

BAPTISM WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT

WITH THE
SIGN OF TONGUES



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INTRODUCTION

THIS BROCHURE is about baptism with the Holy Spirit and provides convincing arguments that baptism with the Holy Spirit comes with a sign of tongues.

Many Christian books cover other interesting topics of the Holy Spirit: being guided and filled with the Holy Spirit, individuality of the Holy Spirit, divinity of the Holy Spirit, gifts of the Holy Spirit, symbols of the Holy Spirit, titles of the Holy Spirit, work of the Holy Spirit in both the Old and New Testaments.

This brochure is for those who are already convinced that:

- The Holy Spirit is a separate entity, not a certain power of God
- The Holy Spirit is a divine being, not a specific heavenly being like angels, archangels, seraphim, cherubim, and others
- The Holy Spirit is necessary for every Christian to live a life of victory, defeating sin and forces of evil and to successfully perform your spiritual ministry.

CHARACTERISTICS OF DIVINE PERSONALITY

IN THE Old Testament, we do not observe a doctrine of the Trinity. The Old Testament speaks little of the Holy Spirit as a third Divine individual. During that time, people found themselves many gods to worship, as many polytheistic pagan religions surrounded Israel. It is because of this in the Old Testament the Lord had positioned Himself as the only God. We observe a



similar situation in today's India. For example, missionaries visit India and tell them about Jesus, and they will say "Great, we accept Him as well, He will be our one million and first." Now in the New Testament, Jesus Christ spoke and explained to us the scriptures that speak of Him as second Divine individual and the Holy Spirit as a third. We can get familiar with a doctrine of the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John chapters 14, 15 and 16.

Since the Pentecost, the Holy Spirit had told us a lot about Himself on pages of the Gospel, and today we know Him as a third Divine individual, as Jesus He is God, just like the Father. We baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We do not baptize in the name of Archangel Michael, Archangel Gabriel or in the name of any other heavenly beings which are also quite important and influential. We observe acts of the Trinity in the day of the Pentecost, at the water baptism of Jesus Christ, and many other events.

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you" (John 16:7). When I knew little about the Holy Spirit, I always worried about this text, thinking of why it is better? It would have been great if He continued to live on earth. For example, if I needed healing, I could save up some money and travel to Israel, go out and touch the garment of Jesus and be healed.

Jesus in a human body was limited geographically. On earth, He did not use his divine attributes but lived His life as an ordinary human. Jesus had human and divine nature; that is why He needed God. He prayed, was subjected to the attacks of the devil, and was burdened with ordinary human needs. His body was hungry for food and needed rest just as we do. He was sent to show a sinless life on earth, to fulfill the Law of Moses and



when He did, he put an end to the law. *“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes” (Rom 10:4).*

Constrained by the flesh and time, He could only be in one place at a time. God, by His power and wisdom, can be everywhere at the same time. Satan cannot be present everywhere, being in one place he cannot be in the other, (although his demons can be elsewhere). The Holy Spirit is present everywhere and simultaneously talks with millions of people regarding any matter.

To receive healing from Jesus, you need to have faith. The people of Nazareth who did not believe in Him but instead joked and ridiculed Him did not witness many miracles (Mark 6). Everything is given through faith! We also need to come before God with faith to receive the Holy Spirit, not by works but through faith and seeking hearts. When everything is by faith, then it is better that Jesus left the earth because the Holy Spirit is with us always. He is embedded in us: *“...body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor 6:19).”*

I recommend memorizing these eight symbols of the Holy Spirit:

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| 1. water | 5. oil |
| 2. wind | 6. vine |
| 3. dove | 7. seal |
| 4. fire | 8. deposit (promise) |

Properties of these symbols describe the works of the Holy Spirit in today's church. If one knows little about the works of the Holy Spirit, it is impossible to evaluate His work correctly. But when you see the scale and depth of His work in today's

church, then you will begin to honor Him and strive to be filled by Him.

When I knew little about the works of the Holy Spirit, I would say to myself: “Is there any difference between those baptized with the Holy Spirit and those that are not? They take the same path to church, they fight with enemies of the soul, and both strive to fulfill the will of God and so on...” When I got to know the works of the Holy Spirit better, I understood there is a difference. The difference between a person filled and not filled with the Holy Spirit is quite big. When a Christian loses the thirst for the Holy Spirit and is not filled with Him, then there is almost no difference between him and a person who is not yet baptized with the Holy Spirit.



BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The Will of God must be fulfilled

We received from the Lord what I call “basic minimum”. It includes the following items: repentance, entering into a covenant with the Lord, and acceptance of the Holy Spirit. *“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’ (Acts 2:38).”*

I have come across the teaching that says, a person who is not baptized with the Holy Spirit is not saved. I do not consider this statement to be accurate. Of course, in this statement, there is some truth, but we need to tell the truth without confusion.

At the time of repentance, we receive salvation, not at the time of water or spiritual baptism. When a person repents in prayer (asking God forgiveness for their sins), confesses before God, renounces evil, then they receive salvation. During baptism with the Holy Spirit, we receive grace upon grace for successful spiritual life and ministry.

To say: if you are not baptized with Holy Spirit you are not saved — this is incorrect. The right thing to say is: you are not fulfilling the entire will of God, the entire will of God was pronounced by the apostle Peter: *“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” (Acts 2:38).*



If only half of God's will is fulfilled, is it pleasing to God or not? For example, repented but never baptized in the water or repented, baptized in the water but have no desire for the Holy Spirit. God is pleased when we fulfill His will entirely. The "basic minimum" of God's will for everyone is to repent, get baptized, and accept the Holy Spirit and continue to live a life filled with the Holy Spirit with manifestations of His gifts.

