Receiving Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the Gifts

**Scriptural background on the Gifts of the Spirit**

1. **General Scriptural view on the Gifts:**

* Live by the Spirit (Rom 8:5) - Walk by the Spirit (Gal 5:16, Rom 8:4)
* Be led by the Spirit (Rom 8:14) - Do not grieve the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30)
* Do not quench the Spirit (1 Thess 5:19)

1. **Various other New Testament Gifts St. Paul and St. Peter speak of:**

* **Ministerial:** teacher, preacher, evangelist, pastor, administration, service, mercy
* **Vocational:** marriage, virginity, martyrdom, etc. (1 Cor 6)

**Romans 12:4-8** “ For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; 7 if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; 8 if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”

**1 Corinthians 12:28** – “Some people God has designated in the church to be, 1st, apostles; 2nd, prophets; 3rd, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then, gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues.”

**Ephesians 4:11-14**  - “He gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be infants, tossed by waves and swept along by every wind of teaching arising from human trickery, from their cunning in the interests of deceitful scheming.”

**1 Peter 4:10-11**  “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 11 Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified thru Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

1. **Seven Sanctifying Gifts:** (given to all at Baptism and Confirmation)

* Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord
* Given for personal sanctification and growth in holiness

**Isaiah 11:2-3** - The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and descriptions outlined by St. Thomas in the *Summa Theologica*, the 7 Sanctifying gifts are described as follows:

* **Wisdom** - both knowledge of and judgment about "divine things" and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth.
* **Understanding** - penetrating insight into the heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability to "see" God.
* **Counsel** - allows us to be directed by God in matters necessary for salvation.
* **Fortitude** - a firmness of mind in doing good and avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones, by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life.
* **Knowledge** - the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice.
* **Piety** - revering God with filial affection, paying worship and duty to God, paying due duty to all men on account of their relationship to God, honoring the saints and not contradicting Scripture. The Latin word *pietas* denotes the reverence that we give to our father and to our country; since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety.
* **Fear of God** - "filial" or chaste fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from God, as opposed to "servile" fear, whereby we fear being punished by God.

**“Baptism in the Holy Spirit”**

**Support and Encouragement from Early Church Fathers, Popes and Priests:**

**St. Hilary** (300-368)- “We who have been reborn thru the Sacrament of Baptism experience intense joy when we feel within us the first stirrings of the Holy Spirit. We begin to have an insight into the mysteries of faith, we are able to prophesy and to speak with wisdom. We become steadfast in hope and receive the Gift of healing. Demons are made subject to our authority. These Gifts enter us like a gentle rain, and once having done so, little by little, they bring forth fruit in abundance.” – Office of Readings – Sat 25th week Ordinary Time

**Pope Benedict XVI** - "Today I would like to extend this invitation to everyone: Let us rediscover, dear brothers and sisters, **the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit**; let us be aware again of our baptism and of our confirmation, sources of grace that are always present. Let us ask the Virgin Mary to obtain a **renewed Pentecost** for the Church again today, a Pentecost that will spread in everyone the joy of living and witnessing to the Gospel.” – Pentecost 2008

**St. John Paul II –** “I want to cry out: **‘Be open and docile to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit!’** Accept with

gratitude and obedience the **charisms** which the Spirit never ceases to bestow. Come, Holy Spirit, and make the **charisms** you have bestowed ever more fruitful.” – Pentecost 1998 (i.e. charisms are not only for Bishops, Priests, and Religious brothers and sisters, they are for all people.)

“This year marks the **20th anniversary** of the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church. The vigor and fruitfulness of the Renewal certainly attest to the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church in these years after the Second Vatican Council. Of course, the Spirit has guided the Church in every age, producing a **great variety of Gifts** among the faithful. Because of the Spirit, the church preserves a continual youthful vitality, and the **Charismatic Renewal is an eloquent manifestation of this vitality today**, a bold statement of what “the Spirit is saying to the churches” (Rev. 2:7) as we approach the close of the second millennium.” - Pope John Paul II’s address at the 6th International Leaders’ Conference Rome, May 15, 1987

