

HE, PART 1 - "IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY?" NOTES PAGE

The first group claimed that in order to be saved you needed the baptism of the Holy Spirit, evidenced by the speaking in other tongues.

1 - Have you ever encountered this doctrine, if so how did it make you feel, if not how do you think it would effect the ministry of the Gospel message? _____

The second group claimed that if you spoke in tongues you were not a real Christian because the gifts of the Spirit were only for the first century, and they are no longer valid, so speaking in tongues meant that you were being led by an evil spirit, therefore, you were not a real Christian.

2 - Have you ever encountered this doctrine, if so how did it make you feel, if not how do you think it would effect the ministry of the Gospel message? _____

3 - As believers how should we respond to those within, and outside, of the the church who hold to these views? _____

Question #1 - Is this Holy Spirit thing necessary?

A - Simple answer, NO!!! _____

B - **Imagine that you are going on a cruise:** You board the ship, and take your bags to your room, you lock the door, and don't come out again until the cruise is over. You have crammed your luggage with canned food, and bottles of water, and thats what you lived off of during the cruise because you were convinced that the food on the ship was going to be to costly. As you leave the ship you meet a few other people who are laughing and talking about how amazing their time was, and you begin to talk to them because you didn't see any of the stuff that they were talking about. In the course of the conversation you find out that the cruise was all inclusive.

4 - Would you feel as though you robbed yourself of something, how should we apply this idea to our faith? _____

Question #2 - Is the Holy Spirit for Today?

A - A major doctrinal teaching throughout many churches and denominations today, is that the workings of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, all of that stuff ended after the first century._____

B - First: is the Holy Spirit only found in the New Testament?

The Greek work for Spirit in the New Test is “Pneuma” the basic translation is “Breath of God”

John 3: *we must be reborn of the Spirit,* **Galatians 5:** *the fruits that come from a life lived in obedience to the Spirit,* **1 Corinthians 12:** *the gifts of the Spirit.*_____

The Hebrew word for Spirit is “Ruach - meaning Breath of God...

Genesis 41:38 - Joseph had just interpreted Pharaoh's dream and Pharaoh says... “Can we find a man like this in whom is a divine *Ruach*” **Exodus 31** - Bezalel was given the *Ruach* of God for the purpose of creating the artifacts for the temple worship... **1 Samuel 10:6** - The *Ruach* of God came upon Saul... and he began to prophesy... **1 Samuel 16:13** - The *Ruach* of God came upon David as he was anointed King... **Judges 6:34** - The *Ruach* of God came upon Gideon... **Genesis 2:7** - And God breathed into his nostrils the “*breath of life*” **John 3:** you must be born again of the Spirit..._____

5 - *Why would we assume that the primary method that God has used to connect, and accomplish, His will through the hands of His people, would suddenly not be available to us today... what societal, or denominational pressures would cause us to think this way, and how do we help each other get past them?*_____
