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GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THESE GIFTS ARE GIVEN FOR THE ENTIRE BODY OF CHRIST TO USE TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

- 9 GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT (SPIRITUAL GIFTS)
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1. SPIRITUAL GIFTS: His divine resources available to us: power, authority, healing the sick and deliverance from any occasion which arises against us.

1 Cor 12:7-11 Now to each one the manifestation of The Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through The Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He gives them to each one, just as He determines.

The 9 gifts of The Spirit are:

- Message of Wisdom
- Message of Knowledge
- Faith
- Gift of Healing
- Miraculous Powers
- Prophecy
- Distinguishing between spirits
- Speaking in different kinds of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues.

2. GIFTS OF SERVICE: His divine ability given to enable us to accomplish the calling He gives us.

Romans 12:6-8so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

The 7 gifts according to His grace:

- Prophesying
- Serving
- Teaching
- Encouraging
- Contributing to Peoples Needs
- Leadership
- Showing Mercy

Praying in the Spirit

Praying in Tongues / Speaking in Tongues

What is praying in tongues?

It is the external evidence that the Holy Spirit has taken possession of the body of the believer. It is the voice of God speaking through the lips of the believer. Praying in Tongues is a heavenly language.

How does it feel when I receive this gift?

It can be different for different people. But often times you will feel nothing! No lightning bolt surging through your body. It is a very natural experience, where nothing happens except that you now have a new language. Just like if you know how to speak Spanish or French, etc.

How often will I pray in tongues once I have received this gift?

Whenever and however often as you would like. As Paul says: **1 Thess 5:16:pray without ceasing.....** If you know how to speak Spanish, you just open your mouth and think you want to speak in Spanish and you do. If you want to pray in tongues, just open your mouth thinking you want to pray in tongues, and that is the language that comes out. You do not go into a “trance” or anything like that. It is a very natural occurrence. Sometimes, like during worship, you will feel a strong desire to pray that way. There may be other times you feel compelled to pray that way. Praying in tongues is The Holy Spirit is using you to pray exactly what The Father wants you to pray in that moment.

Three Types of Tongues- PRAYING IN TONGUES VS. SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Praying in The Holy Spirit

1. **Praying in tongues (Heavenly Language).** Many people are able to PRAY in tongues after they are baptized with The Holy Spirit. A Spirit filled believer can pray for you, or you can pray for yourself. You might be with a group of believers, or you might be by yourself. This is a private language between you and God. Only He understands what you are praying.
Cor 14:14 For if I PRAY in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.
2. **Speaking in tongues-1** – this would happen when the Holy Spirit wants to deliver a message in a group of people. Once someone has spoken in tongues in a meeting, there should be an interpreter to interpret (another gift of the Holy Spirit) what those words mean to the group.
*Cor 14:13 For this reason anyone who SPEAKS in a tongue should pray he may interpret what he says.
1 Cor 14:27 anyone SPEAKS in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. ²⁸ But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.*
3. **Speaking in tongues-2** This could be when you have an immediate need to speak in a foreign language to be understood by a foreigner., i.e., French. The Holy Spirit will enable you to speak that language, in that instant, so that you can be understood by the person or people God has placed in your path to communicate with.
Acts 2:4 All of them were filled with The Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as The Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under Heaven When they heard this sound a crowd came together in bewilderment because each one heard them SPEAKING IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE.

WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY ABOUT THE GIFT OF TONGUES

TONGUES RECEIVED UPON BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Upon being Baptized with The Holy Spirit, you may start to “pray in the spirit”. *Cor 14:14 For if I PRAY in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.* It is the private language God has chosen for you to communicate intimately with Him alone. No one knows what you are saying, except for Him. You can begin to pray to Him as you want to; or you may feel compelled to pray this way, as He is calling upon you to pray. Often when you worship The Lord, you will find yourself praying in your prayer language instead of singing the words to the songs.

