

# Assisting Someone in Receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

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The following is a number of practical and spiritual suggestions that have worked well for me through the years. Remember they are only suggestions in an approach to assisting not an absolute rule.

The main thing is to depend totally upon the leadership of the Holy Spirit himself. It is also important to remember to keep it simple. The receiving candidate is about to embark on a journey into God that they've never experienced before. What they do not need is too many instructions clogging their brain with confusion. This is a spiritual experience not a mental one, but a certain amount of instruction can help tremendously.

The first thing of importance is to know if the candidate has been born again. In other words have they trusted Jesus Christ as their personal savior? If yes, then they are ready for the baptism of the Spirit.

Remember that these two experiences are separate, but can happen all at the same time. It is not necessary that there be any space of time between salvation and the baptism.

It is important that all convincing of the candidate be done prior to the initial moment of prayer. In other words any doctrinal proof of the necessity of tongues or God's desire to fill them personally as an individual should have already been discussed. Another important note, don't try to be the one who convinces anyone to be filled. Leave that to the Holy Spirit. If they are not ready yet, you will only frustrate them and yourself. This may also create an unhealthy memory for them being filled in the future.

For your information there are at least two places where the bible clearly shows that just because you have received Christ in salvation, doesn't necessarily mean you've been baptized in the Holy Ghost.

The first place: Acts:8:14-17

**Acts 8:14** Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

**Acts 8:15** Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

**Acts 8:16** (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

**Acts 8:17** Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

The second place: Acts:19:1-6

**Acts 19:1** And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

**Acts 19:2** He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

**Acts 19:3** And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

**Acts 19:4** Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

**Acts 19:5** When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Acts 19:6** And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

In both of these places it is understood that the people had already received Christ as Savior, but had not yet received the baptism of the Holy Ghost that followed by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the apostle.

Also remember that after the initial waiting for the Holy Spirit to come in **Acts: chapter 2** it was never necessary anywhere else in the word for people to tarry (wait for the baptism). His first coming to earth was the birthing of his ministry to the church on planet earth. Now there is no waiting, just an immediate response to who so ever will receive.

Remember that it is not necessary for you to be called as an apostle or any other called minister to help in this assistance. Nor is it necessary for you to absolutely touch them for the baptism to happen, this ministry was given to the entire body of Christ. By Jesus himself in:

**Mark 16:15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

**Mark 16:16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

**Mark 16:17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

## **The Baptism:**

**Number 1:** Tell the person to just relax as much as possible and just listen.

**Number 2:** Tell the person this is a spiritual experience of faith just like salvation was. I give this example I say, "When you received Christ as your Savior you probably did not see him walk through the wall, you couldn't see him but you received by faith that something happened on the inside. In the same way something spiritual and unseen is about to take place."

**Number 3:** Tell the person that they are not receiving a new Spirit, but just more of the same. Meaning this, they are not going to receive some strange new spiritual experience apart from what they felt at salvation. The same Holy Spirit that helped birth them will also now fill them. They will feel God in the same way that they are accustomed to, but possibly in greater fashion.

**Number Four:** Tell the person this. “**The Holy Spirit does not speak in tongues, you do.**” This is important because it helps them understand their part in the experience. We must understand that the Holy Spirit gives the utterance. In Acts 2:4 this means he creates the words but we must be the one to speak them out. This helps them understand that the Holy Spirit is a perfect gentleman. He will not overpower them and make them speak against their will. They have to be willing to put into action the motion of moving their tongue and lips in faith that he {the Holy Spirit} will fill it. They must let air start flowing out of their lungs and start the motion of speech.

Foot note: Don't ask the individual to try and repeat a tongue that comes from your mouth. Even to try and prime them for confidence. Remember it is the Spirit that gives the utterance, not you. Besides for that they are only repeating a word of utterance that God gave you, not them. This is also important for their confidence in the future. Satan may try to tell them later that they didn't receive the genuine baptism. “they were only repeating what they heard” even after they begin to get words on their own.

