



How to Receive the Holy Ghost

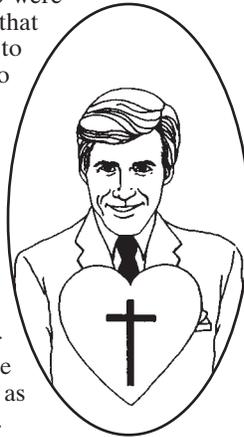
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1. Be Assured the Baptism of the Holy Ghost Is for You.

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and **ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call**” (Acts 2:38,39).

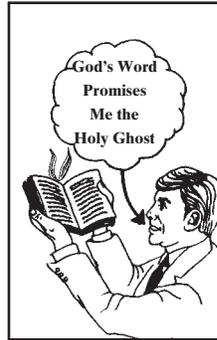
On the Day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter announced that the Holy Ghost was for the Jews who were present that day and that the Promise extended to their children. It also extended to those who were afar off (referring to the Gentiles) and, then, personally to any individual who had been called into the family of God by the LORD Jesus Christ. The Holy Ghost is for YOU if you have received Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.



2. Expect God to Give You the Evidence of Other Tongues.

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4).

Those who were waiting for the Holy Ghost began to speak with other tongues; that is, they spoke in a language that they never had learned. God gave the miracle of tongues as a sign, an evidence that they had been baptized and filled with the Gift of the Holy Ghost. Tongues were the sign on the Day of Pentecost, and God never changes His method of operation. The Word of God declares that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Since God gave tongues as the sign of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost yesterday, we can be sure this is the sign He gives today.



3. Tarry Until You Be Endued.

“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but **tarry ye** in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high**” (Luke 24:49).

Jesus told His Disciples to tarry. *Tarry* means to settle down, to continue praying. Following Jesus’ instructions, the Disciples returned to Jerusalem where they gathered together into a group of about a hundred and

twenty. The Scripture says that they continued in prayer and supplication until the Day of Pentecost was fully come. As they tarried on that day, the Promise was fulfilled, and they were endued or clothed with the great and wondrous Power of the Holy Ghost.



4. Fasten Your Heart and Mind on the LORD Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross.

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for **if I go not away, the Comforter will not come** unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you” (John 16:7).

Jesus Christ shed His precious Blood on Calvary's Cross so that we might have a new heart created within us. This new heart would be a fit Holy Sanctuary in which the Holy Ghost could dwell. Before Jesus returned to His Father, He promised

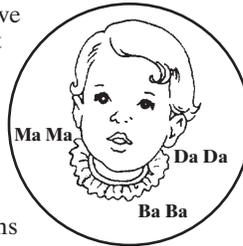


to send to us the Comforter, the blessed Holy Ghost. Therefore, we can fix our heart and mind on Jesus, Who was the Sacrifice for our cleansing, and claim His Promise to send the precious Holy Ghost into the clean heart that He has placed within us.

5. Become Like a Little Babe.

“And said unto him, Hearst thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, **Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?**” (Matthew 21:16).

Jesus could not have been talking about natural babes and sucklings, here, since infants are not old enough to have been taught a language by their parents. But He is speaking of persons

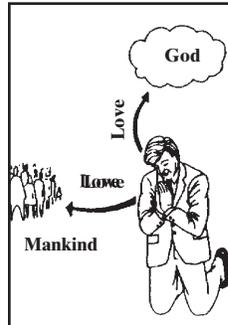


who are willing to become like babes, forgetting their own language and allowing the Holy Ghost Parent to take their tongues and form baby syllables (ma-ma, la-la, ba-ba, etc.) into words, then into sentences, and, finally, into a full language. Remember, *parents* are the ones who give their language to a baby. Likewise, the Holy Ghost Parent will give us His language as, with our heart and mind fixed on Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross, we yield our tongue to Him. When the Holy Ghost speaks through us, it is indeed perfect praise!

6. Yield Daily to Be Refilled.

“And hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost** which is given unto us” (Roman 5:5).

After you have received this glorious experience, then yield daily to be re-filled with the Power of the Holy Ghost so that your mouth will be filled continually with His Words of love.



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