



## What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit? What are its benefits?

*“Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.” —Acts 8:14-17*

In simple terms, **the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an experience after salvation in which a born-again believer receives or is filled or baptized in the Holy Spirit.** Being born again and being baptized in the Holy Ghost are separate experiences. It's true that when one gets born again, he has the Holy Spirit but that's just a partial truth.

When someone is born again, The Holy Spirit is **IN** them (John 14:17), but when they get filled with the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit is **UPON** them (Acts 1:5,8) and flows out of them causing and empowering them to be a witness. There is more to the Holy Spirit than the initial experience when we get born again, and I dare say that there is even more after one is baptized in the Holy Spirit hence Ephesians 5:18. With that said, we should be experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit in the present day. We should be having better and bigger experiences than the initial experience of the Holy Ghost infilling. The initial experience was great but there is more, and we should not be caught up with just that. We do not want our greatest experience with God and the baptism in the Holy Spirit to be behind us. It should be today.

The new believer already has the Holy Spirit living in them but this time the Holy Spirit comes upon them, or they are immersed in Him who empowers them to be witnesses of the Lord Jesus and to live a victorious Christian life.

The other way I love to say this is that when you get saved, you get the Holy Spirit but when you get baptized in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit gets you. Your life is led by and yielded to the control of the Holy Spirit. Take an example of a drunkard who is influenced by alcohol, in this case, the believer is influenced by the Holy Spirit unto the good and godly. Another way to say this is that when you get saved you receive the Holy Spirit but the filling to overflow happens when you get filled with the Holy Spirit. It's like another dose of the Holy Spirit that makes one overflow.

In Acts 8:12-17, Phillip preached Christ to the Samaritans because they weren't born again yet. He did not preach the Holy Ghost to them. The world (sinners) cannot receive the Holy Spirit according to John 14:16-17. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to believers—His children (Luke 11:13), not the sinners. Jesus is God's gift to the world (John 3:16). Anyone that receives this Holy Spirit must be a believer. An unbeliever cannot receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Receiving the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues could be a simultaneous experience with salvation, or it could be a separate experience, but it doesn't happen before one is born again. Simply put, baptism in the Holy Spirit is a separate experience to being born again.

We see clearly that the Samaritans were born again (having received the Word of God), YET Peter and John prayed for them to receive the Holy Ghost. This makes it clear that they had not been filled or baptized in the Holy Spirit at the New birth. **Although every believer has the Holy Spirit on the inside of them, not every believer is filled or baptized in the Holy Ghost.** This was and is a separate experience to being born again as we see Peter and John coming to pray for them.

The Holy Spirit is the main Agent that works on a person to be born again.

- i) He draws us to the Lord.
- ii) Baptizes us into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:3).
- iii) Creates a new Spirit on the inside of us.
- iv) Witnesses to our spirit that we are children of God.

After all the above, we then move in to be filled and baptized in Him by the Lord Jesus performing the baptism.

We see this also in Acts 9 in regard to Paul's story. Paul got saved when Jesus appeared to him. When Ananias came to him, it was not to pray for his salvation but to have him filled with the Holy Ghost. Paul was already a "brother" according to Ananias. If Paul already had the Holy Spirit at the New birth—which he did, and there was nothing more, then the Lord would not have sent Ananias for him to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This simply shows that being born again and being filled with the Holy Spirit are a separate experience from the initial salvation experience.

John 20:22 says, *"And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:"* Notice that the disciples received the Holy Spirit, but a few days later were actually baptized in the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:4 says, *"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."*

There is a lot of confusion when it comes to speaking in tongues. Some people think that the Holy Spirit will open their mouth and cause them to speak in tongues. Acts 2:4 clearly says that **the people did the speaking** while the Holy Spirit gave them utterance. Who did the speaking? The people did. Who gave the utterance? The Holy Spirit. For one to speak in tongues, they will have to **yield** to the Holy Spirit and cooperate with Him.

Every time the Holy Ghost falls on a believer in the NT, a gift of the Holy Spirit manifests and gives evidence that they have received that infilling of the spirit. Usually, they spoke in tongues, magnified God, or prophesied.

