

# Acts 19:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

## Analysis

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When Paul laid hands on them, 'the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.' This Pentecost-like experience authenticated their transition from John's baptism to Christian faith. Speaking in tongues and prophesying demonstrated the Spirit's presence, paralleling Acts 2 (Jews), 10 (Gentiles), and now transitional disciples. The Spirit's visible manifestation confirmed doctrinal correction.

## Historical Context

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This marks the final group receiving visible Spirit baptism in Acts. The pattern shows God confirming major transitions: Jewish Pentecost (ch. 2), Samaritan inclusion (ch. 8), Gentile acceptance (ch. 10), and now John's disciples (ch. 19).

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. Why did God give visible signs of the Spirit at key transitional moments?
2. How does the Spirit's work authenticate doctrinal truth?
3. What role do extraordinary gifts play in confirming the gospel?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ἐπιθέντος αὐτούς τοῦ Παύλου τὰς χεῖρας ἦλθεν  
And had laid them when Paul his hands came  
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τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄγιον ἐπ' αὐτούς ἐλάλουν τε  
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γλώσσαις καὶ προεφήτευν  
with tongues And prophesied  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 6:6** (Parallel theme): Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

**Acts 2:4** (Holy): And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**Mark 16:17** (Parallel theme): And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

**1 Timothy 5:22** (Parallel theme): Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

**2 Timothy 1:6** (Parallel theme): Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.