



Results and signs of being filled with the Holy Ghost

Is it possible to be filled with the Holy Ghost and yet not speak in tongues at least right away? Many believe that if you do not speak in tongues yet or right away, you have not been filled with the Holy Ghost. Now I must say that there are tremendous benefits to speaking in tongues after one has been filled with the Holy Ghost and we should not neglect this powerful gift.

But again, a closer look at the Word reveals does not teach that it is only tongues that reveal to us and others that we have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

The purpose of this teaching is to help bring relief and remove pressure from those who got baptized in the Holy Ghost but have not spoken in tongues yet or are still struggling to do so. Some believers are in this boat and should not be discouraged or taught that they did not receive the Holy Spirit or else they would be speaking in tongues. This approach would simply send them in doubt and cause unbelief and rejection of the precious gift of speaking in tongues. Yes, they have! As powerful as speaking in tongues is, it is not the only way for us to know we received.

I heard a world-wide preacher say that when. He was baptized in the Holy Spirit he did not speak in tongues right away, yet he did not doubt that he had received. He kept at it and later spoke in tongues and now is one of the biggest advocates for this gift.

The Word reveals multiple signs or results of being filled with the Holy Ghost and it is not only speaking in tongues.

a) Power and being a witness (Acts 1:8)

i) Acts 1:8 *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 Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

o Power (Dunamis)—Dynamite

- Be witnesses—not witness. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit we will be witnesses, not do witnessing
- b) Spoke in tongues (Acts 2:1-4; 10:44-48)
- i) *Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and **began to speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*
 - ii) *Acts 10:44-46 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.46 For they heard **them speak with tongues**, and magnify God.*
 - iii) *Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they **spake with tongues, and prophesied**.*
 - iv) We should look forward and release faith for this benefit of speaking in tongues.
- c) Speaking the Word with Boldness (Acts 4:29-31)
- i) *Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the **word of God with boldness**.*
 - ii) This is not to say that all who do not have boldness to speak the Word have not been filled with the Holy Spirit. This is just one of the benefits or signs they can tap into. Some people will have one or two predominant signs than others, however this benefit of speaking the Word with boldness cannot be ignored.
- d) Magnified God (Acts 10:44-48)
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 - ii) Notice that one of the ways to magnify God is by speaking in tongues.

e) Joy (Acts 13:52)

- i) Acts 13:52 *And the disciples were **filled with joy**, and with the Holy Ghost.*
- ii) Notice that they were filled with the holy Ghost, yet we do not see tongues being mentioned, but simply joy. Why? Because there is more to being filled with the Holy Ghost than just tongues.
- iii) If we are low on joy, we need to get filled or refilled because joy is a byproduct of being filled with the Holy Ghost.

f) Prophesied (Acts 19:6)

- i) Acts 19:6 *And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they **spake with tongues, and prophesied.***
- ii) Notice what happened when they were baptized with the Holy Ghost. They spoke with tongues and prophesied.

In conclusion, I have heard other people say that when they got filled with the Holy Spirit, they started to have a supernatural understanding of the Scriptures and started to receive powerful revelation from the Word. I would not doubt that although I have not found a scripture to prove it yet, but again, that does not mean they are wrong.