

# THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU

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## CONTROL

Part 1

**Genesis 1:2** – Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**Matthew 3:16-17** – As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment Heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my son whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

**Matthew 28:19** – Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**John 14:16-17** – And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — <sup>17</sup> The Holy Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

**2 Corinthians 13:14** – May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Acts 1:8** – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

If the Old and New Testaments are filled with crazy miracles, wild things that men of God did ... Why don't we see that stuff happen in our country, or the whole Western World for that matter?

### 3 Reasons People Reject Tongues

The 1st reason people reject tongues is ...  
Jesus never **spoke** in tongues,  
why should I?

The 2nd reason people reject tongues is ...  
they've been **taught**  
tongues are of the devil.

**Luke 11:11-13** – Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asked for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> 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!”

The 3rd reason people reject tongues is ...  
they say that only the **Apostles**  
could pray for people to receive  
the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 9:17** – Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, The Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”