**Number five:** Tell them everyone's tongue sounds different, because it is being created by the Holy Spirit for them. Tell them not to listen too closely to your tongue or others around them.

**Number Six:** Only a word or two can constitute the proof of the baptism. Actually I believe that many people are filled initially at the moment of prayer and only later after relaxing begin to speak. This can happen when a person tries too hard and their mind is giving them a hard time. Then they get home later in the shower and remember the experience, being alone and relaxed they begin to speak. If they get only a word initially, tell them to continue to speak that word over and over, God will give them more words as they exercise what they get. Eventually it will become a river with an endless vocabulary. Tell them no matter how silly or foreign to them the word sounds, just speak it out.

Foot note: If you can encourage them to speak the word out above a whisper, where they can hear it and others as well, it will increase their confidence tremendously.

**Number Seven:** Tell them that their tongue and lips may begin to vibrate as they feel this experience coming up from down in their spirit. This is what the bible calls “stammering lips”

**Isa 28:11** For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

Foot note: You may want to tell them “it's kind of like stepping off a cliff” you may not see anything in front of your next step, but the Holy Spirit will create the tongue.

**Number eight:** Have them follow you in a prayer to receive. This prayer is based on **Luke 11:13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall **your** heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

In all honesty this scripture is not talking about a prayer to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, it is really talking about God giving you the Holy Spirit in intercession for other people. Therefore you can and should say that what you are telling them is a fruit of what this scripture is saying, Nevertheless a strong fruit. This is the basic nature of your Heavenly Father. He cannot give you anything in regards to receiving the Holy Spirit than what you asked.

Scripture:

**Luke 11:11** If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if **he ask** a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

**Luke 11:12** Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

**Luke 11:13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall **your** heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Have them simply pray after you.

“Father you said if I ask for a piece of bread you would not give me a stone. If I ask for the Holy Spirit you would give me just that, the Holy Spirit. Father I ask you now for the Holy Spirit.

Foot note: This also helps take away the fear that if they speak in tongues it may be their own mind or more fearful a strange spirit, like the devil. Tell them that it is impossible for it to be them or a devil if they simply ask in faith and sincerity to their Father.

**Number Nine:** Have them inhale gently and exhale. This is only to help them relax and receive.

**Number Ten:** Ask them to become quiet and still, ready to receive. Ask them to begin to speak in tongues on your instruction. Then release the Holy Spirit to them in baptism. Simply say something like, “receive the Holy Spirit” then encourage them to speak out. Lay hands on them if you can.

Foot note: At some point prior to this it is important to tell them this. “You cannot speak two languages at once. In other words you must stop speaking in your known language and start speaking in Gods heavenly language.” Meaning they cannot continue to repeat “I love you Jesus” continually and speak in tongues at the same time.

For the person ministering, the most important part of all of this is an utter dependence of the Holy Ghost. He is always faithful and will always come with power, just believe. Remember simplicity. All of the above should be able to be given in just a few minutes of time. Don’t drag it out. Know it enough that you can follow whatever sequence of steps the Holy Spirit gives you at the moment or even skip some if necessary,

Foot note: The person may be so ready to receive that all you need to say is “receive”.

Quick Review:

1. Get the candidate to relax.
2. A spiritual experience of faith / not sight.
3. The same familiar Spirit.
4. The Holy Spirit doesn't speak in tongues.
5. Everybody's tongue is different.
6. Only one word is a sign of the baptism.
7. Their tongue may vibrate.
8. Pray the prayer to the Father.
9. Inhale and Exhale.
10. Release the Holy Spirit.

Foot Note: You should start to speak in tongues yourself and encourage others who may be helping you to do the same. This helps the person receiving to relax, by hearing others speak out their heavenly language. This helps them so they don't feel conspicuous and it also helps create an anointed atmosphere.

You may have the person speak for a few minutes and then deliberately stop them. Then on your next instruction start again, just to show them that this gift is given to them to be used at any time at their own will. If they are flowing really well just let them pray.

I hope these things help you in your ministry.

Love always in Christ;

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