2. Holy Spirit is necessary for People

Without the Holy Spirit, it is hard to survive spiritually; it is hard to fight the attacks of this world: the pride of life, the lust of the flesh and eyes. *"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."* (1 John 2 15-17)

Apostle Peter, without the Holy Spirit, was frightened by a servant girl and renounced Jesus. When the Holy Spirit was descended upon him, he became a mighty man of God. He preached to the multitudes, at one time three thousand souls repented, and later five thousand (Acts 2:41, 4:4). He boldly accused his fellow Jews that they had killed the King of Life. The changes in his life are obvious! Then in the ministry, even his shadow healed people. He was so full of God's glory and power that upon lying Ananias immediately fell dead (Acts 5).

Without the Holy Spirit, Peter had no such power, although he had profound knowledge and his name was already recorded



in the Book of Life. He studied at the best school in the world. His teacher was God's Son, God himself. Jesus devoted a lot of time to teach his disciples, and He did not let His disciples step into the world without the Holy Spirit. He commanded them to be in Jerusalem and wait for the Pentecost. Jesus knew that only after receiving the Holy Spirit they would be able to go to the ends of the earth. *"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" (Acts 1:4,5). "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."* (Acts 1:8)

Spiritual knowledge is needed, essential, and valuable. Having vast knowledge is only part of a satisfied life and fruitful ministry, you still need to receive the Holy Spirit and be filled with Him. When the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they became different people because God had settled in them. After that, it was as the prophet said: *"...Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," Says the Lord.*" (Zech 4:6)

The last three conditions before beginning a ministry: holiness, honor, and strength. Holiness — for a relationship with God; Honor — for a relationship with people and the strength which we receive when we accept the Holy Spirit — for the battle against the demons.

The Holy Spirit is in charge of all the affairs in the Church of Jesus Christ, until the second coming of Jesus Christ. Therefore, without the Holy Spirit, neither the spiritual life nor the spiritual ministry is possible!

3. Baptism with the Holy Spirit — is it New Birth?

Birth from above is both a moment and a process. A moment because the act of repentance is a birth into the family of God. *“Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (Luke 15:10).* The names of the apostles were recorded in the book of life before the Pentecost. The criminal on the cross was also saved before the Pentecost.

A process because a person who has received salvation must complete two more required steps forming the “basic minimum.” What do I mean by “basic minimum?” The basic minimum for anyone who wants to go to heaven: repent, baptize in the water, and receive the Holy Spirit with the sign of tongues. *“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.” (Acts 2:38)*

If a sinner repents and dies shortly after, God will accept the soul into heaven as He accepted the criminal on the cross. If there was an opportunity to be baptized in the water and to be baptized by the Holy Spirit, and this is not done, then the will of God is not fulfilled. The Lord in heaven will decide about this person, we can only say that the entire will of God was not fulfilled.

Water baptism and baptism with the Holy Spirit at different times

Does the Holy Spirit come on the day of water baptism? In the book of Acts, we have a rather vivid answer. People who repented after Philip’s sermon were baptized in the water, but the



baptism of the Holy Spirit was later when Peter and John visited them. *“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 8:14-17)

A similar situation occurred in Ephesus when the Apostle Paul visited them. The children of God served God as they knew, the apostle Paul told them about the Holy Spirit, and they accepted 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 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.” And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.” 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.” When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all.”* (Acts 19:1-7)

Generally, baptism with the Holy Spirit comes after baptism in the water. Baptism with the Holy Spirit is a separate spiritual act of God. Rarely do the children of God receive baptism with the Holy Spirit, like Christ and the eunuch — immediately after the water baptism.

4. *Tongues — as a proof of baptism with the Holy Spirit*

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 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.” (Acts 2:1-4)

The Pentecostal Church teaches that the ability to pray in tongues always accompanied baptism with the Holy Spirit. On which basis we are convinced that the baptism of the Holy Spirit should be followed by praying in tongues? The basis for this argument is based on the texts below. Also, pay attention to other supernatural phenomena in each case:

- **Jerusalem** (Acts 2) — tongues, wind, tongues as of fire
- **Cornelius house** (Acts 10) — tongues
- **Ephesus** (Acts 19) — tongues, a gift of prophecy
- **The city of Samaria** where Philip ministered (Acts 8) — tongues were likely also present, on the basis that in Cornelius’ house, Peter understood that God had baptized Cornelius’ family with the Holy Spirit after hearing them speak in tongues. *“While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter an-*

swered, "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"
(Acts 10:44-47)

— **Apostle Paul** (I Cor. 14:18) — tongues and other gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In all these cases, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is accompanied by supernatural acts, and one is common to all: a person receives the ability to speak in tongues.

