

MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST
CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR
Participant's Handout

SESSION No. 4: GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. God has promised the Holy Spirit to His people. With the Holy Spirit, we gain a new nature, spiritual power, and the power to serve.
2. Jesus is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit. We turn to him and receive the new life in the Holy Spirit from him.
3. God offer us various gifts. One of these is the gift of tongues.
 - * Tongues is a gift of praise.
 - * To receive this gift, we simply desire it, ask for it in faith, and cooperate with the Spirit's promptings in speaking out.
4. We must nurture the new life and God's gifts.
 - * Do not allow Satan to rob you of your gift.
 - * Do not expect all problems to go away at once, though many will.
 - * Be faithful to a regular time of daily prayer.

Scripture readings

Galatians 5:16-25	2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5
Romans 8:5-13	Ephesians 6:18
1 Corinthians 14:1-5	Matthew 25:14-23
1 Corinthians 3:16-17	

The challenge

You have claimed Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit to anyone who asks. You have been baptized in the Holy Spirit and have received a new life from the Lord. You are "a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Cor 5:17). You have begun a new life in faith. Will you commit yourself fully to Jesus Christ and grow into the life in the Holy Spirit?