

A stylized, painterly portrait of an elderly man with a long, white beard and hair. He is looking slightly to the right with a thoughtful expression. The background is a mix of blue and orange brushstrokes.

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## Introduction

In this commentary, we explore the profound truths of the Apostolic Pentecostal faith, emphasizing the significance of the Abrahamic covenant. The promise of the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in tongues, is essential for salvation and service. The experience of the gift of the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in tongues, is the proof of receiving the Holy Spirit. This work aims to illuminate the blessings and divine favor that Jehovah bestows upon His people, especially in light of the events that transpired on the Day of Pentecost.

### Chapter 1

#### The Abrahamic Covenant and Divine Favor

##### Jehovah's Promise

The covenant that God made with Abraham is foundational to understanding His divine favor and blessings. Psalm 105 recounts how Jehovah remembered His covenant with Abraham and fulfilled His promises to his descendants. This covenant is marked by God's commitment to bless His people abundantly.

##### Key Insights from Psalm 105

1. God Remembers His Covenant: Psalm 105:8-10 emphasizes that God remembers His covenant forever, which includes promises of land, descendants, and blessings.
2. Fulfillment of Promises: The psalm recounts how God fulfilled His promises through miraculous acts, showcasing His faithfulness to His people.
3. Blessings of Obedience: The covenant blessings are contingent upon obedience, as seen throughout the history of Israel.

## Old Testament Scriptures on the Abrahamic Covenant

- Genesis 12:1-3: God calls Abraham and promises to bless him and make him a great nation.
- Exodus 2:24: “And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.”
- Genesis 15:5-6: God promises Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars.
- Genesis 17:4-7: God establishes His covenant with Abraham, promising to be a God to him and his descendants.
- Genesis 22:16-18: God reaffirms His covenant with Abraham after the binding of Isaac.
- Psalm 105:8-10: God remembers His covenant forever.

## Chapter 2

### The Promise of Pentecost

Acts 1:4-8 - Acts 2:1-4, 38-39; Luke 24:49

#### The Birthright Promise

On the Day of Pentecost, the promise of the Holy Ghost was realized, fulfilling the covenant made with Abraham. This event marked the outpouring of the Spirit, empowering believers to live victorious lives.

#### Scriptural Foundations

- Luke 24:47-49: Jesus instructed His disciples to wait for the promise of the Father, which is the endowment of power from on high.
- Acts 1:4-8: Jesus reiterated the importance of receiving the Holy Ghost, emphasizing that it would empower them to be His witnesses.
- Acts 2:4: The initial evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongues, which signifies the birthright blessing of endowment.

## Chapter 3

### The Sign of Sonship is Speaking in Tongues

#### Speaking in Tongues

The act of speaking in tongues is the evidence of the baptism in the Holy Ghost. You do not have the Holy Ghost unless you speak in tongues, which is the sign of being born of the Spirit. This experience serves as the confirmation and blood witness of being born of the Spirit.

## Key Scriptures

- John 3:3-8: Jesus emphasizes the necessity of being born of the Spirit to enter the Kingdom of God.
- Mark 16:17: Jesus declares that those who believe will speak in new tongues, affirming the importance of this evidence.
- Acts 10:43-46: The Gentiles received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, demonstrating that this experience is available to all believers.

## The Gift of the Holy Ghost

When you receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost, you are receiving the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Holy Ghost. (Acts 3:19)

- John 14:16-18, 20: Jesus promises to send the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, to dwell within believers.
- John 1:12-13: Those who receive Him are given the right to become children of God, born not of natural

descent but of God.

- Acts 3:19: Repentance and turning to God lead to the refreshing that comes from the Lord.

## Chapter 4

### The Spirit-Filled Life

Ephesians 5:18

#### Baptism in the Holy Ghost and Fire

The baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, with the evidence of speaking in tongues, is essential for salvation and a fruitful Christian life. This experience empowers believers to operate in the gifts of the Spirit and grow in the fruit of the Spirit, as outlined in Galatians 5.