This is the basis of the doctrine about baptism with the Holy Spirit with the sign of tongues. On this basis, it is assumed that there is no baptism by the Holy Spirit without the ability to speak in tongues. There must be a visible supernatural sign. Christ also said that there would be signs of his followers: *"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."* (Mark 16:15-18)

Example

"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." (I Cor. 14:22)

There was a doctor who knew Latin and visited one church. In that church, there was an older woman who during the prayer prayed in her native language and later in tongues. He listened to her and after church came up to her and asked: "Woman do

you know Latin?” because I just heard during your prayer how you Praised God in Latin? She answered, “Son, I do not know Latin, I prayed in tongues, and I don’t even know what that language is.” In this way, the Lord gave him a testimony that this is the true church that Jesus spoke about. *“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”* (Mark 16:17, 18) Apostle Paul lived the same way. *“I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all”* (I Cor 14:18) *“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.”* (I Cor 14:15) *“Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.”* (I Cor 14:39)

5. Gift of Tongues and a sign of baptism with the Holy Spirit — what is the difference?

There are tongues as a sign of baptism by the Holy Spirit, and there is a gift of tongues. These are different spiritual things. A sign is given to every person who receives the Holy Spirit; this grace is personal to everyone: *“... let him speak to himself and to God.”* (I Cor 14:28). And the gift of tongues is given to serve the entire body of Christ, for the church. As an exception, sometimes a gift can serve its owner.

By God’s grace, I have the sign of baptism with the Holy Spirit and am gifted with the gift of tongues. I also pray for the gift of interpretation of tongues and other gifts. *“Therefore let him who*



speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.” (1 Cor 14:13) Once I was praying in tongues, and a sister in the Lord interpreted it, and the prophetic word was for me. But, as a rule, God uses the gift of tongues for the church when He wants to convey the word to His people.

How practical is it? During a prayer, someone begins to speak in tongues publicly to all, then another who has the gift of interpretation — interprets it. Also during a sermon, the preacher begins to speak in tongues, and someone starts to interpret it. This practice is most frequent.

The Pentecostals did not privatize the Holy Spirit

If we combine tongues, as a sign of baptism with the Holy Spirit and the gift of tongues, as one and the same, then it may seem like the Pentecostal church made a deal with the Holy Spirit and agreed with Him only about one gift for all who are baptized by the Holy Spirit. But we cannot supervise the Holy Spirit — He is God. He gives gifts as He desires, at His own will. *“But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.” (1 Cor 12:11)*

Therefore, everyone who is baptized with the Holy Spirit receives tongues as a sign of baptism. The gift of tongues is given only to certain Christians by the Holy Spirit just like the other eight gifts according to I Corinthians 12 and five gifts according to Eph. 4:11. Here they are all 14 gifts listed, and other gifts also listed according to Romans 12: *“Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of*

tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.” (1 Cor 12:27-31)

The text above mentions the tongues as a gift of tongues and not the sign of baptism by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it says that not all speak in tongues, not all do miracles, not everyone can heal, not all have gifts of control, not all apostles, etc. The gift of tongues in this text is listed on the same level with all the other gifts of the Holy Spirit 1 Cor 12:8-10, gifts of the Son Eph. 4:11 and gifts of Father Rom. 12.

You can try this out

To disprove the myth that the gift of tongues and tongues as a sign of baptism by the Holy Spirit are one and the same, let us look at this from a different perspective. If Pentecostals are begging the Holy Spirit for the gift of tongues for all of their members, then let the critic inquire the Holy Spirit for some other gift for their members. For example, the gift of miracles, or the gift of healing, or the gift of an apostolate, and then the result will put everything into its place.

The answer to such a prayer will not come, because the Holy Spirit distributes gifts as He pleases, and not according to our desires: *“But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.” (1Cor 12:11)*

Therefore, dear critics, be careful not to mix everything — a gift is a gift, and a sign is a sign. All baptized by the Holy Spirit have a sign, and the gift of tongues is rare, just like the other gifts.



6. *Specialties of the prayer in tongues*

It is not a subject of praise in front of those who cannot yet pray in tongues. Prayer in tongues has its own rules. We can pray in tongues without annoying others, not to raise a voice above a spoken language, except in certain situations. *“Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.” (I Cor 14:12)*

We can start praying in tongues after we thanked God in our native language because every prayer should begin with gratitude. When the inspiration comes to begin praying in tongues, then pray in tongues. Everything is in the hands of the person who prays, you can pray as if the storm is approaching, but you can also pray as a gentle stream runs in the garden. When the heart is pure, it is easy to pray, it flows like a river. In such prayer, it is easier to pray in tongues than in a native language.

When we are searching God from a pure heart our tongues will multiply; we will experience that our prayer is perfected, enriched and renewed. When tongues do not change, it is a sign that the desire to pray is weak or there is a sin. It can happen that with a strong filling of the Holy Spirit, your tongues can change completely. A simple example, you spoke in Ukrainian, then started speaking in German or Chinese.

It is good to pray in other languages for at least 20 minutes a day. Then it will be clearly visible as harmony enters our lives. All our affairs will develop by the will of God, and this is the best as it can be.

There needs to be a balance. Sometimes it happens that Christians pray only in tongues and not in their native language, this is wrong. There should be a balance: we should pray much



in tongues, and we should pray much in our native language. *“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (Acts 2:4)* *“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.” (I Cor 14:15)* There should not be any radicalism. There must be a balance and a feeling for the Holy Spirit, how He wants to lead us in the prayer.

There are exceptions. Dmitry Bezpalov, in one of his sermons, said: when God baptized him with the Holy Spirit, for three days he prayed and spoke only in tongues. He experienced such powerful filling with the Holy Spirit. He also said when he went to the ticket booth, he could not even speak to the cashier in his native language. It is not surprising because the Lord was preparing him for an international ministry.

7. Prayer with spirit and singing with the spirit

“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.” (I Cor 14:15)

Singing in the Spirit is a practice of the New Testament; it is to sing in tongues the melody given by the Holy Spirit. The Lord calls us to this in biblical texts.

“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph 5:18-20).