- a) They spoke in new tongues
- b) They magnified God
- c) They prophesied

*"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 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. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God."*

So, Peter:

- a) Spoke with tongues
- b) Magnified God

*“He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”*

—Acts 19:2-6

Here we see that new believers:

- a) Spoke with tongues
- b) Prophesied

Speaking in tongues is a gift that follows the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (as the main evidence of that baptism), but it is possible to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and have the new language (tongues) come in later or not speak in tongues immediately. Speaking in tongues or praying in the spirit is the normal manifestation and is available to all who are baptized in the spirit, although not all believers step out in faith and release this gift. Prophecy is another manifestation mentioned in Scripture. The heavenly prayer language (speaking in tongues) exists in every believer who has asked to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 7:11; Luke 11:10-13). **It's just a matter of releasing it.** Like I said earlier, when you get born again, you get the Holy Spirit but when you get baptized in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit “gets” you. To have a powerful victorious Christian life, a believer needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

*“For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to them that ask him?”—Luke 11:10-13 (emphasis mine) AND Matthew 7:11: “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give **good things** to them that ask him?”*

Luke 11:10-13 and Matthew 7:11 use the **Holy Spirit and good things interchangeably**. The Holy Spirit is a good thing for all of us.

1. **There are three types of Baptisms we find in scripture;** knowing who is doing the baptism and the object being baptized into is very critical to understanding these types of Baptisms.
  - A. Baptism in the body of Christ happens when you get born again
    - a) This is done by the Holy Spirit—1 Cor 12:13.
  - B. Baptism in the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Ghost “gets” you (Acts 1 and 2)
    - a) This is done by Jesus, see Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16; and Mark 1:8.
  - C. Water baptism
    - a) This is done by a believer or minister.
2. **Terms used to describe or define the baptism of the born-again believer into the spirit:**
  - A. The promise of the Father—Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4, Acts 2:39.
  - B. Being endued with power—Luke 24:29.
  - C. Receiving power—Acts 1:8.
  - D. Being baptized in or with the Holy Spirit—Acts 1:5.

- E. Being filled with the spirit—Acts 4:31.
- F. Receiving the Holy Spirit—Acts 8:15-17.
- G. Having the Holy Spirit fall on you—Acts 11:44.
- H. Having the Holy Spirit come upon you—Acts 19:6.

### 3. Who needs it?

All believers need the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is critical to remember that it is not a requirement for salvation. It is beneficial for this life but not the afterlife. **The baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues is very beneficial to a born-again believer.**

1 Corinthians 14:39 tells us, “*Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.*” Many people have done a good job to stop people and discourage them from speaking in tongues, but the Bible is very clear. It says, **FORBID NOT** to speak in tongues.

- a) Acts 2:38-39 says that the promise of the Holy Ghost is for **all believers** now and those that are to come.
- b) “*So that ye come behind in **no gift**; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:*” —1 Corinthians 1:7 (emphasis mine)
- c) “*And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; **but be filled with the Spirit,***” — Ephesians 5:18 (emphasis mine)
  - i) The Word of God admonishes us to be filled with the Holy Spirit instead of being drunk with wine.

### 4. First, I want to establish that there are two main classifications of tongues:

- A. The gift of speaking in tongues (1 Corinthians 12:7, 10, 11; 14:2, 4, 5, 18-19)

- a) This is a type of tongues that each believer receives and speaks in after he or she is filled or baptized in the Holy Spirit. It is also referred to as a prayer language. It is given to every man, not just some.
- b) While speaking in this type of tongues, we speak unto God not unto men. It doesn't have to be interpreted. It is for personal edification, not the church. No man understands this type of tongues.

B. The ministry gift of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:28-30).

- a) This type of tongues operates in a church service and must be interpreted to the edification of the church. It is given primarily for the church body through a person that operates in this office or ministry gift of tongues. It is given to **some** not all (1 Corinthians 12:28). With this type of ministry or office gift of tongues, God is speaking to man, therefore it must be interpreted so that people understand what is being spoken by God through this ministry gift of tongues.
- b) There is a difference between the ministry gift of tongues given as a gift to the church and the gift of speaking in tongues given to the individual.

5. Below are some of the benefits of speaking in the gift of tongues (prayer language) given to all believers.

A. Our spirit prays which is a supernatural way of communicating with God

- a) *"For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."* —1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (emphasis mine)
  - i) Did you know that your born-again spirit can pray?