“As you celebrate the **25th anniversary** of the beginning of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, I willingly join you in giving praise to God for the many fruits which it has borne in the life of the Church. **The emergence of the Renewal following the Second Vatican Council was a particular gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.** [...] At this moment in the Church’s history, the Charismatic Renewal can play a significant role in promoting the much-needed defense of Christian life in societies where secularism and materialism have weakened many people’s ability to respond to the Spirit and to discern God’s loving call.” - Audience of Pope John Paul II – International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council - Rome - March 14, 1992

“The Catholic charismatic movement is one of the many fruits of the Second Vatican Council, which, like a new Pentecost, led to an extraordinary flourishing in the Church’s life of groups and movements particularly sensitive to the action of the Spirit. How can we not give thanks for the precious spirituals fruits that the Renewal has produced in the life of the Church and in the lives of so many people? How many lay faithful—men, women, young people, adults and elderly—have been able to experience in their own lives **the amazing power of the Spirit and his Gifts! How many people have rediscovered faith, the joy of prayer, the power and beauty of the Word of God, translating all this into generous service in the Church’s mission! How many lives have been profoundly changed!** For all this today, together with you, I wish to praise and thank the Holy Spirit.” – Audience - Pope John Paul II - National Service Committee of the Italian Catholic Charismatic Renewal - Rome, April 4, 1998

“The period following the Council scarcely seemed to live up to the hopes of John XXIII, who looked for a ‘new Pentecost’. But his prayer did not go unheard. In the heart of a world desiccated by rationalistic skepticism a new experience of the Holy Spirit has come about, amounting to a worldwide renewal movement. What the New Testament describes, with reference to the charisms, as visible signs of the coming of the Spirit is no longer merely ancient, past history **- this history is becoming a burning reality today**.” (151) – Cardinal Ratzinger now Pope Benedict XVI in the *Ratzinger Report* – 1985 For more see - <http://iccrs.org/en/index.php/ccr/>

**Father Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M Cap** – serves as Papal Preacher (person who gives retreats for the Pope and Cardinals at Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, etc.) over 30 years (JP II – Benedict XVI – Francis)

**Q:** There are those in the Church who think that "baptism in the Spirit" is an invention of the charismatics, and that a name has been given to an experience that is not "catalogued" in the Church. Could you explain, from your own experience, what baptism in the Spirit is?

“Baptism in the Spirit is not a human invention; it is a divine invention. It is a **renewal of baptism and of the whole of Christian life, of all the sacraments.**

For me, it was also a renewal of my religious profession, of my confirmation, and of my priestly ordination. The whole spiritual organism is revived as when wind blows on a flame. Why has the Lord decided to act at this time in such a strong way? We don't know. **It is the grace of a new Pentecost.**

It is not about Charismatic Renewal inventing baptism in the Spirit. In fact, many have received baptism in the Spirit without knowing anything about Charismatic Renewal. It is a grace; **it depends on the Holy Spirit.** It is a coming of the Holy Spirit, which is manifested in repentance of sins, in seeing life in a new way, which **reveals Jesus as the living Lord** -- not as a personage of the past -- and the **Bible becomes a living word.** The fact is, this cannot be explained.

There is a revelation with baptism, because the Lord says that whoever believes will be baptized and saved. We received baptism as children and the Church pronounced our act of faith, but the time comes when we must ratify what happened at baptism. This is an occasion to do so, not as a personal effort, but under the action of the Holy Spirit.

One cannot say that hundreds of millions of people are in error. In his book on the Holy Spirit, Yves Congar, that great theologian who did not belong to Charismatic Renewal, said that, in fact, this experience has changed profoundly the lives of many Christians. And it is a fact. It has changed them and initiated paths of holiness.” - Father Raniero Cantalamessa - Zenit Interview 2003

**What is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?**

* “Being ‘baptized’ in the one Spirit (1 Cor 12:13) means being set on fire with the love of God.” – Pope Benedict XVI, World Youth Day, July 20, 2008
* It is not a sacrament, but it is a *release* of the power of the Holy Spirit already within us that we received by faith at our Confirmation.
* It is a conscious experience in which the ember of the Holy Spirit in an individual’s heart is activated to set his or her spiritual life aflame