“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” (Kol 3:16)

- Psalms — text from the Biblical book “Psalms” given a melody;
- Hymns — lyrics of the songs that we are writing today, and we have many Hymn books
- Songs of the Spirit — singing in tongues melody given by the Holy Spirit.

Today there are many older brothers and sisters who you can ask about this practice in their Churches during their youth. It was a frequent practice when the prayer of the entire congregation transformed into singing in tongues, and the conductor was the Holy Spirit. Together they started the new song and ended. The melody was not from their hymn book, but unique from the Holy Spirit.

Today, we can notice a spiritual decline: spiritual songs are rarely found, and the doctrine that one can be baptized by the Holy Spirit without speaking in tongues — is breaking into our churches. Back in the day, they said this: silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you — rise and walk, and today we have silver and gold, and to say: arise and walk, we are missing. Was the real anointing only part of the poor and persecuted Church? No and again no! Our God is a God of all: God of the poor and rich, black and white, old and small, etc. *“Then Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.’” (Act 10:34-35)*

The modern Church really needs to humble itself before God and to strive for God so we can not only pray in tongues but also



experience great spiritual singing in tongues. When the spiritual song will be freely sung, then the gifts of the Holy Spirit will begin to appear. Spiritual singing in the Church testifies that the Holy Spirit has freedom in the heart of the assembly. If we provide freedom for the Holy Spirit in our hearts, He will begin to show us His glory, will send us His gifts, power, authority and actively work by His Church.

How to convince Jacob

“And they told him, saying, “Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt.” And Jacob’s heart stood still, because he did not believe them. But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. Then Israel said, “It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.” (Gen 45:26-28)

Jacob saw, and then his spirit was revived. Today, many religions state that they are correct. Here are the realities: show the “cart” from “Joseph” and our old “Jacobs” will live in the spirit — they will rise and go to our “Joseph,” that is, to Jesus Christ.

The church needs to become such good friends with “Joseph” so that He will give us His riches and His full protection. Joseph’s brothers did not receive the great wealth of their brother on their first visit. When the brothers opened up before him, asked him forgiveness and became friends again, then Joseph gave them his full support. He gave them food, transport and blessed their families with everything. It is a good example for us, for our spiritual relationships with Jesus Christ

This world has earthly things that appear better than what Christians have: singing, lecturers, comics, knowledge in all ar-



eas of life, finances, an organization of events, access to television channels, but they do not have the “cart and horse of Joseph.” Our calling is not to surpass the world in its earthly things, but to show the world the majesty and glory of our King: spiritual power, unconditional love, spiritual knowledge, wisdom of heaven, gifts of the Holy Spirit, spiritual authority and proximity to God. So, in the end, there would be repentance in thousands, as after the day of the Pentecost.

“So he answered and said to me: ‘This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the Lord of hosts.’” (Zech. 4:6)

The conclusion is this, if there is no spiritual song, even with the melody of the songs familiar to us, then either we have no thirst for the Holy Spirit, we have a wrong understanding of the gospel or we have a sinful life. So, let us watch ourselves, and let the spiritual song be sung in our prayers.

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAY ABOUT IN TONGUES?

TONGUES ARE a unique way of communicating with God. The devil does not understand this prayer because the Holy Spirit gives the meaning to the words. This is the channel of God, and we know everything from God is wise and blessed. The directions of the prayer in tongues with the Holy Spirit is known to us, but the details may not be known unless God reveals them personally to an individual or a group.

1. Professional praise

“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. 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? For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified” (I Cor 14:15-17)

The Holy Spirit has a depth of divine thoughts, divine vocabulary, and a wise and omniscient mind. His praise with our mouths is the most beautiful, strongest and deepest praise. He knows how to properly glorify our God the Father.

Therefore, one can safely say: if we pray in tongues with purity and humility of our hearts, then this is great praise to God the Father and Jesus Christ.

I understood for myself one principle: the more you glorify our God, the more of His glory will come into your life, and the forces of darkness will be pushed farther away because they cannot stand a fire of burning praise.

2. Prays for the person who is praying, and for the saints

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to those

who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.
(Rom 8:26-28)

Pay attention to the miracle — The Holy Spirit prays for us in tongues which we pronounce in our prayer. The Holy Spirit is our deputy. He lives in us and knows very well what we need or our loved ones for whom we pray.

For Good. We can ask God for what is planned for us in the future. For example, a father bought a car for his son, but he will give it to him only after the son receives his driver's license. The same way God has a lot of good prepared for us, but he will give it only under certain conditions. The Holy Spirit will always guide us towards the fulfillment of these conditions so that we can receive the fullness of God's goods. *"Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father."* (Gal 4:1, 2)

Risks. Sometimes we do not know when our loved ones or we ourselves might be in danger. Therefore we may not know when to pray for protection, but when we pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit will pray for our safety so that all evil plans against us will not be fulfilled. *"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me, Says the Lord."* (Is. 54:17)

Other circumstances. We people can look at the things of life by our human logic, but heavenly logic can be the opposite. *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts"* (Is 55:8, 9). Not knowing the heavenly logic we may pray in a wrong way, but if we pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit

will pray according to God's will in real circumstances. The Bible tells us about dozens of cases when human thoughts were not in harmony with the thoughts of God, even though they were based on good intentions.

