? Say it. I want the next line. I do not want you ignorant. I do not want you unaware, says the New American standard. I don’t want you ignorant concerning spiritual gifts.

Let me ask you something, kids. Do you believe that most of the kids in your church – do you believe that most of the people that you know are ignorant of spiritual gifts? Do you believe they’re ignorant of spiritual gifts?

If I ask them, “Are you a Christian?”

“Oh, yes, I’m a Christian, I believe in Jesus.”

Well, I'd say, "Are you an ignorant Christian or an educated Christian?" Well, who wants to be ignorant? Who wants to be ignorant? The apostle Paul said right here, "Listen, you Christians, I don't want you ignorant of spiritual gifts." Do you know why? Many people don't want to be a Christian because they're repulsed at the ignorance of those who are Christians. They don't know what they're talking about, they don't know their textbo

It's like you getting up and you're trying to teach geometry and you've never had a class in geometry yourself. It's like you getting up and you're trying to teach trigonometry and you read one page out of the trigonometry boEvery night before you go to bed, you read one problem. you can't teach trigonometry when you read one problem every night before you go to bed. Or you read one page and you skip around and you read page 49 and you read page 22 and

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you go over and you read page 13. That's the way that people read the Bible.

But did you know that more people give their opinion on the Bible than any other book in the whole world and more people have not read it than any other book in the whole world. More people express their opinion – and if you will – if you will examine that person thoroughly and ask them, “Have you ever read the Bible all the way through?” Three fourths of them will say, “No.” You may ask, “Have you ever read the New Testament all the way through. Three fourths of them will say no. Three – ninety-nine-point-nine percent you can ask, “Are you ignorant concerning spiritual gifts?” Ninety-nine-point-nine of them are ignorant concerning spiritual gifts.

The apostle Paul said, “I don't want you – I don't want you to be a believer and be ignorant of spiritual gifts.” He said, “I don't want you being ignorant of spiritual gifts.” So he begins to

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teach them. He said, “You know when you were pagans, you were led astray by dumb idols however – however you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the spirit of God says Jesus is accursed. No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Ghost.”

I would love to teach you on every verse of this. I just pray to God that you get some good Bible teachers who can teach you verse by verse because it’s so power-packed. Everything is being said because it’s so power-packed. There are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit. There are varieties of ministries but the same Lord. There are varieties of effects but the same God who worketh all things in all persons. Then I want you to know that he begins to tell you what the gifts of the Spirit are. He lists for you the nine, there are nine of them here, they are actu – [Tape cuts off here at (00:30:10). *Please turn your tape over now for the remainder of this message. Thank you.*]



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You may group these nine gifts into groups of threes. Three of those groupings are utterance gifts. They mean something spoken. Prophecy is spoken, tongues are spoken and interpretation of tongues. There are three revelation gifts and then there are three um utterance, uh revelation and, no no – power, gifts of power! Thanks. three power gifts. Three revelation, gifts of revelation. What the lord, shows you, that's your word of knowledge and that's your word of wisdom and and so those are revelation gifts.

I'm not going to teach on those, because it would me take forever. But if you have not learned them, you need to get some tapes on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and you need to study: What is a word of knowledge, what is a word of wisdom? What is the gift of faith, what is the gift of healing, what is the gift of working of miracles? What is – what are these gifts. So you

need to get those tapes and you need to study them. I'm not going to teach on that.

He also goes on and he tells you the different ministries: Pastors, apostles, teachers and so forth. He tells you ministry gifts, but he tells you, it's all the same spirit. There are different gifts but it's all the same spirit. Let me tell you the importance of this. Because the scripture says, in the last of chapter 12, verse 29: "All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? All do not have the gifts of healing, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?"

All right. Right there, many people say, "See? It says that not everybody can speak or will speak in tongues. That the gifts of God are given as he chooses." The scriptures in this chapter 12 tell you that God gives to every man. Every man severally as he will. But now I want to

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take you back to a very important scripture. Look at verse 7, chapter 12: “But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit. Now, who is given the manifestation of the Spirit? Everyone. What is the manifestation of the Spirit? What is when something manifests itself? What is it when something manifests itself? Evidence. Listen, I hear a noise in here. I don’t know what it is. Listen! All of a sudden, a little rat goes running across the room. You say, “Aha! He manifested himself.” You see? You heard the noise, but when you saw the little rat going across the room, you said, “Aha! He manifested himself.” The manifestation of the Spirit is given to whom? To everyone, that’s right. That’s what the manifestation of speaking in tongues is – the manifestation of the Holy Spirit; the sign, the evidence.