- ii) When we pray in tongues (in the spirit), our spirit prays and bypasses the fears and doubts of our minds. When you pray in tongues, it is your spirit that's praying not your mind. When you pray in English or a known language to you, it is not your spirit praying but your soul (mind). Your mind isn't involved while praying in the spirit, but your spirit is. This is an adult conversation with God because our Spirit is the mature and complete part of us.
- iii) **Speaking in tongues is a supernatural way of communicating with God.** We all have a natural way but there is also a supernatural way.
- iv) We do not have to struggle to come up with words to say all the time. We can simply switch to speaking in tongues and bypass our ignorance and fears in a known language.

#### B. We speak unto God

1 Corinthians 14:2, *"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries."*

- a) When we speak in tongues, we speak unto God not unto man. No one understands us—this includes the devil.
  - i) By speaking in tongues, we are praying out God's perfect will.
  - b) God has given us a supernatural and divine means by which we can speak to Him. In the spirit we speak divine secrets hence we aren't being understood by men. Secrets can't be understood until revealed.

#### C. Clarity of God's Word, more revelation outflow, and sensitivity to God

- a) Example: One day I was at my house and I was prompted to start praying in tongues. I later called my wife and asked if she was okay. She told me that as she was driving on the highway, her tire exploded. Praise God she did not crash. She was saved from any form of accident and walked away safe and sound. But the



key point is that when I asked her what time this incident occurred, I realized it was the exact time I was praying in tongues. Hallelujah! As I prayed in the spirit, God took those prayers in tongues and applied them to protect her life.

- b) Speaking in tongues increases your ability to hear from God and be led by Him. Why? Because as you speak in tongues, you speak the mysteries of God (1 Corinthians 14:2) and if you pray to interpret (1 Corinthians 14:13), the Holy Spirit will reveal things to you because when you pray in tongues, you are speaking and praying the wisdom and mysteries of God.
- c) Scriptural hunger and desire for things of God. Speaking in tongues makes you hungrier for God and the things of God and less drawn to the things of the world. This happens best through a continual experience not just the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- d) Speaking in tongues or praying in the Spirit keeps us in the Spirit and our eyes set on the Spirit rather than the flesh. If you want to reap the greatest benefits of the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, you need to make an effort to maintain a Spirit-filled led life by praying MUCH in other tongues. Pray much in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:28).
  - i) Keeps us conscious of God's presence. Believers act in the flesh because they aren't conscious of God's presence.
  - ii) Because we are in tune with the things of God and are conscious of Him, praying in tongues will protect us from the contamination of the world as the junk around you will not register or record in your soul as you speak in tongues.
- e) Speaking in tongues waters our gift, not another man's gift. If you are a teacher, it will water teaching and if you are a prophet it will water the prophetic in you.
  - i) My personal experience from the time I got filled with the Holy Spirit and started speaking in new tongues was that I started to receive more

revelation from God's Word like never before. I started to receive a better understanding and insight in the Word of God. In addition to that, I started receiving promptings from the Holy Spirit and in many cases revealing to me things to come. It's amazing and I'm enjoying it.

- f) Praying in tongues is an introduction to the gifts of the Spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12. One of the reasons for this is that speaking in tongues increases our sensitivity to the things of God and the Spirit and keeps us God conscious hence being easy to be led by Him. Speaking in tongues is a supernatural doorway into the supernatural realm of God.

#### D. Supplication for others and the unknown

Ephesians 6:18, "*Praying always with all prayer and **supplication in the Spirit**, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and **supplication for all saints***" (emphasis mine).

- a) Supplication in the Spirit is referring to speaking or praying in tongues. 1 Corinthians 14:2 *For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit **in the spirit** he speaketh mysteries.*

i) Notice that in 1 Corinthians 14:2, "*in the spirit*" is used which clearly is referring to speaking in tongues as used in Ephesians 6:18.

ii) When we put these verses together we conclude that **IN THE SPIRIT** is referring to speaking in tongues. In other words, supplication for all the saints can only be done and achieved **in the spirit**—praying in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:2).

