



RESURRECTION CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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EVANGELIZING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

Letters of Faith

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**“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.**

Matthew 7:7 NASB

Dearly Beloved,

Jesus wants us all to ask and seek for more of the Holy Spirit to be in more of us. This is not a “power trip” we are on as is so often suggested by those who haven’t heard the call like we have, or for some unsupportable reason think all of God’s power through His people was shut off at some point in the past.

It is actually a means of showing our love for our Lord. *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever...”* (John 14:15-16)

Receiving more of the Holy Spirit is referred to by Jesus as “drinking.” *“...If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.”* (John 7:37)

“Drinking” represents an active process of receiving. The full infilling of the Holy Spirit cannot be received by a merely passive attitude. In the natural, no one can drink except of his own active volition. As it is in the natural, so it is in the spiritual. In Psalm 81:10, the Lord says: *“Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.”*

In Matthew, Jesus says: *“...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”* (12:34 NKJV). When a person's heart has been filled to an abundance and starts overflowing with the Glory of the Holy Spirit, the overflow of the heart takes place in speech. Because the infilling is supernatural, the overflow is supernatural — supernatural speech — tongues!

Paul exhorts us as Christians in Romans 6:13: *“...present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”*

God requires that we actually present to Him the members of our body, that He may control them according to His own will as instruments of righteousness. But James 3:8 instructs us that there is one member of the body which none of us can control: *“But no one can tame (or control) the tongue...”*

As the major evidence, or seal, that the presenting of our physical body members to God has been made complete, the Spirit of God takes control of the very member which His own Scripture says none of us can control — that is, the tongue — and then uses this member in a supernatural way for God's glory to be demonstrated — speaking in tongues.

I encourage you to use this special gift of your own “prayer language” to get closer and more intimate with your gracious Lord, Jesus Christ, and your mighty Empowerer, the Holy Spirit.

Please allow me to stray from Scriptural proof texts (of which there are plenty) to personal experiences that illustrate why I am so apparently fixated on the subject of our employing the beneficial and powerful gift of tongues we receive when we are completely submitted to the Holy Spirit in Baptism.

We know and love a precious saint in England who worships on the piano while singing in tongues to the melody she is creating. When she senses that she is repeating a pleasing new melody line, she pauses her worship and writes down the music she has heard herself play. Then she continues to play

this new melody over and over whilst accompanying the piano with her beautifully cultivated voice singing in tongues. Very soon after repetitions of this new song, the Holy Spirit gives her the interpretation in English of the words she has been singing in tongues.

Beloved, the melody and words she has been given supernaturally this way have created some of the deepest, heart-touching worship songs we have ever heard. In fact, I believe that even if there were secular words inserted instead of God worship words, these songs would be better than any you will ever hear on stage or in Hollywood, or on “Britain’s Got Talent.” Honestly now, how many of you would love to hear and join in worshipping with songs like that when you gather together in your local fellowships to express your love for our Almighty loving and holy God?

We were ministering in a dynamic church in Southern Minnesota some years back, and the pastor had arranged for us to teach and minister to his home group leaders one night and his elders and associate pastors on the next night. The first session was awesome! Our carefully planned teaching was continually Holy Spirit interrupted by outbursts of word-of-knowledge applications that released healings. Periods of serious forgiveness and repentance followed.

We were obviously impressed with the spiritual openness of this dynamic group of saints, and fully expected that our time with their elders would be even greater. I don’t remember what teaching we had thought we were being led to present to those elders, but as soon as we started, it became apparent that Holy Spirit had something else in His mind.

I’m sure that some of you relate to the feeling of unexpectedly finding yourself walking on water. So we did what we had learned we had to do in this situation (not completely foreign to our ministry experiences): we started to double team our “panic” with Gretel quietly praying in tongues while I related an interesting new mini-revelation we had received, and then we reversed roles and I prayed in tongues while she shared.

All we heard as interpretation of our desperate, under-our-breaths tongue-talking was one single word — “tongues.” And we began to realize that our “shooting-from-the-hip anecdotes” we were filling in with were actually all incidents where we had experienced tongues setting us free or delivering prayer ministry saints from serious oppressions.

So we did what two scared Spirit-filled servants of our Lord thought was appropriate in such a situation, we purposely shifted to relating personal ministry experiences of when speaking in tongues brought resolution, release from oppression, healings, deliverances, and other exciting spiritual victories.

It was getting apparent, however, that the chief elder who had been with us during the Holy Spirit explosion the previous evening, was becoming frustrated. Obviously he desired and expected us to lead his elders into a similar awesome experience, not just give a stream of narratives about talking in tongues. And I was starting to run out of appropriate “tongues to the rescue” stories.

So I paused for a brief halt in our monologues, and then simply asked: *How many of you* (elders, remember) *regularly speak, worship, and pray in tongues?*

Beloved, none (as in not one) of the elders raised his hand except the chief elder.

Oh yes, I was assured, they had all spoken in tongues as the Scriptural seal of their being baptized in the Holy Spirit according to their theological understanding, but none of them had spoken in tongues since.

There was a pregnant, extended moment of silence while the chief elder digested this shocking (to him and to us) revelation.

Finally the chief elder, who is an amazingly anointed, Spirit-filled leader, declared that it was not acceptable to him or to the Holy Spirit that their fellowship be led by men who were not so fully committed to the blessings of the Holy Spirit that they didn’t employ all of the gifts He had for them to minister Jesus’ life and wholeness to God’s people.

With this declaration from their leader, we felt released to go full-steam into explanations of all we knew about God equipping His people with the Holy Spirit’s super weapon of speaking in tongues.

Yes, thank God, this session with the elders became as powerful as the previous night, and that precious chief elder has remained a friend of this ministry ever since.

Beloved, I urge you to press in to receive all that the Holy Spirit has for you, including especially the gift of tongues. Some of you will receive a special tongue that the Holy Spirit will encourage you to proclaim in open meetings so that you or another saint might bring forth an interpretation that will edify the whole congregation. But all of you will receive a supernatural gift of communication with Father and with Jesus through the Holy Spirit with a special “unknown language” known as a tongue.

It is not just the proof to you that you have fully submitted yourself to the Holy Spirit (as in Romans 6:13 above), but it is a spiritual tool in your ministry life that will amaze and excite you beyond your wildest dreams. It is truly a fulfillment of what Paul was referring to in Ephesians 3:20-21: *“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.”*

Beloved, I believe that Jesus Himself is returning the Holy Spirit to His place of honor in His Church, and that this will release the new power available to all Holy Spirit Baptized believers through the application of the supernatural gift of speaking in tongues.

Huge power-filled hugs,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul & Gretel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'P' and 'G'.