Do you know why I have had hundreds of people come up to me and say to me, “Hettie, I

want to ask you a question. Do you think I have the Holy Spirit?"

I say, "Why, of course, honey. Aren't you a Christian?"

"Yes."

I say, "Well, of course you have the Holy Spirit, you can't get saved without the Holy Spirit. Of course you do."

Well they said, "I mean, do you think I've got the Holy Spirit, like you do?"

I said, "Well, do you mean, do I think you're baptized in the Holy Spirit."

They say, "Well, yes."

I said, "Well, what do you think?"

"Well, I don't know, that's the reason I'm asking you."

I laugh and I say, "Are you not going to get mad at me when I tell you?"

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“No, I’m won’t be mad.”

I say, “No I don’t think you’ve been baptized in the Holy Spirit.”

They say, “Why’d you say that?”

We always think that being baptized in the Holy Spirit is saying that somebody is not as good as we are. That’s ridiculous! That’s not what anybody is saying. We’re saying – that the manifestation is you seeing that little critter going across the floor. That’s you knowing what that power is and what that noise is. It’s you knowing what you know. Because you saw it, you experienced it, you’ve got it identified.

I said, “Listen, honey, when you get baptized in the Holy Ghost, you won’t be asking me, you’ll be telling me.” You see that’s the difference. When you get baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, you don’t ask anybody. You don’t have to go away – ask anybody, “Do you think I’ve got it, do you think

I've got it?" Brother, when you get the fire of the Spirit of the living God, you know it. You know it. You don't go around asking people, "Do you think I've got what you've got, do you think I've got as much as you?" Boy, you know it, you know it. If you don't you need to keep on until the rat, is seen. Until the – until the manifestation – that makes it sound as if the Holy Ghost is a rat, doesn't it? I probably could've used a dove. There was some noise over there and all of a sudden flying through this room was this beautiful white dove. The dove manifested itself. How's that, better? Much better analogy. Much better.

All right. So he says here – what is he talking about then, do all speak in tongues? What does he mean? What does he mean? He is talking about the gifts that are given to the church. Do all speak in tongues at the same time at church? Goodness, no. We'd have a mess. If I came in here and I wanted to talk to you and everybody

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was speaking in tongues, trying to get a message in tongues, we'd have a terrible time. We would have a terrible time. So, he is talking about the gifts of the spirit as they are operating in church. As they are operating for the believers.

Now, you say, "How do you get these gifts?" God gives them as they are needed. Somebody said, "Well, I'm just never going to have the gift of healing. Well, I'm never going to have this or I'll never " – you don't know what you'll have. If there's an automobile accident and somebody's hurt bad, you can't hardly go call the preacher that lives at Tulsa. Say, "Brother Roberts, could you get down here now? We've had an automobile accident down here in Arkansas and we'd like to call you down here because we need the gift of healing in operation."

God gives the gifts that are needful when they are needed to do what they need to be done. So you can be open to any gift. You see, the word of God tells you right there, "Earnestly

desire the greater gifts.” Now, some people think that the greater gifts means that the tongues is the lesser gift because it said that it is the least. Do you know what it means, the least? Anybody know when it talks about tongues is the least of the gifts? Least meaning the most universal. Least meaning that tongues is the most universal. Anybody, anybody here can speak in tongues. Anybody here – go, give it to anybody that desires it. Anybody can have the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Not everybody could as easily have the gifts of healing or gifts of prophecy or gifts of miracles – working of miracles. They are given according to the will and plan of God. So we think in terms of, “Well it says here, ‘Desire earnestly the best gifts,’” as if you aren’t to desire all the gifts. That is so foolish to read that into it. The apostle Paul said, “It’s better for you to not to get married.” How many, therefore, have every



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plan in your heart not ever to get married? How many of you here say, “Well, the apostle Paul says better not to get married. Therefore I’m not ever going to get married.” Isn’t that strange? Isn’t that strange?

A minister said to me, “Well, the best gifts – I’m going to ser – I’m going to choose the best gift. The best gift’s prophecy, that’s preaching. That’s speaking in English and telling people – so I desire the best gift.”

I said, “Honey aren’t you late? Aren’t you married?”

“What do you mean?”

I said, “The apostle Paul said it’s no – it’s better not to be married. How come you’re married?”

“Aaaaahhhh .Oh .”

