



Scripture of the Quarter

The Scripture of the Quarter is taken from the gospel of Mark chapter 16. I will focus on V17, that is in red, which means this is Jesus speaking:

***“And these signs will follow those who believe:
In My name they will cast out demons;
they will speak with new tongues;”*** (NKJV)

The Truth about Speaking in Tongues

There are people who do not believe in speaking in tongues—referred to as the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I pondered this and asked myself, *“Why wouldn’t they believe what Jesus said?”* The answer is simple, and is found in the Bible in **Colossians 2:8**: ^{V8} **“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.”** NKJV In our home, my wife and I live by this belief: *If Jesus said it, we believe it* and that settles it! In our society and in many churches today you have men and women, in pulpits telling people speaking in tongues isn’t real and some even say it is from the devil. This is a serious problem, because in essence, they are saying Jesus is a liar and what He said isn’t true. The sad thing is that everyone can receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, if they believe. The Bible tells us it is a free gift in **Luke 11:13**, Jesus speaking: ^{V13} **“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”** NKJV This verse is talking about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. To receive this free gift you must be a child of God. What is the requirement to become a child of God? It is found in **John 1:12**: ^{V12} **“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right**

to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.” This all took place when you accepted Christ as your personal Savior. In **Romans 10:9** it reads: ^{V9} **“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”** NKJV Now if in fact, you are a child of God, and you can receive this free gift of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Another scripture which proves without a doubt the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the truth, as proved by the Word of God. It is written in **Luke 3:16**: ^{V16} **“John answered, saying to all, I indeed baptize with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”** John the Baptist is speaking of Jesus Christ. Why do we readily accept the free gift of Salvation which Christ died for, but fight the Baptism in the Holy Spirit? Why? I’ll tell you why—because the devil knows this added power, glory, and revelation of God’s Holy Word will be used against him in his effort to take more souls to Hell. Another tremendous benefit of receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the devil can’t understand what you say and neither can any man. The Bible says you are speaking directly to God. The Apostle Paul makes this very clear in **1st Corinthians 14:2**: ^{V2} **“For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no**

one understands him; however in the spirit he speaks mysteries.” This is a prayer language; God gave us to pray directly to Him. The Bible says it is also a perfect prayer when we don’t know what we should pray for. **Romans 8:26** reads: ^{V26} **“Likewise the Spirit (Holy Spirit) also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”** NKJV Based on this verse alone, every Pastor in the churches of America, and abroad, should desire everyone in his congregation receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I’m going to make a bold statement here—God raised **WARRIOR OF GOD MINISTRIES** to be a voice, not an echo of someone else’s thoughts or philosophical views, of what they think the Bible says. I have proven to you by God’s Holy Word that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, is true and is for this day and age. If it wasn’t true, why is it written for us not to forbid speaking in tongues? In **1st Corinthians 14:39** reads: ^{V39} **“Therefore brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.”** You don’t have to be a theologian to understand this scripture, it is simple. God is saying through the Apostle Paul, He wants you to pray in tongues. In the book of Ephesians the Apostle Paul gives us instructions to pray in the Holy Spirit daily. **Ephesians 6:18** reads: ^{V18} **“Praying always with all prayer and supplications in the Spirit, (Holy Spirit) being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”** NKJV Now let’s take a look at how some ministers and pastors try and explain tongues as a thing of the past. They say, “Oh, tongues ceased when the Apostles died,” and they use this scripture as their proof.



It is found in **1st Corinthians 13:8-9:**
^{v8} **“Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.”** ^{v9} **“For we know in part and prophesy in part.”**

It sounds convincing, that tongues are a thing of the past, right? WRONG! Why? Keep reading. Now let's take a look at V10 of the same passage in **Corinthians 13:10:**
^{v10} **“But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away with.”** As we examine V10 let's look closely at the words: *But when that which is perfect has come,*—what this verse is talking about is the perfect Jesus Christ returns to the earth. Jesus had already left when this was written and they were waiting for His return. When we get to heaven all mysteries will be revealed, and we will no longer need to speak in tongues, **HALLELUJAH!** Jesus said this more than once in **Matthew chapter 5: “you have heard it said, but I tell you.”** So now the question you must answer for yourself is simple, who are you going to believe—a MAN, a denomination, or Jesus Christ? I choose to believe Jesus Christ. I'm proud to say, my wife and I both have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and we pray in the Holy Spirit everyday! After I have finished praying in the Holy Spirit

(tongues), I feel energized and full of power, as Jesus said in **Acts 1:8:** ^{v8} **“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**^{NKJV}

I don't know about you, but as we approach the final dispensation of grace, or the end of the Church age, I want all that Jesus has for me to assist me in winning more souls for the Kingdom of heaven. Believe me when I say this, the Rapture of the church is not far off.

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit strengthens your faith, assists you to pray prayers that get results, and assists you in becoming an effective witness, for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Another benefit is that it helps you defeat temptation. The Holy Spirit gives power for supernatural exploits that surpass human dreams, expectation, and abilities.

Now we must answer the question how do I activate this free gift? I would like to give you my personal testimony, of how Jesus baptized me in the Holy Spirit. My wife Sheree had already received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and I must confess I was envious of how it enhanced her walk with Jesus. You do not have to be in a church service to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as some might believe. I was praying at home sitting on the floor and praising the Lord and I remember like it was yesterday. After I had been praising the Lord for some time, I said, **“Lord, I want all that you have for me, please give me the infilling of your Holy Spirit.”** Now up to this point, I had been praying in the English language, and all of a sudden I began to speak in tongues, which I did not understand. The Bible states that this is evidence that you have received this free gift. **Acts 10:46** reads: ^{v46} **“For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.”**^{NKJV} When I had finished praying, and giving God all the glory for what He had done for me, I jumped in my truck and drove to the church we were attending at that time. I found the Pastor and told him what had happened and he rejoiced with me. The next thing that began to happen was that when I read God's Holy Word—I was given greater revelation

and illumination of the scriptures. I knew in my heart that day things in my life would never be the same. And I can honestly say, they have not been, nor will they ever be the same! The power that comes with this gift is amazing. It has helped me be a better servant, disciple, and warrior for God. I can also honestly say, that if I had any fear—I do not have any now. And receiving this free gift will increase your boldness to be a better witness for the Kingdom of God! I pray that all who read this newsletter, ask their Heavenly Father for this free gift, as it is waiting for all who ask. I sometimes believe we in our carnal minds think that God is bothered by our asking for things. This line of thinking is totally wrong. Let's go to the Word of God and see what Jesus says. **Matthew 7:7** reads: ^{v7} **“Ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”**^{NKJV}

We must all remember we are in a battle—Satan knows his time is very short. This free gift will definitely help strengthen you as you battle the evil force that is so prevalent in our world today. **Jesus** warned us in **Matthew 24:9:** ^{v9} **“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.”**^{NKJV}

In some translations of the Bible, the word tribulation in this verse is translated as persecution. As we watch the evening news, almost nightly we see where our Christian brothers and sisters are being martyred for their faith. We can expect the persecution to get worse as we approach the coming of our Lord. We must all stand together in unity for our Lord and never quit!

Lord, we ask that you open the eyes of their understanding that they will receive Your gift of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus name, Amen!

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