

(9) If modern glossolalia cannot be identified with the Holy Spirit's gift of foreign languages spoken of in Acts and I Corinthians, then what is the source of this phenomenon? Any attempted explanation of its source must take into account the fact that tongue-speaking is not unique to Christianity, but is a universal phenomenon occurring in many religions as well as in the world of the occult; and it is quite clear that in such cases the phenomenon is not the expression of a gift of the Holy Spirit! In addition, any attempted explanation of the source of modern glossolalia must recognize the fact that, in a number of Christian groups, tongue-speaking is both taught and caught. Persons are encouraged to learn how to do it by practicing the repetition of certain sounds, by going with the flow of their feelings, and by letting the pure experience carry them along. And persons are stimulated to speak in tongues by the example of those around them that are producing ecstatic utterances.

In the "Guidebook for the Life in the Spirit Seminars" entitled "Finding New Life in the Spirit," published by Servant Publications, South Bend, Indiana (with the imprimatur of the Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend), the following statements are found:

This promise is for you, for you who want something more . . . Perhaps you know him and have wondered if there should not be more. Perhaps you have only dimly heard of him and wish you could find him.

Now he speaks to you. Now he offers you a promise, a free gift, a new life – without price. He offers it to you freely, just as he created you freely, because he loves you. . . .

Preparing to be baptized in the Spirit

God loves you. He wants to give you the fullness of life in the Spirit. He has promised that he will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask. Simply ask in confidence.

Satan will tell you that you do not deserve to be baptized in the Spirit, that you are not worthy of it. And he is right. No one is worthy of it. But God is not going to baptize you in the Spirit because you are worthy of it, he will do it because he loves you. He will do it because Jesus died for you.

Jesus will change your life when you make the commitment to him and are prayed with. You will begin a new life in the Spirit. You can count on it. Simply rely on God's promise.

Do not look for a particular kind of experience. Some people experience a great deal at the moment when they are prayed with, while others experience very little. What you want is the Holy Spirit, not an experience. Once you are in a new relationship with the Holy Spirit, you will experience a new