You see? When we are operating in fear and in doctrine and when we have been pre-pro-

grammed with attitudes, then you see we are looking for a loophole to prove something, you see, to – to somebody. He said, “Desire spiritual gifts.” He said, “Desire spiritual gifts.” Then he said, “But better that you prophecy.” Better when? In the church. Why? Because he said that it’s much better to prophecy in the church than to speak in tongues unless you have an interpreter. Now, nobody reads that part. They say, “It’s better to prophecy than to speak in tongues in church.” That is not what the Bible says. The Bible says that it is better to prophecy than it is to speak in tongues in church unless you have an interpreter. Otherwise, how is somebody going to know what’s being said? Otherwise, how are people going to know what’s being said?

Now, the apostle Paul lays down rules. He said, when you’re speaking in tongues in church and you are giving a message to be interpreted, you do it one at a time. So that all may be

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edified, so that all may hear. He said, if there is no interpreter, you are to speak to yourself and to God. But guess what? Some people say, “That’s the reason I don’t know about all these people speaking in tongues in church.” Do you know that you could be in this room right here and you could be praying out loud in tongues and somebody would say, “Ah! The bible says for you not to – not to speak in tongues out loud if there’s no interpreter.” Do you know? It does not say. It says speak to yourself. It doesn’t say that you have to do it silently. It doesn’t say that you can’t speak out loud. It just says, “Do it to yourself.” You can speak to yourself out loud with no intention of dominating or controlling or speaking to someone else. You can speak to yourself. It does not say that you cannot do it out loud.

Chapter 14. “Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts.” I want to ask you saints – kids. What do you think today? Well, I could do

it right here in this room, but let's don't do it here in this room.

Let's say that we go into most of the churches – many of the churches in the United States. We would walk in to – not only into a youth group, but to an adult group. We would say, “Could we see a hands – the hands of everybody here who has desired spiritual gifts. Could we see the hands?” How many hands do you think would go up? None of them. Yeah. We would – you know – why would hands not go up? Why would it – why would they not? There may be a few. There may be a few. That's ignorance. How can they say they've prayed for spiritual gifts when they don't even know what spiritual gifts are? They've never read it, they've never heard about it – they don't know what spiritual gifts are. So how can they raise their hands? Why, somebody had come into my youth and said, “I want to know how many of you kids desire spiritual gifts?” We'd look at each other,

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we'd start whispering and say, "What's that? What's that? I don't know what that is. I don't – I don't even know what that is."

When – isn't it the most amazing thing that we pick out the part that says all the most important things that you love somebody? We see that the apostle Paul without any restrictions here says – he doesn't say, "Desire spiritual gifts if you want to." He doesn't say, "Desire spiritual gifts when you feel like it." He doesn't say, "Desire spiritual gifts if they teach it in your church." He doesn't say, "Desire spiritual gifts if your pastor believes in it." He doesn't say any of that. He says, "Desire spiritual gifts."

"Especially," – now, the King James says, "but rather," but a more modern and more accurate translation, which is the New American Standard, which is believed to be a – a more accurate translation said, "but especially that you prophecy." That means that you're able to communicate and speak to these kids in English in

a way that they can understand it. Put the emphasis on your communication in this camp there. The emphasis in your own private prayer life will be on the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

I want you to look at what he said. You be careful, kids, if you ever hear anybody say, “I believe that – what people are speaking in tongues are talking to the devil.” Or, “I believe they’re saying what the devil is saying.” They better be careful. They better be careful.

Verse 2 of Chapter 14. “For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God.” If you want to know that when someone is speaking in an unknown tongue who they’re talking to – who are they talking to? [Audience replies.] That’s right, it says so right here. I didn’t say it. I didn’t say it. The Bible said that he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men but unto to God.

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Now, where in the world could a minister of God say that when you're speaking in tongues you might be talking to the devil?

It says right the – yes? [Question from audience member.]

Oh, yes. The one unforgiveable sin is the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. If you do not know what blasphemy means, it means attributing the works of God unto the devil.

[Speaking from male audience member.] Understood what it said? Blasphemy means attributing the might works of God to the devil. You see it comes right after they were telling Satan to Jesus – that he was casting out the devil by the devil. That he was full of Beelzebub? They were attributing Jesus casting out the devil to the works of the devil? Jesus said, "You better be careful that you don't blaspheme God." Meaning, for he said – you see, that they were saying that he was casting – the work of

the Holy Spirit was casting those devils out. They were saying that it was the work of Satan. So blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is the one unforgiveable sin and the reason its unforgiveable means that – because there is a deadness that's come in your heart when you begin to – to say that the power of God comes from the devil.

So, “He that speaks in unknown tongues speaks not unto men but unto God for no one understands him, but in his Spirit he speaks mysteries. But one who prophecies speaks to men for eda – edification and exhortation and consolation.”