Acts 2:1-4

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all ^[a]with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them ^[b]divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 10:44-46 (at Cornelius home-first time non-Jews spoke in tongues).

While Peter was still speaking these words The Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers (The Jews) who had come with Peter were astonished that The Gift of The Holy Spirit had been poured out on even the gentiles (non-Jews) for they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Acts 19:5-6

On hearing this they were baptized into the Name of The Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them The Holy Spirit came on them and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

This is separate from the Gift of Tongues described below.

THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF TONGUES

The spiritual gift of Tongues is for communication with someone who speaks an unknown language to you, or to deliver a message to the body of believers with someone who has the Gift to Interpret that message.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

(Note: this repeatedly says “to another” are given different gifts. Different kinds of tongues is one of several gifts He gives to his people.)

1 Cor 12:29

And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

SCRIPTURAL VERSES ABOUT PRAYING AND SPEAKING IN TONGUES

In Corinthians 14, Paul is describing the types of Tongues we can receive as a gift from the Holy Spirit, and when it is appropriate to use them. When we come together as a church, we are to edify each other as brothers and sisters. When we pray in the Tongues, what we are saying is between us and God, and we don't even understand what we are saying, never mind someone else understanding it. There is a time and a place for this beautiful gift, but it is not in the church. It is in a time when you are alone with God, or perhaps with a group of those who also have their prayer language, and everyone is comfortable with it.

14.1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

Per 1 Cor 12:7-11, speaking in different kinds of tongues is one of the 9 gifts of the Spirit. We are to desire Spiritual Gifts, especially those that edify other believers.

14.2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

What we are saying is a mystery to us, but not to God.

14.3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. ⁴ He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

Per 1 Cor 14:20, we are instructed to build ourselves up. Edify means "to build up". We are edified by the Word of God (Acts 20:32), by Worship, by Prayer, and our prayer language also edifies us.

(Jude 1:20 But you dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Spirit.

14.5 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

When the church comes together, we should build each other up – prophecy does this. Praying in tongues only builds us up as individuals, but Paul wishes they ALL spoke with tongues.

14.6 But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit YOU unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? ⁷ Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? ⁸ For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle? ⁹ So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰ There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance. ¹¹ Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me. ¹² Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

Paul is explaining how important it is that we edify each other when we come together. Therefore, we must speak words of understanding to profit and build up the Body of Christ. Prophecy is a better gift within the church because people understand what is being said, and are edified.

14.13 Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

Paul is explaining this is the proper use of Tongues if used in the church – a message and an interpreter, so the entire church can understand and benefit).

¹⁴ For if I PRAY in a tongue, my spirit PRAYS, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵ What is the conclusion then? I will PRAY with the spirit, and I will also PRAY with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. ¹⁶ Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? ¹⁷ For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

It is good to PRAY in tongues even though you don't have understanding of what you are saying, and it is good to PRAY with your own understanding. BUT NOT OUT LOUD IN THE CHURCH because no one else knows what you are saying.

¹⁸ I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; ¹⁹ **YET IN THE CHURCH I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.**

Paul is thankful for His prayer language, he speaks with tongues more than any of them. Yet in the church so that he may teach and build up the church, he would rather speak with his understanding.

²⁰ Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature ²¹ In the law it is written: **“With men of other tongues and other lips, I will SPEAK to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,” says the Lord.** ²² Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.

This kind of Tongues are for a SIGN: a sign is a miracle to convince non-believers. This refers to the Gift of SPEAKING in Tongues in 1 Cor 12:10; not PRAYING in Tongues upon Baptism with The Holy Spirit. Like when you meet someone who speaks a foreign language, and you share the gospel in their own language. They know what you are saying, but you don't! Prophesying is for believers; they don't need a Sign – they already believe. The truth conveyed by the word of prophecy should be clear evidence of the presence, goodness and power of God.

²³ **Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? ²⁴ But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. ²⁵ And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.**

If the whole church is speaking in tongues, unbelievers will think the whole church is out of its mind. That is not the proper use for Tongues. If everyone is prophesying, people will understand what is being said.

