

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, August 5, 2012
Don't Give up The Ghost! 2
Do Not Forbid to Speak with Tongues

TEXT: Acts 19:1-7 / 1 Cor 14:39-40

We discovered that you can't be a Christian without the Holy Spirit: you must be born of the Spirit. But there is more to it than that. here in Ephesus they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus, then Paul laid hands on them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

We need the power of the Spirit in the supernatural more than ever since I have been alive. We are in a supernatural battle, living in a world of supernatural evil. God wants us to have supernatural power to live victoriously. This day, we have to make a choice: will we seek and encourage the Person of the Holy Spirit in our midst, or will we reduce Him to doctrine rather than Deity?

♥ There is a second encounter with the Holy Spirit after salvation.

- John the Baptist foretold it. Luke 3:16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- Jesus commanded it. Acts 1:4-5 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; (5) for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- The upper room received it: Acts 2:1-4. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

♥ This experience propelled them into the supernatural power of God

- Acts 2:6, 38 The Promise of the Father to
- Acts 6:3, 8 Holy Ghost deacons!!!
- Acts 8:4-19. A deacon on the lamb, but full of power. Note that Simon could see that the people were filled
- Acts 9:17-18 / 1 Corinthians 14:18 NLT (18) I thank God that I speak in tongues more than any of you.

- Acts 10:44-48. Spirit-filled, tongue talking Romans. (11:16)
- Acts 11:22-30. Spirit-filled Gentiles taught by Spirit –filled Barnabas and receiving prophetic ministry from Agabus while being taught by Saul.
- Acts 13:1-4 – the Holy Ghost said... The supernatural was part of their daily church life.
 - Acts 13:9-11 Elymas struck blind by Paul full of the Holy Ghost etc.
 - Acts 13:52 NLT And the believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 19:1-7. Spoke with tongues and prophesied

♥ One thing is consistent in the book of Acts: **They all spoke with tongues**

- This is a very controversial issue, but the bible is fairly clear: 1 Cor 14:39-40. We are not to forbid it, only order it.
- Tongues and Interpretation may be for public ministry, edifying the whole church
 - 1 Cor 14: 5-6, Tongues plus any kind of explanation is equivalent to prophecy.
 - 1 Cor 14:27-28. If there is an Interpreter, then you can give it for interpretation in the service. Otherwise, just keep on praying to God and yourself.
- You can pray with tongues to yourself and to God
 - V. 28
 - 1 Cor 14:18-19. Where was Paul doing all this speaking?
 - 1 Cor 14:2, 4. Praying in tongues accomplishes 2 very important things:
 - It builds you up. (Jude 20 /
 - It allows you to pray for things beyond your human intelligence. (Romans 8:26 / 1 Cor 14:14)
- Don't settle for your best effort. Access the supernatural power of God by praying in the Holy Ghost

“And don't you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?”

Jesus of Nazareth (Lk 11:13 MSG)