We Established…

- That it seems reasonable that if the Holy Spirit comes into our lives; evidence!
  - Assuring us, signaling us, of new presence, new life abilities, etc.
- "Speaking with other tongues…" is considered a *primary evidence*/new day!
  - Tongues is the only gift of the Spirit that wasn't manifest in the Old Testament!

We Established…

- That speaking in tongues is not the Baptism with the Holy Spirit!
  - We do not seek tongues but the Spirit Himself!
  - He is the One who ‘gives us utterance’ in the personal and public gifts…
  - But ‘tongues’ is *an evidence* of His presence and an *essential* in our new life journey of faith!

Essential…

- **“He that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no man understands what he is saying, but, in the spirit he is speaking mysteries… I would that you all spoke w/tongues!” 1Corinthians 14.2,5**
- **“If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays but my understanding is unfruitful!” v14**

New Life Evidences…

- **Infilling for revelation of Jesus!**
  - **"The Holy Spirit, whom My Father will send in My name, *He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance what I have said to you!"* John 14.26**
  - **"The Holy Spirit, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth which proceeds from Him, *He will testify of Me!"* John 15.26**

New Life Evidences…

- **Infilling for revelation of Jesus!**
  - **"When He is come, the Spirit of truth, He will guide you into all truth… He will speak what He hears… He will show you things to come… *He will glorify Me!"* John 16.13,14**
  - **The infilling produces an intimate knowledge and relationship with Jesus!**
  - **The more we see and comprehend Him, the more we will know and draw near!**

New Life Evidences…

- **Infilling for the power to continue in the miraculous ministry of Jesus!**
  - **"Wait in Jerusalem until you are endowed with power… and when you receive the Holy Spirit you will be witnesses of Me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth!" Acts 1.4,8**
  - **"Power" includes 'authority' over dark works and the 'power' of Holy Spirit gifts!**

New Life Evidences…

- **Infilling provides the fearless passion to save souls!**
  - **"Hearken to my words…" Acts 2.14 7.2**
  - **"We cannot help but speak the things that we have seen and heard!" 4.20 23-31**
  - **"We need to obey God rather than men…" 5.29**
  - **"Barnabas saw the grace upon them and exhorted them that with one purpose they would cleave to the Lord!" 11.23**

New Life Evidences…

- **Infilling provides power for holy living!**
  - **"Speaking to God…" 1Cor 14.2**
  - **"Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh!" 1Cor 14.16**
  - **"From the beginning God chose you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth!" 2Thessalonians 2.13**

New Life Evidences…

- **Infilling for defending the faith!**
  - **“By what power or name have you done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them… and they marveled!” Acts 4.8,13**
  - **“Do not worry, the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you should say!” Luke 12.11,12**

New Life Evidences…

- **Infilling for boldness!**
  - **"So that this spreads no further, let us threaten them… Then the Sanhedrin commanded the disciples to stop speaking in His name… Acts 4.17**
  - **"And when they prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the word of God with boldness!" Acts 4.31**

New Life Evidences…

- **Infilling for rebuking the devil!**
  - **“Then Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him (Elymas the Sorcerer) and said… and the people who were watching were astonished at the doctrine of the Lord!” Acts 13.9,10,12**
  - **When devils seek to hinder the word of God, believers have the infilling of the Holy Spirit to overcome them!**

New Life Evidences…

- **Infilling to endure persecutions!**
  - **The leaders were filled with envy and began speaking against the disciples and stirred up persecution…**
  - **"They waxed bold, speaking the word of God… and those that heard were glad and glorified the word and believed… and the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit!" Acts 13.45-52**

Every believer needs, or will need, the baptism with the Holy Spirit!

And baptism with the Holy Spirit is more than an experience with *one* evidence!

And the Holy Spirit comes along with gifts!

The Holy Spirit and His gifts!

- Three chapters of the Bible teach us about the gifts of the Holy Spirit!
- Many people dismiss Him and His gifts…
- And by dismissing His gifts, dismiss Him!
  - There is not even the slightest claim of the Bible that the Holy Spirit/His gifts ceased!
  - If the Holy Spirit is “for all who believe” then so are His gifts!

Foursquare Doctrine…

- **We believe that the Holy Spirit has the following gifts to bestow on the believing Church of the Lord Jesus Christ: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretation; that according to the degree of grace and faith**

Foursquare Doctrine…

- **possessed by the recipient, these gifts are divided to every man severally as He, the Holy Spirit will; that they are to be earnestly desired and coveted, in the order and proportion wherein they prove to be the most edifying and beneficial to the Church…”**

The background of the gifts is covered in Jesus promise to us…

“Wait for the promise of the Father; power from on high!”

That promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost!

The Holy Spirit and His gifts!

- **“I don’t want you to be uniformed about spiritual gifts: When you were pagans you were led astray to many mute idols. 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… 1Corinthians 12.1-3**

Asides…

- **Of all the historical abuse that took place in the places of idol worship…**
- **The main point for NT believers is simple:**
  - **We who once were blind followers of ‘dumb’ idols are now the transformed servants of a living, breathing, speaking God!**

The Holy Spirit and His gifts!

- **"There are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different ways of working, but it is the same God who works in all things in all men. *Now, to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good…"***
  1Corinthians 12.4-7

The vocabulary of the Gifts…

- **Spiritual gifts: Pnuematika**
  - **Lit: spirituals. Things of the Spirit**
- **Different gifts: Charismata**
  - **Base word: Charis (grace-gift): an enablement, an endowment, blessings bestowed by the Holy Spirit**
  - **Gifts, not earned, and not ‘held’**

The vocabulary of the Gifts…

- **Different Ministries: Diakoniai**
  - **Ministries operating for the spiritual profit and edification of the body!**
- **Diversities of operations: Energemata**
  - **Energies and resonations given by God empowered, activated by the Spirit!**
  - **Activities that by the Spirit produce the best spiritual effects for all people!**

The vocabulary of the Gifts…

- **Manifestation: phanerosis**
  - **Outward evidences of the Spirit *given to each* for the profit of all…**
  - **Every believer is given some capacity for the manifestation of the Spirit!**
- **Different: diairesis**
  - **Idea is distribution; Holy Spirit distributes as many gifts and functions as needed through as many believers as allow!**

But always for the same purpose: for the building up and profit of the Church!

Purpose…

- “Since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel… Let all things (speaking of the gifts) be done for edifying!” 1Cor 14.12,26
- And if it is done for other reasons, like personal display or validation, “it is a sounding brass or clinking cymbal… profitable for no one!” 1Cor 13.1,2