**What are the benefits of receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?**

* Greater awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in daily life
* A source of empowerment to live out the call of discipleship
* A deeper sense of relationship with God in prayer
* Easier to hear God’s voice and discern God’s will
* The Scriptures, Sacraments, and other things of the Lord seem to “come to life”
* A blossoming in spiritual life, producing fruits of peace, love, and joy (Gal 5:23-25)
* Prepares an individual for receiving and operating in other Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**How do you receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?**

* Most commonly by being led thru a prayer where you ask for it thru the “laying on of hands.”
* Can be received at any time thru the Lord’s providence (during Mass, personal prayer, etc.)
* An individual must be open to the Holy Spirit in his or her life to receive this Gift

**Charismatic Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

* Given by the Spirit in different measures to different people (1 Cor 12:11)
* Given for the sake of building up the body of Christ (Eph 4:12)
* Analogous to different parts of the body (eye – ear – heart – arm – etc.) – (1 Cor 12:12-26)
* Requires us to be open to receive and yield to the Spirit

**This is a verse by verse explanation of 1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11** – “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; 5there are different forms of service but the same Lord; 6there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. 7 To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. 8 To one is given thru the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; 10 to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. 11But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.”

**Gifts of Supernatural Direction and Insight (1 Cor 12:8)**

**Word of Wisdom and Word of Knowledge** – special inspirations by which God works thru one person to give understanding to another person or to a group of people

1. **Word of Wisdom**

* Supernatural guidance on a course of action for an individual or a group
* Often used to help reveal God’s plan and purpose for someone’s life
* Provides clear direction in a confusing and difficult situation

1. **Word of Knowledge**

* Supernatural insight into specific facts, or into something God wants to do
* Not something you could have known on your own
* Occurs during prayer teams, as the Holy Spirit reveals to the leader or assistant a specific temptation, sin, wound or evil spirit God wants you to pray for (wounds) or against (temptation, sin, evil spirit)
* Can also be accompanied by a Prophetic Scripture or Prophetic Vision

## Gifts of Power: Faith – Healing – Miracles (1 Cor 12:9-10)

1. **Faith –** this is not the virtue of faith given at baptism

* Supernatural faith to accomplish a certain task
* Leads to an action or to doing something specific
* Comes in the form of praying with a God-given confidence that leads to results

1. **Healing** – Supernatural healing of the body, psychological illnesses or emotional

wounds (healing of the heart)

*Ordinary Gift* - occasionally pray for healing with mixed results

*Extraordinary Gift* - regularly pray for healing with positive results

**3) Miracles** – unexplainable physical phenomenon

- Often occurs as a sign so that people can come to know and have faith in Jesus

**Revelational Gifts: Prophecy and Discernment of Spirits (1 Cor 12:10)**

**Understanding the Charismatic Gift of Prophecy**

**What is an Old Testament Prophet?**

* Someone who brings the Word of God to others through the power of the Holy Spirit
* Usually the Gift of Prophecy is given to one person or a few people
* Not something you would ask for
* Often involved a lot of persecution and suffering
* God chooses you

**Numbers 11:24-29** - So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. Gathering 70 elders of the people, he had them stand around the tent. The LORD then came down in the cloud and spoke to him. Taking some of the Spirit that was on Moses, he bestowed it on the 70 elders; and as the Spirit came to rest on them, they **prophesied.** Now 2 men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the Spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are **prophesying** in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? **Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow His Spirit on them all!"**

What is the New Testament Gift of Prophecy?

* **A Gift through which you are given the ability to speak a message in the 1st person (from God or Jesus) to one person or a group of people.**
* **A Gift of the Holy Spirit -** **Ephesians 4:11-12** – “And he gave some as apostles, others as **prophets,** others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”
* **Something you can ask God for (given to many) - 1 Cor 14:39-40** – “Strive eagerly to **prophesy**, and do not forbid speaking in tongues, but everything must be done properly and in order.”
* **Our God is a God of order not disorder - 1 Cor 14:29-33** - “2 or 3 **prophets** should speak, and the **others discern**. But if a revelation is given to another person sitting there, the first one should be silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged. Indeed, the spirits of **prophets** are under the **prophets'** control, since he is not the God of disorder but of peace.”
* **Discouraging the Gift = extinguishing the Holy Spirit - 1 Thess 5:19-21** – “Do not **quench the Spirit**. Do not despise **prophetic utterances**. Test everything; retain what is good.”

