

# Speaking

in

# Tongues



*"Let there be Light" – Gen 1:3*

## EXTRACT

Please do not think you have heard everything about speaking in tongues – independently if you think it is deemed necessary **OR** even if you think this is not necessary! The most misquoted scripture in this regards is where Paul explain this to the people in Corinthians: *"If any man speaketh in a tongue, let it be by two, or at the most three, and that in turn; and let one interpret: but if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God (1Co 14:27-28).* Paul is not at all saying you must not speak in tongues – he is saying that when we are in church and somebody starts prophesising in tongues and nobody can interpret what has been prophesized, then let him keep silence as nobody will understand the prophecy. But in the very same scripture, Paul is saying let him speak to himself and to God (verse 28).

I **pray in Jesus Name that you shall keep on reading** and that the Holy Spirit will reveal the truth today to you. This is a **profound Word of God** and it has changed my life. We are in a spiritual war, whether you believe it or not, whether you acknowledge it or not – as you are reading here, the war is on. God instructed us: *Eph 6:13 So put on God's armor now! Then when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist the enemy's attacks; and after fighting to the end, you will still hold your ground.* (GNB). Most people know this, but they do not realise or are aware what God said next:

Eph 6:18 **Praying always** with all prayer and supplication **in the Spirit**, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, **to make known the mystery of the gospel**

My dear friend – the message is very clear – part of our armor is to pray **ALWAYS IN the SPIRIT** – so that you can be victorious and known the mysteries of the Gospel.

If you do not or cannot pray in the spirit – how are your victories in life? Who is winning? Are you constantly under an attack – in sickness and poverty? Are you battling to survive in life on earth? Or are you walking in divine health and financial freedom with love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness and in faith?

**Put on God's armor NOW and pray ALWAYS in the Spirit**

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# Speaking in Tongues

*(See Baptism for all details on Salvation, Water, and Holy Spirit baptism)*

For many true believers, it is foreign to speak in tongues - and many dominations in the Body of Christ is just turning it down quoting scripture and forbid speaking in tongues during any service. As I also was at first very confused about this - God Almighty revealed again the truth to me - and the truth will set you free!

**Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

Forbidden speaking in tongues is just another strategy of the devil to take away another powerful weapon God gave to the believer to live a life of victory! We will reveal this truth to you.

## BAPTISM

This is not the intention to discuss baptism, but not putting everything in perspective might mislead the reader how speaking in tongues fits in. During my own experience of water baptism, the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues was not clearly explained to me, until God explained and revealed the truth to me. Hence, the following brief notes:

### Salvation

The moment a person yields to the drawing of the Holy Spirit and believes with his heart and confesses with his mouth that Jesus is Lord, Christ the Anointing One - he is made unto salvation.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation. Rom 10:10



## There you go - right into heaven - Congratulations!

But it is not God's intention to only get you to heaven - the earth is created for man and the heaven is created for heavenly spirits (*Ps 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men*). Looking at scripture it is clear that God will create another new heaven and earth and mankind will live forever on earth. God doesn't need you in heaven - you are useless in heaven. God needs you on the earth where you have dominion, power, and authority to rule and to reign!!

### Water Baptism

So, after have been saved you made it unto salvation it is deemed necessary to be baptized out of water. Again Jesus is very clear on this issue:

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man **be born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3:5

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:6

- Jesus is saying except a man is born again out of water and of the Spirit - he can't enter into the Kingdom of God!
- Flesh is flesh and we are all born out of a corruptible seed (the flesh) and we need to be born again out of incorruptible seed - out of the Spirit!

Hence, water baptism is a sign of salvation - this is when the old man died with Christ, raised with Christ and seated with Christ in heavenly places!

Eph 2:6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:



Being "baptized" as a child in a religious system where they sprinkled you with water is not sufficient. Also, you weren't scripturally baptized if it was done prior to your true conversion (i.e., as an infant or young child). The Bible makes it very clear that faith in Jesus is a prerequisite to baptism

Act 8:36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou **believest with all thine heart**, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. KJV

Act 8:37 And Philip said If you **believe with all your heart** [if you have a **conviction, full of joyful trust, that Jesus is the Messiah and accept Him as the Author of your salvation in the kingdom of God, giving Him your obedience**, then] you may. And he replied I do believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. AMPC

### **Baptism into the Holy Spirit**

After you are born again and water baptized, it is deemed necessary to receive the POWER of the Holy Spirit. God doesn't intend for you to live for Him on your own; He wants to live through you by the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit.

And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: John 20:22

### **Jesus was also baptized in the Holy Spirit - how much more do we then need the baptism of the Holy Spirit?**

Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, 22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. Luke 3:21



Jesus in His own word is saying in Luke that when we ask we shall receive

For **every one that asketh receiveth**; and he that **seeketh findeth**; and to him that **knocketh it shall be opened**. 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? Luke 11:10-12

### **But immediately after this remark - Jesus went on and saying HOW MUCH MORE will your Heavenly Father than give you the Holy Spirit when you ask!**

Luk 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

- God knows you need the Holy Spirit and He know how to give this precious GIFT to you
- Ask Him in Faith - and you'll receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit too!

### **SPEAKING IN TONGUES**

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He commanded His disciples to go back to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit! There are a false teachings today in many churches and denominations - not believing in the baptism in the Holy Spirit as a second, separate experience from salvation. They don't believe in the gifts of the Spirit, speaking in tongues, or casting out demons - nor living in victory over sickness, disease, and poverty. Something's wrong with this theology.

