

How can one know that he or she has been filled with the Holy Spirit?

You will know that you have received the Holy Spirit when you speak in tongues as the Spirit gives you utterance (Acts 2:4). This is the first evidence that one has been baptized in the Holy Spirit. It is what happened in the New Testament when people were filled with the Spirit (Acts 2:4; 10:45-46; 19:6). And you can expect the same thing to happen to you.

A second evidence that you have been filled with the Spirit is a passion for the lost and a determination to reach them for Christ. Along with this passion will come a boldness and power to witness for Christ.

How does speaking in tongues occur?

Speaking in tongues is a cooperative act between the person being filled with the Spirit and the Spirit Himself. At Pentecost the disciples “began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them” (Acts 2:4). They spoke as the Spirit enabled. In the same manner, you will speak, but the Holy Spirit will give you the words. The words will not come from your mind, as in normal speech, but will come from deep inside, from your spirit (John 4:37; 1 Cor. 14:14). You will not understand what you are saying; however, the Holy Spirit will speak through you (v. 2).

As you speak, yield your entire being—body, soul, and spirit—to God. Don’t be afraid. Trust in God completely to speak through you.

To receive the Holy Spirit, do this:

Approach God’s throne boldly, knowing that, whatever He has promised, He will surely provide (Heb. 10:19; 1 John 5:14-15). Don’t be afraid. Give yourself completely to God. In faith, pray this prayer:

Jesus, I come boldly to You to be filled with the Holy Spirit. You promised. You said, if I would ask the heavenly Father, He would give me the Holy Spirit. I truly believe Your promise. So, I ask You right now, “Lord, Fill me with the Holy Spirit!” I give myself completely to you—body, soul, and spirit. I am not afraid. Come, Holy Spirit, fill me now. In Jesus’ name I pray.

Once you have prayed, act in faith to receive the Holy Spirit. Pray and believe this prayer, “In Jesus’ name, I receive the Holy Spirit by faith. I believe that I have received!” You will sense the Spirit’s presence coming upon you and filling you. When you sense the Spirit’s presence within, begin to *speak from the Presence*. That is, speak from deep inside, where you feel the Spirit moving. You will begin to say words you don’t understand. When this happens, don’t be afraid. It is the Holy Spirit empowering you to be Christ’s witness. Continue to yield yourself more and more to the Spirit, allowing Him to flow through you. Praise the Lord, you have been filled with the Holy Spirit!

Did YOU Receive the Holy Spirit



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