



Here are some of the elements of our celebration...

Sing – “Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name.” Psalm 145:7 (NIV)

Clap & Shout for Joy – “Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.” Psalm 47:1 (NIV)

Lift Up Hands – “Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.” Psalm 134:2 (NIV)

Praise – “I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.” Psalm 9:1-2 (NIV)

Various Musical Instruments – “Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.” Psalm 150:3-6 (NIV)

Dance - "Let them praise his name with dancing . . . " Psalm 149:3 (NIV)

Along with our expressions of celebration and love to God, there are times when God, through His Holy Spirit, will express His love and grace to us in various ways:

Times of Silence – We may sit quietly and allow God to speak to our hearts and minds individually.

Prophetic Declarations – There are times when the Holy Spirit will inspire individual(s) to speak out a message of encouragement or direction. This message may be spoken in English or in a “spiritual language” called tongues (there will then be an interpretation of the message in English so all can benefit from hearing it).

“What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church. 1 Cor. 14:26, (NIV)

Singing/Praying in Tongues - There may also be times when the church is worshiping or praying together that some may praise or pray in "tongues". This expression of the gift of tongues is different than a public speaking out in tongues, when an interpretation is necessary.

"What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also." 1 Cor. 14:15, (ESV)

Times of Ministry – There may be times of special prayers offered for the various needs of those present at any given service. We believe that the power of God is available for physical and emotional healing as well as specific words of wisdom, discernment, and insight that may be given to individuals as the Holy Spirit may lead.

One of the ways of imparting this ministry of the Holy Spirit is through the laying on of hands and the use of anointing oil, symbolic of the presence of the Holy Spirit's touch.

"And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 'Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give.'" Matthew 10:7-8 (NASB)

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick." James 5:14-15 (NASB)

"Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery." 1 Timothy 4:14 (NASB)

Manifestations Resulting From Times of Ministry – When the Holy Spirit is ministering to an individual, there may be various manifestations displayed in their physical body. Some may cry or sob loudly. Some may silently receive. Some may shake or fall to the ground. Some may praise and rejoice loudly. There is no biblically proscribed way to receive from God.