Some things you might see or hear...

You may be seeing or hearing some things that are new to you. Take a moment to learn what the Bible says about them.

Lifting up Holy Hands

Psalms 63:4, 134:2 Lamentations 2:19 1 Timothy 2:8



Acts 2:4, 10:46, 19:6. I Corinthians 12:10, 1 Corinthians 14:2, 4, 5, 13, 14, 18, 22, 39



Lifting hands in worship indicates obedience and surrender to our holy God.

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At times God chooses to communicate through a person who has the gift of receiving and sharing a message given in a tongue: God's special language, or a language understood by someone in the room.

Interpretation of Tongues

I Corinthians 12:10, 13 I Corinthians 14:22

found favor

The person who receives a communication from God in a tongue, or someone with the gift of interpretation, will share the message in a language understood by all.

Laying on Hands, Anointing with Oil

James 5:14 Mark 6:13, 16:18, Acts 9:17, 28:8

God may choose to touch through the hands of someone who has been given the gift of healing. Oil is sometimes used. The result may be dramatic and visible, such as tossing away crutches, or something unseen, like the healing of a heart.

Word of Knowledge

1 Corinthians 12:8, John 4:17-18, 15:15 1 Corinthians 2:12-13, 16 Someone has pain in the left

God may give a person with this gift information about something or someone that they would otherwise not know.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

When we receive Jesus, the Holy Spirit baptizes us into Christ, and we receive the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs when we begin to speak in an unknown language, or heavenly tongue, as the Holy Spirit enables us. Our spirits are brought alive by being joined to, or immersed in, Him.

The Heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit

"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!" Luke 11:13

Jesus is the Baptizer

"I (John) baptize you with water, but he (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Mark 1:8 Baptism with water is the outward sign of this inward grace.

The three steps to Receive the Holy Spirit

- 1. He gives the Holy Spirit to those who choose to make lesus their Lord. Acts 5:32
- 2. He gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. Luke 11:13
- 3. He gives the Holy Spirit to those who believe for it. Hebrews 11:6

The Result of Receiving the Holy Spirit

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:4

They all were filled.

They began to speak.

The Holy Spirit enabled the language (tongue).

The Holy Spirit is promised

"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-for all whom the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:39

The Holy Spirit brings power

"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49



The Holy Spirit brings another anointing

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power..." Acts 10:38a

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the physical

manifestation of the power of Jesus Christ upon human flesh as He floods us with His presence. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is manifested by speaking in tongues, which is for everyone. When we "speak in tongues" we are in submission to the indwelling Spirit of Jesus Christ within us, the Holy Spirit. He will allow us to speak in the "heavenly language" so that we may speak to the Lord directly through His own Spirit in agreement with God. The word of God tells us further that we are edified when we use our "prayer language" or speak in tongues! The "gift" of tongues, however, is not for everyone and is usually used where God intends to speak to His people in a congregational setting and an interpretation (another gifting of the Holy Spirit) is offered for the understanding of the people.

Speaking in Tongues is a result of the Baptism

"When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied." Acts 19:6

"...and do not forbid to speak with tongues." 1 Corinthians 14:39

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BIBLE

Ephesians 5:18	John 14:16, 17
Mark 1:8	I Corinthians 2:4-5
Acts 1:4, 5, 8	John 14:10, 12
Luke 11:9-13	I Corinthians ch. 14
Acts 2:1-4	Mark 16:17
Luke 24:49	1 Thessalonians 1:5

Slain in the Spirit 2 Chronicles 5:14, John 18:6 Matthew 28:4, Acts 9:4



When the presence and power of God overwhelms a person, they will often fall to the ground. The people are completely safe as a supernatural force and peace rests upon them. It is a miraculous event as they are overcome by God! In some churches, they will be covered with a small

sheet or towel from the waist down for the sake of their comfort and modesty.

Shaking in the Spirit

Job 4:14, Psalms 68:8, 77:18, 46:3, 69:23 Ezekiel 26:10, Daniel 10:7, Haggai 2:7, Matthew 28:4, Hebrews 12:26 Surely we don't all shake every time we come into the presence of the Lord, but there are those times when some of us do. Jeremiah 23:9 "...all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man because of the Lord and the words of His holiness."

"My people... repent and be filled with my love." Thus saith the Lord.

Prophecy

John 4:19, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1, 3-5, 22, 24-25, 31, 39 Similar to Interpretation of Tongues and Word of Knowledge, Prophecy will share God's heart with those assembled using the voice of a person who has been given this ability.

Banners and Flags

Exodus 17:15, Psalm 20:5, 60:4, Isaiah 5:26, Numbers 2:2 Jeremiah 51:27 Banners and the waving of flags have three purposes: to identify, to unite and to proclaim victory. They may express freedom, hope, justice, truth, God's power, healing or deliverance. Using a banner or flag is simply an outward expression of what is going on in our hearts.

Going Forward, Altar Time





There will be an opportunity at the end of the service for you to go forward to receive prayer. Perhaps you want to begin a personal relationship with God, have a need for God to meet you, or would like to experience some of the things you have just read about. You may walk to the front (altar) and wait for someone to come and pray for you. Use the waiting time to search your heart, talk to God, worship, or simply wait. People with spiritual gifts are sensitive to God's heart toward you and will respect what you are comfortable with. You may return to your seat right away afterward or linger in God's presence at the altar.

If you have read this brochure and still find all of this baffling, there could be a reason. The Bible says that the things of the Spirit are foolishness to those who do not believe.* If you don't have a relationship with God through believing in Jesus Christ, you might want to pray something like this:

God, I have been living my life my own way. I need you to take over, forgive my sins and be the Lord of my life. I believe that when Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to this earth and died on the cross, that He took my punishment, freeing me from the penalty of all the wrong things I have done. My good deeds could not save me, but Jesus did. I am now made perfect through the blood of His sacrifice and I will spend eternity with you in Heaven. Thank you that there is no longer a barrier between You and me, and that I can share my life with you in Your Holy Presence. Amen.

If you have sincerely prayed this prayer, or one like it, for the first time, we'd love to rejoice with you! Come up to the altar, grab the person who invited you, and share your exciting news with us!

*1 Corinthians 1:18



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In Case You Are Wondering



A guide for those who are new to the manifestations of the Holy Spirit of God