**Basics to Consider:**

* **Gift can be experienced in 4 ways:**

1. **Prophetic Word** (encouragement, correction, direction, speaking of the future, etc.)
2. **Prophetic Scripture** (randomly or led to one you know well)
3. **Prophetic Vision** (inspired object, image or extended vision – requires interpretation)
4. **Prophetic Tongues / Interpreter** (usually both people know each other well)

* **Who is the prophecy (Word / Scripture / Vision / Tongues) for?**

1. **You as an individual** – (write it down – receive it in prayer – while journaling)
2. **One other person** – (friend, family member, prayer ministry)
3. **Small Group** – (chance to grow in a safe place)
4. **Large Group** – (discernment team is more needed)

* **How do you receive the Gift of Prophecy?**

**Step #1 -** (receive the Baptism in the Spirit)

**Step #2** - **Providentially** – (rare) or **Laying on of hands** = you ask for it or someone else

discerns that God wants to release it into your life – (common)

* **7 Steps to Maturing in the Gift of Prophecy**

1. **Step out in faith** / be willing to make mistakes
2. **Humbly accept guidance and instruction from others**
3. **Learn to sense when you are receiving a prophecy - Anointing of the Holy Spirit** 
   1. Tingling on the hands
   2. Heat sensation
   3. Chapped lips
   4. (not necessarily heart beating faster – often that’s just you getting excited)
4. **Pray to the Holy Spirit to help you discern - Ask yourself 5 questions:**

(1) Is this just *me*? or Is this the *Spirit of God*?

(2) Is this *only* for me?

(3) Is this *only* for one other person?

(4) Is this for the *group*?

(5) Is this the *right time* to share it?

1. **Be open to the discernment of others** (lay down your pride) (1 Cor 14:29)
2. **Recognize that coming to maturity in this Gift is an on-going process**
3. **Learn to help others discern**

* **3 Temptations that can keep us from using the Gift of Prophecy:**

1. **Pride** (“I don’t want to sound foolish.”)
2. **Fear –** (“I am too afraid to speak in front of others.”)
3. **Doubt –** (“This probably is just from me and not from God.”)

* **Antidote - (Ask the Holy to give you humility, courage, faith)**

1. **Humility** – acknowledge who you are in Christ (you possess dignity, value, and worth)

* Live in the reality of who you as a son or daughter of God -- nothing more (Pride) and nothing less (False Pride or Shame).

1. **Courage –** public speaking is the #1 fear people have – but you can overcome it 
   * Pray for courage
   * Take a risk
   * Don’t let your voice remain silent
2. **Faith –** God wants to speak to others and He wants to use me. All I need to do is be open up

and step out in faith.

**Gift of Discernment of Spirits –**

* **A Gift thru which you receive Supernatural insight into the spirit(s) behind a person, situation, or message**
* This Gift allows you to identify and pray against a given evil spirit – often the biggest step to victory is identifying which evil spirit is harassing you and praying against it

**Recognize:** Satan is real and his evil spirits are trying to prevent God’s plan from coming to fruition.

**Basic Distinction:** If it is from God you will have peace in your spirit – If it is from an evil spirit you will be disturbed in your spirit.

