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We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit as an endowment of the believer with power for service, the essential, biblical evidence of which is the speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

1 Corinthians 12 and 13 are often used to describe the gifts but what we see is that the statement 'the gifts' is far wider than the 9 that are so often thought of. Paul in teaching the Corinthians, is combating a group who have made hierarchies by what gifts people have. The body should have no selfish desire and that the work of the Spirit in the church is corporate not individual, should be self-evident. therefore, Paul shows that the Lord's gifts are far more than the 9. Instead they also include, our diversity and yet unity of purpose, our administrations of church life and the effectiveness of our working.

In a survey of the scriptures we see some important facts about the Holy spirit and the church. What we see that the Holy Spirit is only given to the thirsty; The Holy Spirit's purpose is to speak for Jesus to the believer and convict of sin, righteousness and judgment to come. A job He will do in symbiosis with a church who has the same calling; and that the outcome of having the Spirit is that we will build one another up and there will be gospel opportunities around us.

But the most essential truth is that all of it is given to those who desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit, no part kept away. It is this desire that must be right.

All of these that I have mentioned are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and 1 Corinthians 12:13 shows us that it is by the baptism of the Holy Spirit we are part of the body, without it we are on the outside.

Acts 11:12-18 tells us it is by this baptism that the early church came to know the truth that in the church there would be no Jew or gentile but all one in Christ. So how did they come to know this. In verse 15 we see the Gentiles Speaking in tongues, and in Acts 2, we also see this with the assembled Jewish believers. in Acts 19:1-6 we see Paul laying on of hands and they spoke with other tongues and it is clear that the initial evidence that you are filled with the Holy Spirit is the speaking in other tongues. Often this is seen as a pernicious doctrine because as described above, without it what can you do. But the Lord said anyone who is thirsty will have rivers of living water flowing from them, so it's not that the Lord doesn't want to fill you, it's that some aren't prepared for the purpose of the Holy Spirit. Seeking the Holy Spirit isn't a take it or leave it option, it's what's next. Seeking first the kingdom, are we ready for it, it's the only way we will grow.

Psalms 1:3, fruit of the Spirit is the evidence of a Spirit filled life, but you don't plant the seed and expect apples tomorrow, you wait for the shoots and these are the speaking of tongues why? Isaiah 28:5-12 because it is the evidence to those who are under judgment, because they reject the Lord, that the Lord, through foolish things, is moving in power.