#### The Temple of the Holy Ghost

- 1 Corinthians 3:17: Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost, indicating the sacredness of the Spirit's indwelling.
- Ephesians 2:22: Believers are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.

#### The New Birth of Water and Spirit

(John 3:3-8; John 4:10-13; John 7:37-39)

The new birth involves both water baptism in Jesus' name and baptism in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. The Galatians, as noted in Galatians 3:1-3, were baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues and were also water baptized in Jesus' name.

## Chapter 5

### The Essentiality and Importance of Speaking in Tongues Daily

The initial evidence of the gift of the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongues. Now you must keep the Holy Ghost by speaking in tongues daily and yielding to the Holy Ghost. Speaking in tongues is the evidence, and the ongoing evidence is praying daily and the fruit of the Spirit, the power of God to be a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The evidence of speaking in tongues is not merely an experience but a vital sign of having received the Holy Ghost. Without this evidence, one has not yet experienced the new birth of the Spirit. John 3.3-8 John 1.12 John 4.10-13 John 7.37-39 John 14.16-20 John 15.1-5 -26 John 16.7-13 Acts 1.4-8 Acts 2.1-4-38-39-42

### Scriptural Affirmations



- Acts 8:12-17: Believers were baptized in Jesus' name but had not yet received the Holy Ghost until Peter and John prayed for them.
- Acts 19:1-6: Paul laid hands on those who had been baptized, and they received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

## The Epistles and the Holy Spirit

The epistles were written to those who had repented, been baptized in Jesus' name, and received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, as confirmed in Acts 2:38.

## Chapter 6

### The Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit

#### Empowerment Through the Holy Ghost

Once baptized in the Holy Ghost, believers are equipped to operate in the nine gifts of the Spirit and develop the fruit of the Spirit in their lives.

#### Daily Tongues and Spiritual Growth

- Ephesians 1:13-14: The Holy Spirit is a seal of our inheritance, ensuring our relationship with God.
- 1 Corinthians 12:13: All believers are baptized into one body by the Spirit, emphasizing unity in diversity

of gifts.

## Chapter 7

### God is Spirit

John 4:23-24 and Jesus is God and Man Robed in One Person (Matthew 1:21-23)

### Understanding the Holy Ghost

Jesus fulfills His promise that, in His deity, He is the Holy Ghost. The name of the Holy Ghost is Jesus, and Jesus is God. God is Spirit, and there is only one undivided Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:17) John 14.26 Matt 1.18-21-23 Jesus is God with us .

### Key Scriptures

- John 4:23-24: God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.
- Ephesians 4:4-7: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called.
- Ezekiel 11:14: God promises to bring His people back and give them a new heart and spirit.
- Ezekiel 36:23: God will sanctify His great name and put His Spirit in them.
- Ezekiel 37: The valley of dry bones represents the restoration of Israel through the Spirit.

- Zechariah 12:10: God will pour out a spirit of grace and supplication.

Joel 2:23-28 - Acts 2:17

They shall prophesy, meaning in the New Testament they shall speak in tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. (Acts 2:3-4, 15-17, 33, 38-39) The Bible is clear that you don't have the Holy Ghost indwelling you until you speak in tongues. (Isaiah 28:10-13; 1 Corinthians 14:3, 14:21)

## Conclusion

The Apostolic Pentecostal faith is rooted in the rich heritage of the Abrahamic covenant, fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost. The experience of speaking in tongues is the evidence of the baptism in the Holy Ghost and signifies our sonship in Christ. As we embrace the Baptism in The Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues then, we are empowered to live out our faith, operate in gifts-nine gifts of the Spirit, and grow in the fruit of the Spirit.

Let us invoke divine favor and blessings in Jesus' name, knowing that we are heirs of the promises and participants in the covenant that God established with Abraham.