**Examples of evil spirits:** lust, anxiety, fear, self-doubt, lying, witchcraft, despair, greed, laziness, anger, and depression

**Understanding the Charismatic Gift of Tongues**

**Introduction:**

**What is the Gift of Tongues?**

* A quickening of the tongue by the Holy Spirit, enabling a person to pray in a language unknown to the person.“If I pray in a tongue, my spirit is at prayer but my mind is unproductive.” (1 Cor 14:14)
* It helps an individual to express his or her inexpressible love, thanks, and praise to God
* It can sound like babble, but it is actual prayer – prayer beyond words. “In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God’s will.” (Rom 8:26-27)
* Tongues can be used at any time: during praise and worship, when you wake up or before going to sleep, in your personal prayer time, while you are walking, while you are traveling in the car, etc.
* Tongues is the most common Charismatic Gift.
* Tongues is a gateway to the other Charismatic Gifts:
  + It helps us to surrender to the Holy Spirit in a new way
  + It takes humility (i.e. embarrassing ourselves / faith as a child)
  + It affects other areas of our life (source of encouragement and joy)

**Nervousness:** is normal, remember the Holy Spirit is a “gentleman” and will not force you to speak in tongues

**Initial Experience of Tongues:**

* Sometimes when people are prayed over tongues wells up spontaneously
* Often you freely yield to this Gift by praying with sounds, words, and syllables
* As you speak these sounds (your part) to God the Spirit gives you the words (God’s part)
* In this process you remain freely in control and can start and stop praying in tongues at will. It is like water coming out of a faucet – you have the power to turn the spigot on or off
* Sometimes the Gift is released into your life, but it is not actively experienced until later (hours or even days)
* Rarely (at God’s initiative) people experience it without the help of another person

**What are the Benefits of receiving the Gift of Tongues?**

* It will enrich and deepen your prayer life
  + Helps us to quickly connect our hearts to God
  + Helps us to leave distractions behind and focus on the Lord
  + Leads us to an experience of contemplation and union with God
* It will build you up and be a source of spiritual strength for you (1 Cor 14:4)
* It helps you more easily and regularly be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life

**What are some Common fears that can hinder the release of the Gift of Tongues?**

* Fear that it is not orthodox (the Church is in full support of Catholics experiencing this Gift)
* Fear of looking stupid (see 1 Cor 1:25)
* Fear of humbling oneself as a little child (see Matt 18:4)
* Fear of relaxing one’s grip and giving up control (see Prov 3:5)
* Fear of stepping out in faith and taking a risk (see Mark 6:48)
* “Do not be afraid” (Matt 14:27) – one of Jesus’ most frequent commands in scripture

**4 Kinds of Tongues**

**1) Tongues as your own Prayer Language** (Acts 2:4, 10:46; 1 Cor 14:5, 14-15)

-Gift that allows you to praise God in a new language

* It is the most common charismatic Gift

**What do we mean by language?**

* Sometimes we run out of words to praise God with
* Can be a Heavenly language – same the angels use worshipping God (1 Cor 13:1) or a non-familiar human language (Hebrew, French, Mandarin, Latin or 10,000 other possibilities) (Acts 2:1-13) or a special Language given directly to you
* It is a pure and holy language that you haven’t sinned in
* It is a love language between only you and God

**2) Gift of Singing in Tongues as a Community**

- A unique experience that occurs when a community sings in tongues together

- Especially when you reach a harmony such as the group prays with one voice

- Sometimes this experience can only be described as Angelic (1 Cor 13:1)

**3) Tongues as a Public Ministry** (Act 19:6; 1 Cor 14:6-40)

- Gift that is used by an individual to give a prophecy to the community

- Spoken out loud for all to hear

**Requires:** **Interpretation of Tongues** – someone who interprets the message (1 Cor 12:10, 28-30; 14:13)

* Not a translation but an explanation
* Often the interpretation is given by someone else who knows you well
* Sometimes the person themselves is able to give the interpretation

**4) Tongues for use in Prayer and Healing Ministry**

**a. Intercession –** specific tongue given for intercessory prayer (Rom 8:26)

**b. Deliverance –** specific tongue given for deliverance or exorcism ministry

**c. Healing –** specific tongue given for healing ministry

* + **Physical Healing** **Tongue** – healing needed specifically in your body
  + **Healing of the Heart Tongue–** emotional / psychological healing

**5) Scriptural References:**

**Jesus’ description of believers -** “These signs will accompany those who believe: in My Name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages.” (Mark 16:17)

**St. Paul’s encouragement -** “I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophecy” (1 Cor 14:5)

“I give thanks to God that I speak in tongues more than any of you” (1Cor 14:18)

“Do not forbid speaking in tongues” (1 Cor 14:39)

**Mary and the Apostles prayed in tongues:** “They entered …the upper room where they were staying,

Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of

Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James … Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.”

