

Father's Day  
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## **Instances of Receiving the Holy Spirit** **Pastor Charles Mendenhall**

**Acts 2:1-5** “1And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.”

When we are reborn in Christ, it allows us to produce the fruits of the spirit. The fruits of the spirit and being reborn helps us in ministering to others, living in the world that we do today, and produces a powerful witness to others.

Every author in the New Testament was filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Just like how any civilization has some type of language, God's spirit has a language. When the Spirit of God is dwelling in us, we are just speaking in God's language.

Whenever Christ went to be with the Lord, there was a holy exchange. Christ went to be with God, and God sent his Holy Spirit down to dwell with the people.

In the Old Testament, whenever a sacrifice was given, the people would know that it was acceptable because fire would come down from heaven to burn the sacrifice.

God's people never lit their sacrifices to God; He always did it for them.

Whenever the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, in the upper chamber, there were flames above their heads. This was a sign to the Hebrew people that God approved of this phenomenon.

**John 4:14** “But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”

**John 7:32** “The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.”

If we yield to the Holy Spirit, it will give us power.

After spending time in the Holy Spirit, God's Word will start to set up in your life and you will be so glad that you have the Holy Spirit because you will experience the Glory of God.

God's fullness wants to rest upon us.

**Acts 2:33** “Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.”

The Holy Spirit could not be given to the people of God until Jesus Christ went to Heaven.

**Acts 10:44-47** “44While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was

poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 47Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?"

The evidence of speaking in tongues was a sign to the people that they had received the liberty that comes with the Holy Spirit.

Until the tenth chapter of Acts, everyone believed that the Gospel of Christ was just for the Hebrew people. It wasn't until Gentiles received the Holy Spirit did people realize that the Gospel was for all of mankind, both Jews and Gentiles.

**Acts 11:15** "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning."

**Act 19:5-7** "5When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7And all the men were about twelve."