Here are some Biblical examples:

- Apostle Peter while trying to protect Christ was rebuked by Christ, he thought he knew what was best but went against the will of God (John 18:11)
- David was moving the ark of the Lord and thought that God was rejoicing with them. He later found out that God's wrath was upon them because of the violations they committed in moving the ark. When David understood this, he immediately stopped the entire ceremony. (1 Chro. 13)
- Apostle Paul had a thorn in his body, not because of the sin. It was God's assurance so that Paul would not fall into pride because there was a lot to be proud of (2 Cor. 12:7-9). Without a revelation how to know the reason?
- The boy was born blind. People thought it was because of the sin, but it was for the glory of God — (John 9:1-3). Without a revelation how to know the reason?
- Job's friends thought that he was suffering for his sins, but there was a different reason — a trial — (the book of Job)
- The disciples were willing to die (John 11:16), but Christ is about to show God's glory where death reigns even after Lazarus was buried (John 11:4).

Note how the disciple's thoughts were different from the thoughts of their God.

And there are many more Biblical examples when people's thoughts were different from God's. If you do not know God's thoughts for you or your loved one's situation, then the prayer may not be by the will of God. You cannot chase Satan away from where he is given formal permission from God to stay in someone's life. God allowed Satan to enter Job's life, and he was there as much as he was permitted; did evil as much as it was permitted. *"And the Lord said to Satan, 'Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life.' So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head."* (Job 2:6-7)

Sometimes Satan will deceive someone to enter into their life, in such a situation, it is necessary to be like a lion and boldly in the name of Jesus Christ expel Satan. Almost always, when Satan leaves, the disease disappears. There are illnesses for physical reasons, and there are diseases for spiritual reasons. Here are some examples when the demon sent the disease:

- *"As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, 'It was never seen like this in Israel!'"* (Mat. 9:32,33)
- *"Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, 'Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.'" And*

He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound — think of it — for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" (Luke 13:10-16)

In John 5 God punishes a young man for his sin, without knowing we can create many prayers to cast out an enemy from such a life, but when the enemy is there with permission it is fruitless. The young man had to be punished or had to sincerely repent before the healing could come — only God knows. Each situation is unique. There is no template for every situation. There is only a pattern in the unconditional love of God for us, and He unbinds all of the knots of our life so we could live happily.

Another similar situation is when Jesus forgave the sins of the sick person: *"Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" — then He said to the para-*



lytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men." (Mat 9:2-8)

When praying for people in similar situations in tongues, the Holy Spirit will pray through us in the right way. Prayer will not overcome the will of God, whether in the life of a man who is praying or any other child of God. Accordingly, the Holy Spirit is praying for the benefit of the needy.

3. Other areas

There are also many other areas for which the Holy Spirit prays through us, not only the main three we have examined: praise, prayer for the person who is praying, and prayer for the saints.

Once, in prayer, one sister came to me, who has a gift of prophecy and a gift of interpretation of tongues. Through her, God asked me if I knew the subject of the Holy Spirits prayer in me? I replied — no. Then the Lord through her told me what the Holy Spirit was praying about in my prayer in tongues. The essence was this: at the time I was praying for the secondary things that I needed and the Holy Spirit in tongues, which I spoke in the prayer, prayed about the central questions of my life.

One of my friends had a similar experience. During her prayer, she had a word to one woman who was praying, she asked if she knew about what the Holy Spirit was praying about in her heart? The answer was — no. Then, through a prophecy, the Lord told her about her prayer: The Holy Spirit, who lives in you is asking the Heavenly Father to take Him away from you because you

continuously abhor him. Just imagine, she thinks she is praying in tongues, everything must be good, but then this prophecy comes. Sometimes we get used to the little sins, and they live comfortably in us, but they are disdainful for the Holy Spirit. Here's how small sin despises the Holy Spirit: *"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice."* (Eph 4:30, 31)

And there are many other areas where the Holy Spirit works hard through the prayers so that the Church of Christ would be preserved and successful.

Dear brothers and sisters allow the Holy Spirit to fulfill great spiritual matters through us: to honor the glorious God the Father and the Son and to protect the saints. The Holy Spirit will not move our jaws; He only gives divine meaning to our words, which we say with faith. *"Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit."* (1 Cor 12:3) *"Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues."* (1 Cor 14:39)



HOW TO HONOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

HOW TO honor the Holy Spirit? We read in Paul's letter to Ephesians 4:30 that we are not to grieve the Holy Spirit. Here it talks about the little sins, by which we can upset the Holy Spirit. *"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."* (Eph. 4:30-32)

1. Holiness

If people can grieve the Holy Spirit, then how to express honor and respect to the Holy Spirit? Fortunately, the Bible teaches us this. First of all — holiness! The Lord wants our purity as it is written in (1 John 5:18): *"We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him."* The Holy Spirit always desires and calls us to holiness. *"Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord"* (Heb. 12:14)

The Holy Spirit is always working to keep us clean and holy, let the saint sanctify more. In the day of our repentance, the Lord sanctified us and removed all the evil from our spirit and our flesh. Our task is to bring this holiness to all aspects of our life: thoughts, words, motives, workplace, relationships, etc. It is a pleasure for Him when we desire to take care of ourselves and keep an eye on ourselves. If we are pure — He lives within us comfortably, and He loves to be in such state. On the contrary, every sin and all lies grieve the Holy Spirit. Holiness is the first request of the Holy Spirit to the children of God: *"Keep your*

heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you. Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.” (Proverbs 4:23-27)

2. Spiritual growth

Second, which is very pleasing to the Holy Spirit, is our spiritual growth, and when we acquire the character of Christ. He is pleased to recognize that we are seriously working on ourselves; this is what He had called us to: *“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.” (Matt.11:12).*

Wise parents are very happy with the birth of a child and rejoice in the mental and physical growth of the child, the same goes for the Holy Spirit. If suddenly there is no growth, it is a great sorrow for parents. Not only the Holy Spirit, but ministers of God also are saddened when the children of God do not grow spiritually. *“My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you” (Galatians 4:19)*

The Holy Spirit likes our desire to achieve the stature of the fullness of Christ, the desire to be Christ-like everywhere: in the church, at home, on the road, at work, to take over His character, copy His values and His way of life. The fruits of the spirit according to Galatians 5:22 — are characteristics of Christ. If we do not resist the Holy Spirit but instead we obey Him, He will always prompt us to do the things that contribute to our spiritual growth.