“And they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues**.” (Acts 1:13-14; 2:4)

**Six Categories of Tongues:**

1. **Personal Prayer Language –** gift given for praising God and personal spiritual benefit
2. **Gift of Singing in Tongues –** either as an individual personor in harmony as a community
3. **Prophetic Gift of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues**

* Gift that is used to give a prophetic word to the community
* Requires Gift of Interpretation of Tongues to interpret the message

1. **Intercessory Language –** gift given specifically to intercede for ourselves and others
2. **Healing Language –** gift given specifically for healing ministry (physical or emotional / spiritual)
3. **Deliverance Language –** gift given specifically for deliverance ministry

**Summary Points: Charismatic Gifts**

* The Charismatic Gifts are like muscles – they grow with exercise
* We don’t seek the Gifts – we seek the Giver
* The Gifts are always at the service of the Church and their source is the Holy Spirit not our own abilities or virtues
* 1 Cor 13 (the great chapter on Love) falls between 1 Cor 12 and 14 – this is not an accident! – LOVE is the umbrella over all the Gifts, thus, we are to use the Gifts in love
* Love is a fruit not a Gift (Gal 5:22)
* 1 Cor 14:1 – It is good, holy, and admirable to desire the Gifts - “Make love your aim, and **earnestly desire the spiritual Gifts**, especially that you may prophesy.”

**Relevant Scriptures on the Holy Spirit, Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the Gifts:**

**OT -- Numbers** 11:1-29 **-- Psalm** 51:13, 104:30, 143:10 **-- Wisdom** 1:7, 9:17, 12:1 **-- Sirach** 39:6-10

**-- Isaiah** 11:2-5, 28:11-12, 32:15, 40:13, 44:3, 61:1-4, 63:14

**-- Ezekiel** 1:12, 20, 11:5, 19-20, 36:26-27, 37:14, 39:29 **-- Joel** 3:1-2 **-- Micah** 3:8 **-- Zechariah** 4:6

**NT -- Mathew** 1:19-20, 3:11, 16, 4:1, 10:20, 12:18, 12:28-37, 28:19

**-- Mark** 1:8-10, 13:11, 16:17

**-- Luke** 1:15, 35, 41, 67, 3:22, 4:1, 14-19, 10:21, 11:13, 12:12

**-- John** 1:32-33, 3:5-8, 34 4:23-24, 14:16-18, 26, 15:26, 16:13, 20:22

**-- Acts** 1:1-16, 2:1-20, 30-41, 4:1-31, 5:9, 32, 6:1-10, 7:51-55, 8:14-19, 9:1-20, 31, 10:1-48

11:1-18, 24, 27-28, 13:2-4, 9, 13:42-52, 15:8, 28, 16:4-8, 19:1-7, 20:21-28, 21:4, 11, 28:25  
 **-- Romans** 1:4, 11-12, 5:1-5, 8:1-27, 9:1, 12:6-8, 14:7, 15:13-19, 30

**-- 1 Corinthians** 1:7, 2:1-16, 3:16, 6:11-20 7:40 Ch. 12 – 13 – 14

**-- 2 Corinthians** 1:22 3:1-18 5:5 13:13 **-- Galatians** 3:2-5, 14, 4:6,5:5, 16-26

**-- Ephesians** 1:1-13, 2:18, 22, 3:5, 16, 4:1-32, 5:17-20, 6:10-20

**-- Phil** 1:19, 2:1, 3:3 **-- Col** 1:8 **-- 1 Thessalonians** 1:2-8, 4:8, 5:16-24 **-- 2 Thessalonians** 2:13

**-- 2 Timothy** 1:14 **-- Titus** 3:5 **-- Hebrews** 2:4, 3:7, 6:1-6, 9:8

**-- 1 Peter** 1:2-12, 4:8-19 **-- 2 Peter** 1:13-21 **-- 1 John** 3:24, 4:1-21, 5:6

**-- Jude** 1:17-21 **-- Revelations** 19:10, 22:17

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