

What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit being poured out? Part 3- Pastor Larry Booth

Text: Isaiah 28:11

Isaiah said God would speak to Israel with stammering lips

Isaiah 28:11-12 (KJV)

¹¹ For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

¹² To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

I. INTRO: 3 things we are commanded not to be ignorant of:

A. Spiritual Gifts- dumb idols can't speak- 1 Cor. 12:1-3

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 (KJV)

¹ Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

² Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

³ Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

B. All Doctrinal things- 1 Cor. 10:1

C. Concerning those who are asleep/Rapture- 1 Thess. 4:13

II. How God speaks to this people

A. He speaks through tongues- 1 Cor. 14:21-22

1 Corinthians 14:21-22 (KJV)

²¹ In the law it is written, With *men of* other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

²² Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying *serveth* not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

Paul quoted out text and said that was about tongues. Tongues are a sign to unbelievers

B. He speaks in and through us- He live IN us- John 14:16-18

This was not a concept they understood. The Temple was where to Holy Spirit abode

John 16:13-15 (KJV)

¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

¹⁵ All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

C. He guides us- John 16:13-15

D. He shows us things to come- V. 15

III. What is the primary use of tongues?

A. Paul said he spoke in tongues more than all the church put together- 1 Cor. 14:18-19

He prayed more outside the church in tongues than using the gift in church.

B. His explanation of tongues- 1 Cor. 14

1. Tongues outside the church- unlimited for use in prayers and used for unbelievers.
2. Tongues inside the church- For believer's services and Limited except the gift of tongues with interpretation.

C. 3 uses for supernatural gift of tongues

1. Prayer language- Everybody can have this gift. Your spirit joined with the Holy Spirit praying the exact will of God.

1 Corinthians 14:5 (KJV)

⁵ I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather (Gr.- also) that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

Romans 8:26-28 (KJV)

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

1 Corinthians 14:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

2. Gift of tongues and interpretation of tongues in church- Not all have this gift

1 Corinthians 14:27 (KJV)

²⁷ If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

1 Corinthians 12:30 (KJV)

³⁰ **Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?**

3. Supernatural unknown language to the believer to unbelievers-

Acts 2:5-11 (KJV)

⁵ **And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.**

⁶ **Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.**

⁷ **And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?**

⁸ **And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?**

⁹ **Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,**

¹⁰ **Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,**

¹¹ **Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.**

D. Final Day

Acts 1:8

⁸ **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

Fall on you to baptize you. This is supernatural! Power to witness- witnessing is supernatural

IV. The purpose of the Holy Spirit being poured out is to give us a supernatural way to witness

We are called to give an answer to every person with what is in us. We should use the gifts of God in us to win souls to the Lord! Jesus exemplified this.

A. To give and answer to every person

Colossians 4:6 (KJV)

⁶ **Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.**

God has called us to witness with the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit what are you going to show me to witness to people around me?

B. The main use of gifts is to win souls!

C. How Jesus used the Holy Spirit to win people- He had the Spirit without measure

John 3:34 (KJV)

³⁴ For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.

He never won two people the same way- He was our example

1. By words of knowledge: Jesus used Word of knowledge to win many

a. Women at the well- John 4

John 4:16-18 (KJV)

¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

¹⁷ The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

¹⁸ For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

John 4:39 (KJV)

³⁹ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

2. By gifts of the Spirit-
Nathaniel

John 1:48 (KJV)

⁴⁸ Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

3. Signs and wonders and miracles-

John 2:23 (KJV)

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast *day*, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

After raising of Lazarus from the dead

John 11:45 (KJV)

⁴⁵ Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

John 7:31 (KJV)

³¹ And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this *man* hath done?

He healed them so they would believe
Proof of His power- power to forgive sins

Matthew 9:5-6 (KJV)

⁵ For whether is easier, to say, *Thy sins be forgiven thee*; or to say, Arise, and walk?

⁶ But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

Matthew 9:8 (KJV)

⁸ But when the multitudes saw *it*, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Sickness is temporary- salvation is eternal

Peter preached:

Acts 10:38-39 (KJV)

³⁸ How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

³⁹ And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

4. The Masses that Jesus healed were lost people

Healing is a means to winning people to Jesus!

Hagin- "Healing is the dinner bell for the Gospel"

5. Story of Dr. Sumrall in the Philippines- He ask the students there how would you start a church? They gave answers to do such and such. He said on Sunday, go house to house this week and ask "Is there any people sick in here?" And pray for them. By Thursday, for the first service there was a packed house.

D. DON'T PUT AWAY THE GIFTS! Use them to witness

1. Mark 16- Included in the great commission there is more about signs and wonders than preaching

Mark 16:14-18 (KJV)

¹⁴ Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

¹⁸ They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

2. Matthew 28- Discipleship is teaching to observe everything Jesus commanded us to do

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

3. How did the disciples do it?

a) Peter in Jerusalem after being baptized with the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:41-43 (KJV)

⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

⁴³ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

b) Peter raised Tabitha from the dead in Joppa

Acts 9:40-42 (KJV)

⁴⁰ But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

⁴¹ And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

⁴² And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

c) Paul said this is how I came to you- Romans 15

Romans 15:18-19 (KJV)

¹⁸ For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,

¹⁹ Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

Bob Yandian: "If signs and wonders do not follow your ministry you are not preaching the full gospel."

E. What is God's highest priority in the earth?

2 Peter 3:3-4 (KJV)

³ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

⁴ And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

2 Peter 3:9 (KJV)

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

To win one more lost person to Jesus before He comes back.