Those obedient to Holy Spirit will quickly pass through all periods of growth: childhood, youth, fatherhood, and will come to the spiritual maturity to live a happy life that bears fruit. Those who do not obey God will take longer to grow spiritually: *“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”* (Heb. 5:12-14)

The Holy Spirit loves us with divine love. Therefore He has a strong desire for us to grow spiritually to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: *“Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”* (Matthew 5:48)

God the Father, the Bible, Jesus Christ, Church, the Holy Spirit, ministers of the Church — these are things that lead us to spiritual maturity. Therefore, we Christians, have no excuse, not to grow spiritually with such great support and provision.

3. Love for the Bible

Third, which is pleasing and shows respect to the Holy Spirit is love of His creation. The Bible itself is His creation. He was writing it for 1600 years and engaged 40 writers. By loving His letter, we honor Him and a Bible gathering dust is disrespect toward its Author.

Without studying the word of God, we harm ourselves, the same as we would trim our feet, prepare a net for ourselves or steal from ourselves. Without studying, we are departing from

the source of spiritual wealth: faith, wisdom, knowledge, experience, joy, and knowledge of God. The Holy Spirit is upset if our Bible stands aside from our minds and hearts; and on the contrary, when we study the Bible — He is pleased. We show respect to the Holy Spirit by showing interest in the scriptures, pondering on them, and memorizing sections.

The Holy Spirit teaches us how to treat the Bible: *“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”* (Joshua 1:8) *“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.”* (John 5:39).

The Holy Spirit commands and provides instruction on how to teach The Bible to the next generation: *“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up”* (Deuteronomy 6:6,7)

4. Spiritual work

Fourth, the Holy Spirit is pleased when we realize our talents. Someone may have two talents, someone five, and someone even more. We are all gifted and blessed by God. It is pleasing for the Holy Spirit, when we work on ourselves, to uncover our gifts. Someone said that talent itself is only 10% success, and 90% is our work on it.

The parable of the sower tells of a grain that fell between thorns. The soil was good, but the thorns drowned out the plant.



The same happens with the Word of God when vanity, entertainments of life and the pursuit of the mammon, steal our time and there is no time to progress in spiritual matters. Wherever you invest your resources is where you will receive a return.

Fake reason. It is very unpleasant for the Holy Spirit when we are not involved in His work, our negligence and our lack of interest in spiritual work. Among the various excuses the greatest is, there is no time. Let's try to find time for spiritual work: we have eight hours for sleep — they are not ours, our body needs good rest. Eleven hours we will select for work/school plus breaks and road. Adding them up and we have nineteen hours, yet we still have five hours left in a day. These five hours should be dedicated to spiritual matters: studying the Bible, prayer, assembly, charity, evangelization — for the building of the Kingdom of God. Where to build the kingdom of God? In the heart, in the family, in the Church, in your neighborhood and up to the edge of the world. So, we have five hours every day plus weekends.

If we were to plan our time in such a way, then there is time for the spiritual matter in life. I think that such a plan is wise and reasonable.

Big money. If you cannot make big money in 11 hours a day, then do not take 5 hours from your spiritual life to make more money. It is wrong because you will soon become poor spiritually and spiritual poverty will bring destruction to other areas of life.

But if you manage to earn great wealth in eleven hours — do not be afraid of it, be blessed in your earnings and get richer every day! At the same time ask the Lord for wisdom



to reasonably use them for God's Kingdom. Finance is a useful tool for the development of the Lord's will. Sometimes, they will mention in the background the story of the rich and Lazarus that "the rich will not be saved." The godly rich will be saved and will contribute to the salvation of millions of people by financing charity, evangelism and missionary work.

Everything will pass away, and the time spent elsewhere and not on the kingdom of God will make our life very light on God's scale, this is sad and shameful. Such people, if saved, will be saved as through fire. *"If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."* (1 Cor. 3:14, 15)

The rich should also devote 5 hours a day to the spiritual matters of life. With great success in business, it is equally possible to spend 5 hours on a spiritual matter. Having material and financial stability devote even more time for spiritual matters and gradually move completely to spiritual work. It is a healthy growth in the ministry to God and people. The spiritual structure of King David's life was at the highest level, that is why he was able to rise fast in all areas of life, apart from the deed with Uriah (1 King 15:5).

The biblical position toward the material values: *"Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; Thereby good will come to you. Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, and lay up His words in your heart. If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up; You will remove iniquity far from your tents. Then you will lay your gold in the dust, and the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks. Yes, the Almighty will be your gold and your precious sil-*



ver; For then you will have your delight in the Almighty, And lift up your face to God. You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you, and you will pay your vows. You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.” (Job 22:21-28)

Friends let the great material values be in the second place, after great love for the one who loved us and shed His blood for us!

5. Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Fifth. The Holy Spirit wants to wrap the Church in His glory, to give grace upon grace — to bless the Church with His gifts. Each of these gifts is a separate source of pleasure, joy, and victory over evil. Here are the treasures of God: *“for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 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.” (1 Corinthians 12:8-10)*

When Christians desire the gifts of the Holy Spirit, pray for them and study how they should work in the Church, then the Holy Spirit will be pleased to give these gifts to His children. It will bring joy to the children of God, and this will make it easier for Him to build the Church of Christ. It is an excellent opportunity for the manifestation of God’s glory in His people and among unbelievers.

When the gifts of the Holy Spirit are in effect, the Church grows spiritually and numerically, for it is a powerful stream of

grace for society. When ministers serve the Church and society with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is like a doctor who is not a novice, but a great specialist in his work, a genius. The gifts of the Holy Spirit make the ministers even more professional, helpful, fruitful, wise, and successful in building the kingdom of God.

When the gifts of the Holy Spirit are present in the ministers of God:

- *“Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city.” (Acts 8:5-8)*
- *“Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them--walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God.” (Acts 3:6-9)*
Oh, I love this picture, because today you can see the opposite, the sick sits/lays, and the Peter with John jumping next to him.
- *“And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they*



were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed."
(Acts 5:12-16)

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are prepared only for the earthly life, while we are on our way to heaven because they will not be needed in heaven. Everything in heaven is perfect. I'm saying this to myself and everybody: "Do not live the life of the spiritual beggar when you can take so many riches in the Holy Spirit to receive pleasure for yourself and give new life to others. *"Who is she who looks forth as the morning, Fair as the moon, Clear as the sun, Awesome as an army with banners?"* (Song 6:10) It is the Church of Christ!

How to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Sanctify, pray for them, desire, and learn how they are to be used in the Church of Christ. Without wisdom, each gift can be devalued or raised above the Bible — these are the two extremes, from which you need to protect yourself.

The five main points of how to honor the Holy Spirit in our lives: to preserve holiness, grow spiritually, to love and to study the Bible, spiritual work, and to seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit which are not difficult or complicated. By obeying the Holy Spirit in these basic truths, we give Him freedom in our hearts

so He can be the King of our lives and manifest His glory in our lives and ministry.

6. Communication with the Holy Spirit

A testimony of a Christian man was quite revealing for me. One day he had a tough time finishing a shift at his job. A co-worker offered him an energy drink. He drank it and felt good after it. But after a week he stopped feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit. He began to pray and ask God what had happened, why is he not feeling Him like he had before. He received a revelation, and it became clear that the reason for this was he started to consume energy drinks, to feel more energetic at work. He stopped to take energy drinks, and the Lord came back to him.

How enjoyable is this experience? The Lord wants this from each of us: to develop our relationship with the Holy Spirit, to have a sensitive feeling of His coming and going. Sometimes we, people, think the same way as Samson: “I’ll go and fight as before.” But Samson did not feel that God was no longer with him. Also, in the case of the young people who rebelled and said: “Well, then, once God is so angry, let’s go to war.” Moses told them that God was not with them, but they did not believe, and because of this, they were defeated by their enemies. *“Do not go up, lest you be defeated by your enemies, for the Lord is not among you.” (Numbers.14:42)*

Once we received the Holy Spirit, with all the privileges, we also have some responsibilities: we received a fire to warm us up, to sanctify us, and to light others, this fire must be maintained so it would burn hot and never burn out. We have stepped into the stream of heavenly wind, and we must be in this breeze so that it fills our sails.

Our task now is to develop a good relationship with the Holy Spirit to be easily accessible by God so He can approach us, entrust us, send us revelations, and give grace for specific tasks. We serve a living God, not a dead one and He wants true bilateral relations. In the old days the Holy Spirit was given to priests, kings, and prophets; now, everyone who seeks Him, the Lord sends him.

7. Spiritual vision, hearing, and heart sensitive to the Holy Spirit

To have fellowship with the Holy Spirit, you need to be sure that you have a spiritual vision, spiritual hearing and a heart sensitive to the Holy Spirit. For there is a spiritual illness when everything is the opposite, here is an example:

- *“Yet the Lord has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day.” (Deuteronomy 29:4)*
- *“Hear this now, O foolish people, Without understanding, Who have eyes and see not, And who have ears and hear not” (Jer. 5:21)*
- *“Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: ‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes*

and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear” (Matt.13:13-16)

Spiritual vision

Correct spiritual vision will let you see God every day in your life, and the wrong spiritual vision lives by guessing.

The right spiritual vision places Goliath next God and wins, and the wrong spiritual vision compares yourself to Goliath and fades.

The right spiritual vision compares an army of enemies with your food, and the wrong spiritual vision sees itself as locust in front of them.

The right spiritual vision sees God doing everything around and sees his spiritual state as it is, and the wrong spiritual vision sees a speck in your brother’s eye through a log in your own.

Responsibility lies on the children of God for spiritual sight, spiritual hearing, and a sensitive heart. One Church was spiritually blind and did not see its spiritual poverty; then the Lord advised her to buy an ointment for the eyes so that she could heal her spiritual vision. *“I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.” (Rev 3:18)*

Christ had a spiritual vision. *“Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.” (John 5:19)*

Dear brothers and sisters, I wish to all and to myself to hear the same assessment of our spiritual vision as our heavenly Father assessed Jeremiah: *“Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see a branch of an almond tree.” Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word.” (Jer 1:11, 12)*

Spiritual hearing

In His appeal to the seven Churches of Asia, the Holy Spirit emphasized to each one the spiritual hearing *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” (Rev.2:29)*

Christ had a spiritual hearing *“I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.” (John 5:30)*

Samuel’s example, when he heard a voice from God thinking that it was the priest that called him, teaches us that we need a spiritual hearing, and if we don’t have it, then we must pray to the Lord to receive it. The second lesson we need to learn is to distinguish between the voices in the spiritual world, is to understand who is speaking to us: God, devil, or our thoughts, and the main thing is not to confuse anything.