“One who speaks in tongues “ does what? [Audience replies.] Edifies himself. “But one who prophecies,” edifies the church. Ok? So what would you do, kids? You speak in tongues to edify yourself. You get up this morning and you say, “I just can't go. I mean, I just can't – my head's throbbing. I just can't go. Man, I can't



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stand this little boy in our camp and I just can't stand – I'm telling you, it's all – I tell you – I just got a problem. My junior counselor, I'm telling you – she – my senior counselor. I've got problems. I've got problems and so what do you do? You begin to pray in the language of the Holy Spirit. It's a language.

Let's suppose you pray it in English? Let's suppose you pray that prayer in English. Let's suppose a junior counselor's having trouble with her counselor. You could pray this kind of prayer: "Dear God, strike my senior counselor down. cause them to know that I'm right and they're wrong." Do you know how many people pray like this, in English? Selfish. "Dear God, show my senior counselor how wrong they are and how right I am."

Hey, do you think any of you've ever prayed any selfish prayers? Do any of you think you've ever had a little spirit of revenge in your prayers? You really would like to see God get somebody?

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Any of you think that? When you are praying in a language of the spirit of God, you are speaking a perfect prayer to God. You are edifying yourself. You know what happens? If you speak by the power of the Holy Spirit and you begin to pray in the Spirit, all of a sudden, your hate for your senior counselor goes away. All of a sudden, your hate for your – or your dislike for your junior counselor – mercy and faith and grace comes pouring over you. You just feel sick and all of a sudden you get edified yourself. Your headache doesn't hold you anymore. All of a sudden, you've just got power. You just received miraculous power, you see, from God. You have received the ability of God.

Now, speaking in unknown tongues for your personal benefit – and this is the purpose of this second tape. Speaking in unknown tongue with the baptism of the Holy Spirit can do for you what it did for Peter, for James, for John, for Mary the mother of Jesus, for all those 120

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were – that were in the upper room. Then for the apostle Paul.

You must understand, somebody says, “Well, I see them praying for people and laying their hands on them and praying for somebody – I don’t believe that’s how the Holy Ghost comes. I believe the Holy Ghost just comes on you. I don’t believe anybody can help you.” That’s not how the apostle Paul received the Holy Spirit. Read the book of Acts. A man named Ananias came and laid his hands on Paul and Paul received the Holy Ghost. We assume he spoke in tongues because the apostle Paul said, “I thank God I speak in tongues more than the whole kitten kaboodle of ya. I thank God I speak in tongues more than everybody.” The apostle Paul so very clearly says in this 14<sup>th</sup> chapter, “Forbid not to speak with other tongues.”

Now, for some of you and I’m going to make a division here – some of you have never re-

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ceived the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Be careful how you assume it's going to come. Some of you – I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit at four o'clock in the morning in my living room and when I fell down on my face and said, "God, I want everything you want for me." I knew that when I did that I would be ostracized by my church. I knew my mother would not understand. I knew that people would think I was peculiar. I knew that I was going to hurt my family. I knew I was in for it. I was right. I was exactly right. I was exactly right.

But I also know if I hadn't been obedient to God I would never have had the power to have been sustained through these 18 years for this camp. If I had never been baptized in the Holy Spirit, I would have never had the power to have a camp and a church. I would have never had the power to do that.

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I would've never had the power before – last night, Friday night, Don and I were awakened at two-thirty in the morning as a car drove up to our back carport. Don said, “Honey, someone’s driven up.” 2:30 in the morning. We went out and it’s a young man that we’ve been working with who’s had a real bout – he’s been on drugs since he was 15 and he’s 32 now, married and has a family. He got out of his van, loaded. Threw his arms around me and he said, “Oh, god, Hettie, what’s become of me?” He fell in my carport on his knees and began to ask God for his help and to repent. – Don and I prayed with that young man and stayed with him and gave him hot coffee. Saw him through. He said, this is the quickest I’ve ever sobered up in my whole life. We stayed with him till 4:30.

How can Don Brooks and I do that year after year after year? I could write you a book of – with hundreds of examples of that very same thing happening in my life over and over and

over again. How, kids? How? That's the power of the Holy Ghost.

Receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues is not a doctrinal issue with me. It's not a take-it-or-leave-it-thing – it was a matter of life and death for me. I received help and power and encouragement. I don't want to fuss with anybody about speaking in tongues. I don't want to fuss with any teacher and I don't want to fuss with any church and I didn't want to fuss with my mother and I didn't want to fuss with anybody.

My mother had to admit that she had come to my house, day after day and year after year after year while she came to my home and took care of Don and my children because I was in bed weeping and crying with depression for a week at a time. That's hard to look at me and see that, isn't it? That I would be in bed, sometimes a week at a time? Ill, big black circles around my eyes? Mother trying to say, "Honey

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what's wrong?" "I don't know mother, I don't know."