²⁶ How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, **has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. ²⁷ If anyone SPEAKS in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. ²⁸ But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.**

Once again together in the church, we are to edify each other. This is not PRAYING in Tongues. The proper use of SPEAKING in tongues in the church is if a message from God is being delivered in tongues and needs to be interpreted. If it is a word from God, there will be an interpreter

²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. ³⁰ But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. ³¹ For **you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.** ³² And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. ³³ **For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.**

Prophecy can have two purposes: to forthtell the present and to foretell the future. Forthtelling speaks the truth of God, not for the future but for today, for purposes of edification (building up), exhortation (urge someone to do something) or to comfort. Foretelling is predictive; it describes something that will happen in the future.

PRAY TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND GIFT OF TONGUES

Here is a passage where God promises to give us His Holy Spirit if we ask Him.

Luke 11:5-11

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity^[e] he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for^[f] a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- Dear Holy Father, You said if we ask you, it will be given to us. You said if we knock, the door will be opened. You said everyone who asks receives, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Dear Holy Father, you said as our Father in Heaven, you know how to give good gifts to your children. You said if we ask you for the Holy Spirit, you will give it to us. Please give me the gift of tongues as you have promised in Your Word. In Jesus Name

THREE EVENTS TO BECOME STRONG BELIEVERS IN CHRIST
SALVATION (BORN AGAIN BY BELIEF IN JESUS AND REPENTANCE)
BAPTISM IN WATER – BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. SALVATION

To be saved, we must first believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then we must choose to repent of our sins (turn away from our sins) and follow Jesus. When we do this, God forgives us for our sins, and are “born again”. We are first born physically, then “reborn” spiritually as The Holy Spirit of God comes to dwell within us: **1 Cor 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

John 3:3-6

Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water (the flesh) and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 1:12-13

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Gal 3:26

For you are all sons of God (born again) through faith in Christ Jesus.

2. BAPTISM OF WATER

When we are immersed in water, it is symbolic of being buried with Jesus, and then raised up cleansed of all our sins, to walk with Him in a new life. It is a beautiful demonstration to the world around us that we belong to Him, as we have chosen to repent for our sins, to have them all washed away, and we are a new person in Christ.

Romans 6:4

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Mark 1:4

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Luke 3:2-3

² while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

3. BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Many believers have received Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and have been water baptized, but never received The Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is the Baptism of The Holy Spirit them strengthens them, gives them boldness and courage to talk to others about Jesus, gives them power and so much more.

Acts 2:4-5,8

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; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.....

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 BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A SEPARATE EVENT FROM SALVATION, AND WATER BAPTISM AS SHOWN BELOW.

Acts 8:12 (They first believed, then were baptized in water)

But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

Acts 8:14-17 (Then they were baptized in The Holy Spirit)

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:1-7 – Believed, Water Baptized, and Baptized in The Holy Spirit.

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ² he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

³ And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."⁴ Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. ⁷ Now the men were about twelve in all.

In the 40 day time period before Jesus went back to Heaven, Jesus appeared to the apostles after He had risen from the dead, and filled them with His Spirit (John 20:21-22). (Prior to this, they were with Him everyday, so they didn't need The Holy Spirit, they had Him). Then He told them to "wait for the gift My Father promised", which was the Baptism of the Holy Spirit which came on the Day of Pentecost.(Acts 2:1-4).

John 20:21-22 (They Believed, but Jesus as leaving them) (they were water baptized previously..John 3:22)

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you. As The Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-4 (Baptism of The Holy Spirit)

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Some people say this Baptism of The Holy Spirit was just for those in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost, and we don't need it anymore. This is NOT TRUE because in the Bible tells us it is for us too in Acts 2:38-39.

Acts 2:38-39:

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

This was the pattern through the Book of Acts. People 1) believed in Christ and Repented of their sins 2) they were baptized in water for remission of their sins 3) they were baptized in The Holy Spirit which strengthened them and gave them power and boldness to tell others about Christ.