Apostle Peter could not understand from whom the thought in his mind was, and Jesus followed the situation immediately and told Peter from whom he had the thoughts in his heart.

The first time from God the Father: *“Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.” (Mat. 16:16, 17).*

The second time from the wicked one: *“Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.” (Matthew 16:22, 23).*

Eventually, the apostle Peter grew spiritually and clearly understood in the spiritual world who stands behind which thoughts.

God always wants and speak to us, we only need to adjust our ear to His wavelength. *“Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares. She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words: “How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorers delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge. Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.” (Proverbs 1:20-23)*

To listen and to hear is the task for all of us. *“God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God. Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For You render to each one according to his work.” (Psalm 62:11, 12)*

Sensitive heart

Christ had a sensitive heart to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit led Jesus Christ into the wilderness and later to the cross on Calvary.

- *“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.” (Matt 4:1)*
- *“how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God,*

cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Heb 9:14)

A great example from the life of Apostle Paul of how to be led by the Holy Spirit: *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.” (Romans 8:14)*

- *“Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.” (Acts 16:6-10)*
- *“And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” (Acts 20:22-24)*
- *“Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, “What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” So when he would not be*

persuaded, we ceased, saying, “The will of the Lord be done.” (Acts 21:12-14)

Channels of communication are only half of the work

To receive knowledge and understand the will of God in your ministry is only half of the success, the other half is obedience with love to accomplish God’s tasks.

Jonah, knowing the will of God, became angry and went in the opposite direction. (Book of Jonah). Someone said this of Jonah: “Jonah ran from God, Jonah ran to God, Jonah ran with God, Jonah ran before God.”

Matt. 21:28-31 — The first son said I would go and did not go; the second son said, I will not go and went. Sometimes it is necessary to fulfill the will of God through our unwillingness.

Human emotions must be subordinated to a renewed mind. Emotions can be like a child: they go with us, run ahead of us, and lag behind us. Therefore, emotions cannot be the basis for decision making. Emotions must be entirely subordinated to the will of God so that we enjoy to do what God wants from us. *“Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.” (Ps. 37:4)*

What if suddenly our emotions rebelled against the will of God, then by force we must subject ourselves to the will of God, even though the body does not want this. In the long run, discipline yourself, asking yourself why is there a negative reaction to God’s will?

Often we get up and go to school though I “do not want to,” to university though I “do not want to,” to work through I “do not want to” and do a lot of right things even though I “do not want

to”. We do all of this with the awareness of what needs to be done for our wellbeing.

The same may happen, with I “do not want to” serve God, pray, read the Bible, do charity, but the renewed mind must give a proper assessment to our emotions.

Judas had the right knowledge, was near Christ, but had no desire to fulfill the will of Christ 100%. Over time, this sin committed a heavy blow and he perished.

Samson had a unique anointing and knowledge of what God wanted from him but did not fulfill the will of God 100%, so he fell into slavery, and was blinded.

Saul knew the will of God about Amalek but did not fulfill the will of God 100%. Therefore he caused the wrath of God upon himself.

Balaam was gifted by God and had the honor to speak with Him, later the emotions took over because of the gifts and his advice inflicted a great defeat in God’s cause.

Eli knew the sin of his sons, but he did not behave as the priest of the Lord should, and he honored the sons more than the command of God; therefore, all died and laid a great curse on their family.

- *“Why do you kick at My sacrifice and My offering which I have commanded in My dwelling place, and honor your sons more than Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people?” (1 Sam. 2:29)*
- *“For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them.” (1 Sam. 3:13)*

CONCLUSION

DEAR CHILDREN of God, I urge you to focus on friendship with the Holy Spirit. I wish you wisdom and courage in giving freedom to the Holy Spirit. He will make your life busy, fruitful and happy. He is capable of this!

“Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” (Eph. 1:15-23)

“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.” (Acts 1:8)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.” (Mat. 28:19, 20)



«Missionary zeal does not grow out of intellectual beliefs, nor out of theological arguments, but out of love.»

— Roland Allen

My dear family in Christ!

Fall of 2014, a missionary school opened in Kyiv, Ukraine. Our mission is to engage youth in evangelism and missionary work. School program: 4 months of intensive training, 6 months of missionary practice. The training takes place twice a year: February — June, and September — December.

As of today, 260 young people have been trained, and 200 of them are in full-time ministry in Ukraine and Europe. Currently, we are training our 10th group.

I'm inviting you to take part in this ministry. We are also in need of prayer support. «Then He said to His disciples, *«The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.»* (Matt. 9:37-38) Pray for the forming of new groups and throughout blessing of the young workers of the Lord.

Dear youth, come to study with us! It is pleasant that there are always students from the US. We look forward to bear fruits together.

If you are spiritually weakened to a minimum, and you want to renew your promises and the covenant with God, then this school is for you.

If you want to serve God as Macedonians *«according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability»* (2 Cor. 8:3) then this school is for you.

In this school, you will receive not only knowledge and skills, but also good preparation of your character, to be a soldier of Christ.

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