

I Corinthians 12:12-31
The Baptism with the Spirit

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“¹² For even as the body is one and {yet} has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ **For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.** ¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many.”

<p style="text-align: center;">Charismania</p> <p>The second blessing or “baptism with the Spirit” is distinct from new birth and should be sought and received by every believer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Charisphobia</p> <p>A second reception of the Spirit with speaking in tongues passed away with the writing of the N.T. and is not of God in today’s church.</p>
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✓ **All Christians are Spirit Baptized.**

Some believe there are two types of Christians



Those with new life



Those with new life
and new power

Are there two distinct receptions of the Spirit - one for salvation, the other for ministry?

“Born of the Spirit”



Christ’s followers received the Spirit when Jesus “breathed on them”

or “today” when they are born again by faith.



“Baptized in the Spirit”



Christians are empowered by the Spirit later, when they are gifted for ministry.

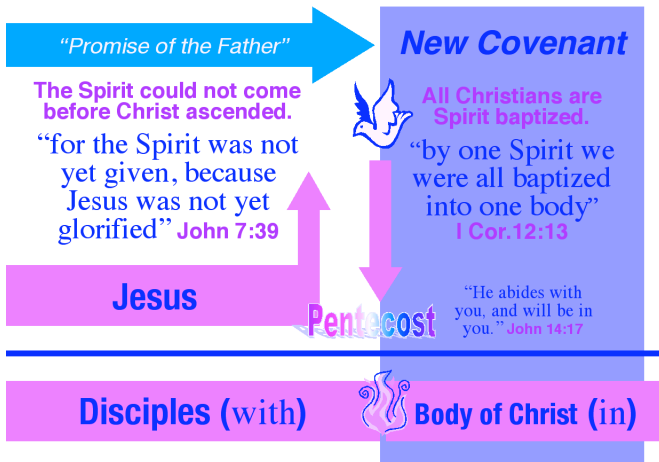
Speaking in tongues is its sign.

Acts X

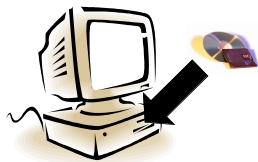
John20:21-23

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✓ **This took place before the dramatic Baptism with the Spirit at Pentecost.**



The old computer needs special installation of latest Operating System.



Old Covenant believers - Disciples

The new computer comes with the latest Operating System packaged in.



New Covenant believers - after Pentecost

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✓ **Being sent was linked with the coming of the Spirit. Both took place at Pentecost.**

Are there two receptions of the Spirit?

- ✓ **Luke knows only one coming of the Spirit.** Pentecost (spirit baptism) was the first coming of the Spirit for the disciples.
- ✓ **Paul recognizes every believer as Spirit Baptized.** He does not encourage any believer to seek "the Baptism."
- ✓ **Paul makes it clear that not everyone will speak in tongues.** There is no Biblical basis for two types of tongues (a sign and a ministry gift).

What is the charismatic experience?

- ✓ While all Christians are **baptized** (with, in, by) the Spirit they are not all **filled** with the Spirit.
- ✓ Luke (Acts) speaks of two types of filling.

Ministry filling (PIMPLEMI). This is an anointing for ministry that can come and go. It has nothing to do with maturity.

Maturity filling (PLEROO). This is a condition that is developed over time and tends to be more permanent.

Prophetic anointing

Spiritual maturity

PIMPLEMI

πιμπλημι

Acts 2:4

"And they were all **filled** with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance."

PLEROO

πληρωω

Acts 6:3

"but select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation **full** of the Spirit and of wisdom"

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¹⁵ If the foot should say, "**Because I am not a hand, I am not {a part} of the body,**" it is not for this reason **any the less {a part} of the body.** ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not {a part} of the body," it is not for this reason any the less {a part} of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where would the body be?"

- ✓ **Spiritual inferiority feelings are common but damaging to the Body.**

²⁰ But now there are many members, but one body. ²¹ And **the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."** ²² On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; ²³ and those {members} of the body, which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our unseemly {members come to} have more abundant seemliness, ²⁴ whereas our seemly {members} have no need {of it.} But God has {so} composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that {member} which lacked, ²⁵ that there should be no division in the body, but {that} the members should have the same care for one another."

- ✓ **Spiritual superiority feelings are common but destructive to the Body.**

²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if {one} member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. ²⁷ Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, {various} kinds of tongues. 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? ³⁰ All do not have gifts of healings, do they? **All do not speak with tongues, do they?** All do not interpret, do they? ³¹ But earnestly desire the greater gifts."

- ✓ **No believer has all the gifts and there is no gift that is experienced by every believers.**

The point of this text

The gifts of the Spirit can be abused and misused so we should give special attention to Paul's teaching.

Lessons

- ✓ **All Christians are baptized in the Spirit.** There are not two classes of believers.
- ✓ **Not every believer will or should expect to speak in tongues.** Speaking in tongues is not "the sign" of the baptism in the Spirit.
- ✓ **Less dramatic gifts are to be given special honor.** We should work to make sure that the whole body is included and respected.

Controversial issues related to 12:12-31

- ✓ **Are tongues the sign of the baptism with the Spirit?** No
- ✓ **What does it mean to be "baptized with the Spirit?"** Membership in the Body of Christ
- ✓ **Is the "filling" of the Spirit the same as the "baptism" with the Spirit?** Baptism marks us as a part of the Body, filling is an empowering for ministry.