- Supplication in spirit helps us to effectively supplicate for All the saints. To pray for all the saints, we do that by praying in the spirit—praying in tongues.

- In our natural mind, we do not know all things, but in our spirit we do. We can pray for all the saints in the spirit.
- b) How do you pray for all the saints? How do you pray for what you don't know in your natural mind? How do you pray for someone who needs prayer that you know not what you should pray for? When you speak in tongues, you pray wisdom, the will of God, and your prayers cannot miss. You also pray for what things you do not know whereas in the natural mind you pray for things that you know. We can pray for all the saints in the spirit. This is impossible to do in the natural mind or a known language. We can only do that by praying in the spirit—praying in tongues.
- c) One of the main benefits of speaking in tongues is that we get to pray for what our natural mind does not know. In the spirit, we are able to pray for things to come before they ever happen as we will sense in our spirit what we are praying about. When we pray in a known language, we pray for what we already do know but we can't pray for what we do not know. Speaking in tongues helps us achieve that. How powerful! Hallelujah!

#### E. Build yourself up in your most Holy Faith and keep yourself in the love of God

- a) *“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” —Jude 20:20-21*
- i) When we pray in the spirit, we build ourselves up in our most Holy faith and we keep ourselves in the love of God. This shows how powerful and critical praying in tongues is.
  - ii) Our faith is stirred up as we pray in tongues. Faith is built to the greatest and holiest level when we pray in the Holy Spirit.

#### F. Keeps us in the love of God

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- i) When we pray in the spirit, we build ourselves up in our most Holy faith and **we keep ourselves in the love of God.**
- ii) This indicates that we can leave or depart from the love of God. We keep ourselves in the love of God and receive revelation of His love by praying in the spirit (tongues).

#### G. Personal edification

a) *“He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.” —1 Corinthians 14:4*

- i) The word “edification” comes from a Greek word that means “to be a house builder” (Strong’s Concordance). When we speak in tongues, we build ourselves up like a house is built. We lay a foundation that helps the house become firm and emboldened.
- ii) Very few things that we do build us up; one of them is speaking in tongues or praying in spirit.
- iii) The purpose of tongues or our prayer language has been abused by some. They are meant for our personal spiritual edification (1 Corinthians 14:4) and communication to God.
  - A public speaking in tongues in the same way as one who would be teaching must be interpreted to edify the rest of the body (1 Corinthians 14:27-28).
  - Tongues can be spoken in public if the whole body is praying in tongues, not from the pulpit speaking or teaching the Word.

## H. True worship

- a) John 4:24 says, “*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*”
  - iv) The highest level of worship and communion with God is the one that flows from our spirit, not the physical or emotional realm. Because God is a Spirit, the best form of worship is spirit to Spirit worship.
  - v) Praying in the Spirit falls under the same category as spirit to Spirit worship and communion with God.
  - vi) When we speak in tongues our spirit prays (1 Corinthians 14:14), directly to God who is also a Spirit. Praying or speaking in tongues is a spirit to Spirit communication very unique, supernatural, and powerful.

## I. Intercession

- a) “*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. 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.*” —Romans 8:26-27
  - i) Praying in tongues is the highest level of intercession. Whenever we speak in tongues, we allow the Holy Spirit to intercede for us on a greater level.

## J. Blessing and giving thanks well to God

Have you ever thought or felt like you wanted to praise God but never found the exact words for expression? I have had moments when I wanted to praise God, but I could not find the exact words to express my praise and gratitude unto the Lord. No one can fully express how thankful they are to God in a natural language. Tongues help us accomplish

that. The best way to give thanks is by speaking in tongues because we do thanksgiving well through this means.

a) 1 Cor 14:16-17 says, “*Else when thou shalt **bless with the spirit**, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at **thy giving of thanks**, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? For thou verily **givest thanks well**, but the other is not edified.*”

i) The context of these verses is speaking in tongues. Speaking in tongues is used interchangeably with “**bless with the spirit**”, and “**thy giving of thanks**”. These verses further say that praying or speaking in tongues is giving thanks—yet not just giving thanks but giving thanks well. If we want to give thanks well, look no further. We do so through speaking in tongues.