In many of our churches today, people invite Christ into their lives by the sinners prayer – and remain there. They don't understand repentance, and continue to remain in their sins. Oftentimes baptism by water does not come for weeks or months or even years. They are stunted and don't mature in their walk with Christ, because they do not understand repentance, the cleansing power of water baptism or the power of the Baptism of The Holy Spirit.

BEING BORN AGAIN

THERE IS A NATURAL BODY AND THERE IS A SPIRITUAL BODY

We come into the world physical beings born of physical beings. And when we find Jesus and believe in Him, and choose to repent for our sins, we are “born again” with the Holy Spirit. We become spiritual beings which fill a physical being, which is what we were always meant to be.

BORN AGAIN

John 3:5-7

⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be BORN AGAIN.’

1 John 3:9

Whoever has been BORN OF GOD does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been BORN OF GOD. (We cannot sin without feeling convicted about it. We want to repent and not do it again).

1 John 5:1

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is BORN OF GOD....

THE BODY AND THE SPIRIT – TWO IN ONE

1 Corinthians 15:42-15:44

PHYSICAL

The body is sown in corruption, (sin)

It is sown in dishonor,(sin)

It is sown in weakness, (sin)

It is sown a natural body,

There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

SPIRITUAL

it is raised in incorruption

it is raised in glory.

it is raised in power.

it is raised a spiritual body.

1 Cor 15:45-49

And so it is written, the first man, Adam, became a living being. The last Adam (Jesus) became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural and after the spiritual. The first man was of the earth, made of dust (Adam), the second man is the Lord of Heaven (Jesus). And as we have borne the image of the man of dust (Adam), we shall also bear the image of the Heavenly Man (Jesus).

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is IN CHRIST (born again), he is a new creation. Old things have passed away (old desires, past sins) Behold all things have become new.

1 John 2:27

But the anointing which you have received from Him ABIDES IN YOU and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

Romans 8:13

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by The Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18

¹⁶ Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Romans 8:14

For as many as are led by The Spirit of God, these are the Sons of God. (You become a child of God)

John 16:13

However, when He, The Spirit of Truth has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES FORETELLING OF BEING BORN AGAIN IT WAS ALWAYS GOD'S PLAN TO REDEEM US THRU CHRIST AND FILL US WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT

Ezekiel 11:19 – BORN AGAIN

Then I will give them one heart, and I will PUT A NEW SPIRIT within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Behold the days are coming, says The LORD when I will make a NEW COVENANT with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says The LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD; I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying Know the LORD, for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity and their sin I will remember no more.

Isaiah 44:3-4

For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground.
I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring.

RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT – BEING BORN AGAIN – BECOMING A NEW CREATION, A NEW PERSON

BORN AGAIN

- The day that God reached into our world from His Kingdom of Light and touched you and changed you.
- A time when God becomes real and alive. He gives you new desires in your heart.
- He gives to you part of Himself, His Holy Spirit – that makes you want to love Jesus and follow Him.
- He gives you a desire to pray and an understanding of the bible you didn't have before
- You know longer just know ABOUT Him. He becomes so real and alive to you.
- You know that you are different. You start to change (sanctification) because You WANT to change.
- You truly desire to know Him more. You want to seek Him through His word.
- You want to know more people who really know Him. You want to share experiences.
- You see Him answering your prayers.
- You want to walk in His righteousness. When you sin it really bothers you.
- You can feel His peace, His Presence, and His love.

BORN AGAIN – changed

- New creation – old desires go away – (drinking, smoking, swearing, lying, etc., etc.)
- New desires – to pray, to worship, to love, and to be with other people who really love God.

And then like the apostles in Acts 4:29, He continues to fill you with more of His spirit as you seek Him. He sustains us through His word, and as we draw near to Him, He draws near to us.