

Title: The Father's gift
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John 14:16 & 17a

And I will pray the Father, and He will **give** you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth...

another

Greek – allos

Another of the same kind - "one besides Me and in addition to Me but one just like Me. He will do in my absence what I would do if I were physically present with you."

Helper

Greek –parakletos

The word signifies an intercessor, comforter, helper, advocate, counsellor.

How do we receive the Holy Spirit? Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4&5

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 2:1-4

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Praying in tongues

1 Cor 14:2

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

1 Cor 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself...

1 Cor 14:14 & 15

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

1 Cor 14:39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

Pray without ceasing

1 Thess 5:17

"...pray without ceasing..." - Only possible when you can pray in the Spirit/pray in tongues.

Why do we need to pray in tongues?

We need to get spiritually fit.

Jude 20

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit..."

Result of getting fit in the Spirit

- We enter God's rest
- We become like a fountain.

John 4:13&14

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

- We hear God's voice, because we are tuned in
- We are ready for battle, because we fight in the spirit.
(**Eph 6** – our battle is not against flesh & blood/**Zech 4:6b** – not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord)

Receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit

To receive the Holy Spirit, we need to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and not lean on our own understanding. We have to trust that He is good and that He will give good gifts to His children.

Luke 11:9-13

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father **give** the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

The Holy Spirit is the Father's gift to ALL of us – not only for certain individuals