#### K. **Magnifies and Glorifies God**

To magnify means to make bigger and to lift up.

a) Acts 10:46 says, “*For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.*”

i) Speaking in tongues glorifies and magnifies God.

ii) If we want to magnify and glorify God, we should flip the tongue switch and begin speaking in tongues.

#### L. **Boldness**

Acts 4:29-33, “*And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 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. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things*

*common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.”*

Notice they were **all** filled—not some. Even then, this was after they had prayed. Prayer was key for them being filled and the place being shaken.

After they were filled, having been filled earlier in Acts 2, they were filled again, and a few notable things were seen:

- a) They spoke the Word with **boldness**. This implies that they were not bold before but after they were filled with the Holy Ghost. This was another level or dimension of boldness. Being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues will cause boldness to spring out of you hence leading to salvations.
  - i) The disciples that had fled from the Lord (Matthew 26:56; Mark 14:50) in terror were now different men (1 Samuel 10:6) after they were filled with the Holy Ghost.
  - ii) Example: After Peter got filled with the Holy Spirit, he was no longer the same man. Before this filling of the Holy Spirit, Peter was fearful and denied the Lord. However, after the baptism of the Holy Spirit, he became as bold as a lion, standing up and preaching the gospel and getting over 3000 people saved (**Acts 2:14-41**). He later died the death of a martyr. This was another Peter. He had been turned into another man for sure as King Saul was at the beginning of his reign (1 Samuel 10:6). *“And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.”* —1 Samuel 10:6
  - iii) You can't speak with boldness what you do not know. These men and women knew the Word.

iv) Notice also that whenever they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they spoke either the Word of God or new tongues. You can't separate being filled with speaking!

b) Great power

Because of them being filled with the Holy Spirit, they were given great power.

c) Great grace

Yet not just great power alone, but also great grace. All these were results of all of them being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Notice also that there is not just one filling (Acts 2). Acts 4:31 shows that there was another filling of all the disciples. Furthermore, Ephesians 5:18 tells us to be being filled which indicates a continuous process. When were you last filled? In our souls, we need a continuous filling. Unlike our born-again spirits, our souls leak, hence the need for a continuous filling of the Holy Spirit.

#### M. Brings refreshing and rest

a) *"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."* —1 Corinthians 14:21

b) *"For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 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."* —Isaiah 28:11:12 (emphasis mine)

i) Paul quoted this OT verse in relation to speaking in tongues. A closer look at the verse he quoted reveals more detail that speaking in tongues releases refreshing and rest. Are you weary and in need of a rest or refreshing? Speaking in tongues will get you the rest and refreshing you need. As you begin to speak and pray in tongues, your spirit releases strength and refreshment into your soul.



- ii) Some things get cured simply by rest and refreshing ourselves. Sometimes all it takes for us to be fully healed is to get a bedrest. We can achieve this rest or bedrest by speaking in tongues. This is the best means to rest ever.

## 6. Holy Ghost Baptism Before Special Assignment

Anyone who had a calling from the Lord for a special assignment or was called to preach got baptized in the Holy Ghost, Above all, if Jesus did, we all need to as well! If Jesus needed to operate in the power of the Holy Ghost, we should too.

- a) Paul was baptized in the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:10-17). Paul spoke in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:18).
- b) Jesus was baptized in the Holy Ghost (Acts 10:38). If Jesus needed the baptism of the Holy Spirit, who are we not to need it.
- c) Peter was too (Acts 2, Acts 4:31).
- d) John the Baptist was baptized in the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15).

## 7. Interpret

When you speak or pray in tongues, pray with expectation and pray to interpret (1 Corinthians 14:13). Interpreting means that your understanding becomes fruitful OR it yields fruit in that you begin to understand what you were praying in the spirit, see things clearly, have revelation knowledge, have a change of attitude, and get a different perspective.

## Conclusion:

One of the most important things we can do when we come up against a difficult situation is to pray in tongues. Speaking in tongues is like flipping a supernatural switch. We turn on a powerful generator and the life and wisdom of God that is in our spirit starts coming out of our mouth.

In your spirit is where your new life is, it's where the power of God in us dwells. We aren't just natural beings; we are natural as well as spiritual beings. Speaking or praying in tongues is essential in releasing what is in our new, born-again spirit. Speaking in tongues empowers us to discern and follow God's will.

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