

How To Be Filled With the Holy Spirit

1. Are you walking in obedience? Is there known sin in your life? If so, deal with the sin first, especially the area of unforgiveness.

2. To receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit, you must **ask**.

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

Luke 11:11-13

3. You must ask in faith. James 1:6-7 says, “But let him ask in faith with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.”

4. When will I receive? Will it be when I speak in other tongues, or will it be the moment I ask? Your answer should be the moment you ask. We believe, then we receive, not the other way around. Those who do not have faith say, “Show me and I will believe” but Jesus says, “I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” Mark 11:24

5. Acts 2:4 says, And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance.” Notice they spoke with other tongues. It was not the Holy Spirit who spoke in tongues. They had to do it as the Spirit gave them utterance.

6. Areas we must yield:

- Our lips – if I don’t move my lips, words in any language cannot come forth.
- Our tongue – if I don’t move my tongue, I cannot speak.
- Our vocal cords – if I don’t yield my vocal cords to my lungs, then I cannot speak.
- The Holy Spirit is not going to grab a hold of our lips, tongues, and vocal cords and make them speak. We speak, or yield as He gives the utterance.

7. When you ask for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, you may have a syllable bubbling up, or rolling around in your head. If you speak it in faith, it will be as if you open a dam, and the language will come forth. It is like a spool of thread in your gut, and the beginning of the thread is glimpsed at your tongue, but as you begin to pull (speak), out comes the rest of the thread. Some think that they are going to have the entire language in their mind, then they will speak. No, we speak in faith.

8. You are not seeking tongues. The prayer language is merely the physical evidence. You are seeking an overflowing of the Holy Spirit in your life. Don’t seek the evidence. Seek the Giver!

9. Lastly, you cannot speak French and English at the same time, nor can you speak English and tongues at the same time, so BELIEVE and YIELD!