You know what was wrong? I was looking for truth and power and help. I was looking for something that would cause me to be unselfish. I was caus – I was looking for something that would make me stay married to Don Brooks and live here out on this dirt road with these three little kids and feel a loss and a loneliness and a separation from life that I thought I could not stand. I thought I could not stand it.

God baptized me with the Holy Spirit. My mother has never set by my bedside with me being ill. Not one [with?...once with?] depression, not one day since. Very few times for any other reason. It was a miracle. It was a miracle.

I am devoted and dedicated to telling people that God has help for them. I'm devoted and dedicating to telling you people that you don't have to be a wishy-washy, lukewarm Chris-

tian. I'm devoted to telling young people that you can stop the downhill slide of America – when you see the world crushing and dying and going to hell and feeding ourself with all this rock music; “Let's do it tonight, baby. Let's do it tonight.” Do you know who's behind the record albums – the Christians. It's the Christians. It's the Christians that are supporting the television and the bedroom scenes. It's the Christians who are doing it because Christians don't have any power to say no. Christians don't have guts and power enough to make some decisions and stick to them. Christians don't have power enough to overcome depression. Young people by the hundreds of thousands are taking doke – dope and smoking pot and rebelling against their parents and are living a hell of a life.

I say that, not as a byword, but meaning exactly what I say – it's hell. They're living in hell and torment.



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There are other Christians who seem to have it altogether good. Everything's just going great for them. They don't speak in tongues, they're not baptized in the Holy Spirit and everything's just going great. You ask them how much they're flowing in the gifts of the spirit to change somebody else's life. You ask them how effective they are. Ask them how they could stand up if they went to a camp where they weren't surrounded by the Holy Ghost. Ask them how they did at another camp. Ask them how they do on college campuses. Ask them how they do in other situations. You'll see a tremendous chasm between people who've got what Peter had: the difference in Peter. The difference in Peter.

I want to encourage you that now – those of you who have been baptized for a long time in the Holy Spirit. It's time for you and your church to begin to prophecy, to begin to give messages in tongues and interpret. To begin to see the healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ flow out

of you. It's time for you now – you have had the manifestation of the Holy Spirit which was given to every man. it's time for you to “desire earnestly spiritual gifts.” Not to be corny and not to set yourself aside and not to try to make yourself spiritual, but to loose yourself in availability to the living God. For you to help people. For you to be a real help.

So you see, no one ever arrives. Wherever you are you just get started. Wherever you are you just get started. There is a difference between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the ministry of the gifts of the Spirit as they operate in the body of Christ in a church setting where the rules are given that he who speaks—speak once, twice, twice and let there be an interpreter that everybody in that church might be edified. That everybody in the church might know what's going on.

Then also you'll find a scripture here that said that he that speaks in an unknown tongue – when

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you're speaking, in church? That speaking in tongues is a sign to the non-believer. You think that's confusing. You think, "Oh, it didn't mean that. It must mean that speaking in tongues is a sign for the believer." No. It's a sign to you. It's your sign that the baptism of the Holy Spirit has – is, is – has come. It's a sign to a non-believer of the power of God – "Wow! What are these people doing? Wow, what are these people doing?"

Now, we are as a sign to them. If you usurp the non-believer's time with you speaking in tongues all of the time, you will turn him off and you will not teach him what he needs to know. Please study Corinthians 12, 13, 14. Underline all of the scriptures. I realize that on two tapes I could not thoroughly take care of all of it.

But once again, I would like to encourage you. Before you give your opinion on what you think, make sure that you are a student of the word of God. Before you accuse people of this

that or the other, make sure you have studied. Make sure that you're expressing your own opinion and that – not that of someone else. Make sure when you accuse the charismatics or the tongue-talking people of coming up with the terminology of the baptism of the Holy Spirit make sure that you study, for you are accusing them falsely, Jesus said it. Jesus said, "It was a promise. The prophet Joel said it was to you. It is to your children and it is to all that are afar off."

That's what Peter – that's what Peter told them. That the baptism that's back there in that second chapter of Acts. That this gift, many many many many preachers said it went away when all the apostles all died off, it all went away. That's not – Peter said, "It's to you and to your children." Is that not the second generation? That's right. Not just that generation. "To all those that are afar off." What does that mean?

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Generations yet to come. “ To all those that are afar off.”

Many people do not want to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Not because they don't believe in it but because of the price you pay. There's a price to be paid. The price to be paid is that you have been given a gift of God.