

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Participant's Handout

SESSION No. 9 : RECEIVING THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Brief Outline

Like many Christians today, many people during the time of the prophet Ezekiel were enmeshed in sin and spiritual lifelessness. Ez. 36:24-28. The Holy Spirit that God promised through Ezekiel, Jesus gave to his disciples and to us. With the Holy Spirit, we gain:

- A new nature, spiritual power. Gal. 5:16-23. The inward dimension.
- A power to serve. Acts 1:8. The outward dimension.

A. **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

1. We are here to claim God's promise of the Holy Spirit.
Lk. 11:9-13.
 2. God is offering you nine gifts of the Holy Spirit.
1 Cor. 12:4-11
- You know what gifts you need. Ask for these gifts. But be open to whatever God wants to give you.
3. We should all desire and ask for the gift of tongues.
- Tongues is a gift of praise. It is a means to enrich our prayer life.

B. **This is a prayer session for the release of the power of the Holy Spirit.**

C. 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.

Scriptures for daily prayer

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

The Challenge

You have claimed Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit to anyone who asks. 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?