

Manifestations of the Holy Spirit GCF 6-17-09

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The Holy Spirit. All believers are entitled to and should already expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowal of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8, 11; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from the new birth (Acts 8:12-17, 10:44-46, 11:14-16, 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Spirit comes such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8, a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), a consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love of Christ, for His Word and for the lost (Mark 16:20). The most common immediate evidence of the baptism with the Holy Spirit is the sign of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4), although the most significant evidence is the supernatural ability to witness (Acts 1:8).

An endowment of power for life and service:

Luke 24:49 –
Acts 1:4, 8, 11 –

Ability (grace) for the work of the ministry:

1 Corinthians 12:1-31 -

Distinct from the new birth: (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9; 19:2)

Overflowing fullness:	John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8
Deepened reverence for God:	Acts 2:42
Consecration and dedication to His work:	Acts 2:42
Active love for Christ, His Word, and the lost:	Mark 16:20

Evidences → tongues (Acts 2:4)

supernatural ability to witness (Acts 1:8)
boldness (Acts 4:13, 29, 31; 9:27-29; 14:3)