



# Questions Children Ask

## About the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

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### **Q** Why is it important to be filled with the Spirit?

**A** The Holy Spirit gives you strength to resist the temptation to sin. You can call upon Him to help you do difficult things. Perhaps you have trouble with a bad temper, stubbornness, selfishness, or other problems. When you are tempted to do wrong, you can ask the Holy Spirit to help you, and He will give you strength to do it right.

The Holy Spirit will also make the Bible clear to you as you read. John 16:13 says, "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth." He will give you wisdom to make the right choices and will comfort you when you are sad.

The Holy Spirit further gives strength to witness to others. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). Perhaps you have been afraid to let your friends at school or in your neighborhood know you are a Christian. The Holy Spirit will give you the courage to live for Jesus.

### **Q** Will I need to speak in another language when I'm filled?

**A** Yes. While speaking in another language is not the main objective, it is the important proof that you have received Him. Read Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; and 19:6,7 to find out about others who also spoke in another language when filled with the Holy Spirit.

People like to say what they want with their voices. But as you ask the Lord to take complete control of your life, you are saying, "Lord, take my voice, too, to speak as you wish." When you speak in a language you do not know, it is proof that someone else has come to live in your life and is speaking through you.

### **Q** What language will I speak when I'm filled?

**A** It will be a language you do not know. Perhaps you will be praising the Lord in a language someone else will understand. This was true when the disciples in Jerusalem were filled with the Holy Spirit. It may be understood only by God, but your heart will be praising Him as you speak.

### **Q** How do I ask the Lord to fill me?

**A** First, remember you are asking God himself to take control of your life. If you asked another person

to live with you and share your room, you might have to rearrange things to make space for that new friend. So as you invite the Holy Spirit to come into your life more fully, look over the things presently in your life. Should some be thrown out to make room for Him? He must be more important than all else.

Then praise the Lord for His love, for salvation, and for taking care of you each day. Tell Him how much you love Him. As you thank Jesus, ask the Holy Spirit to help you express your thankfulness more completely. When you think of all Jesus has done for you, you will realize you don't have adequate words in your language to praise Him as you would like. Ask the Holy Spirit to praise Jesus through your lips. As He does, using another language, you will be able to really express how you feel in your heart and you will be filled with joy.

Praying to the Lord in another language when you are first filled with the Holy Spirit is only the beginning of a lifetime of fellowship with the Lord as you continue to let the Holy Spirit live in you. While you grow physically, be sure you also grow spiritually. You need the Holy Spirit to make you a strong, happy, Christian who pleases the Lord.

