

The Power of the Holy Spirit

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So What?

Receiving Holy Spirit is an experience with effects you can point to! In Acts: speaking in tongues for some (Act 2:4; 10:46; 19:6); gift of prophecy for some (Act 2:17; 19:6; cf. 10:46); free and overflowing praise of God's greatness (2:11; 10:46); obedience to the commands of God (5:32); courage and boldness of witness (2:14–36; 9:17–22); working of various gifts (Heb 2:4), and miracles (Gal 3:5), and signs and wonders (Acts 6:8).

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