The Holy Spirit is the Power Source. Reject Him, and you won't see miracles, healings, demons cast out or speaking in tongues. Accept Him by receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and you open yourself to God's supernatural power working in all these wonderful ways - but you must receive the SOURCE in order to have His Power.



## PENTECOST

In Acts 2 it mentioned the day of Pentecost

- Pentecost means 50
- 50 days after Jesus resurrection the Holy Spirit came  
And when the day of **Pentecost** fully came, they were all with "**one accord**" in one place. Act 2:1
- Remember this two word in Acts 2:1 - they were all with "**one accord**"
- And then a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind filled the house
- And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost
- And they began to speak with other tongues!

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all **filled with the Holy Ghost** and began to **speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Act 2:2

## LANGUAGE

Speaking in tongues is speaking in another language

- It is a language

Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together and was confounded, because that every man heard them **speak in his own language**.



## Myths about speaking in tongues

- Start speaking it fluently the first day - it says they **heard it fluently**
  - Holy Spirit comes - change your tongue
  - It is **LIKE** learning a new language - you do not speak it fluently from the first day
- You can't control it
  - You just start speaking in tongues - which is not true
- Going to jump out of me one day

It is a language of the spirit

- Speaking in tongues is speaking in spirit mysteries

For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 1 Cor 14:2

**For IF I pray** in an *unknown* tongue, **my spirit prayeth**, but my understanding is unfruitful. 1 Cor 14:14

(The word **IF** in this verse means it is a **CHOICE**)

1Co 14:15 What is it then? I will **pray with the spirit**, and I will **pray with the understanding also**: I will **sing with the spirit**, and I will **sing with the understanding also**.

- Pray with spirit - If I pray in tongues, I pray with spirit
- We only pray soulish prayers - what we understand
- Doesn't the spirit know better than me what and how to pray?
- How do we get to a place where we can think that tongues are demonic?
- Just start speaking words
- Gift of tongues and a yielding pray in tongues
- Pray - breakthrough is coming later



## PART OF YOU ARMOUR

This is part of your armour to put on. It is a profound truth! We are blinded to these truths today in the body of Christ. Carefully read Ephesians Chapter 6 again and look at the whole armour of God (verse 11-17)

And then Verse 18 is saying that we need to **PRAY ALWAYS in the SPIRIT**

Praying always with all prayer and **supplication in the Spirit**, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Eph 6:18 KJV

And pray **in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests** Eph 6:18 NIV

With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] **at all times** [on every occasion and in every season] **in the Spirit**, and with this in view, stay alerted with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people. Eph 6:18 AMP

## BUILDING YOURSELF UP IN FAITH

***Is it possible that you are losing the battle because you do not pray in the spirit?***

- Possibly you are losing battles because you do not put on the **whole** armour
- Possibly you losing battles because you only praying in the soulish - mind and not in the spirit (***see our teaching on Spirit-Soul-Body***).

But ye, beloved, **building up yourselves on your most holy faith**, praying **in the Holy Ghost**, Jude 1:20 KJV

But you, beloved, **build yourselves up on** [the foundation of] your most holy faith [continually progress, **rise like an edifice higher and higher**], pray **in the Holy Spirit** Jud 1:20 AMP



## IT IS A PURE LANGUAGE

When we are going back to the beginning of creation - Gen 11 clearly shows us that the whole earth had one language and of one speech.

***And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.*** Gen 11:1

- In the very next Chapter of Gen, God called Abraham - so they couldn't yet speak Hebrew in Gen 11!
- Might be possible that this was because it was a heavenly language?

## TOWER OF BABYLON

Later on, in Gen 11, the people of the earth was building the tower of Babylon. And the Lord came down to see the tower the children of men built.

Gen 11:5 And the **LORD came down to see the city and the tower**, which the children of men builded.

Just look at God's response when He saw this: "Because they have one language - nothing that they proposed to do will be withheld!"

And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all **one language**; and this they begin to do: and now **nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.** Gen 11:6

Go to, let us go down, and there **confound their language**, that they may not understand one another's speech. Gen 11:7

- Why didn't God let them try - it is because to could do it!
- We better take this language away - because with this language all things are possible



- Is it then possible that if we use this language - all things are possible? - Nothing will be withheld from you.
- Why? Because we are not praying with our minds - but in the spirit!
- Hence - it is not a selfish prayer - you pray a pure prayer out of the spirit
- Nothing that you proposed will be withheld from you - with this one language
- That is where all the other languages came from

## THE CONVERSION OF THE NATIONS

God gave us in the Old Testament a promise that he will return to the people a pure language.

For then will **I turn to the people a pure language**, that they may all **call upon the name of the LORD**, to serve him with **one consent**. Zep 3:9 **KJV**

"Then I will give to the peoples [**clear and pure speech from**] **purified lips** [which reflect their **purified hearts**], That all of them may call on the name of the LORD, To serve Him shoulder to shoulder (united). Zep 3:9 **AMP**

For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord and serve him with **one accord**. Zep 3:9 **ESV**

***Just look at the ESV translation which is using the very same words we started with in Acts 2:***

I will change the speech of the people to a pure speech and they will  
SERVE ME with "**ONE ACCORD!**"

And the Lord is faithful - when He ascended to Heaven - He promised the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and they were all with ONE ACCORD!

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with **one accord** in one place. Act 2:1



Lord is saying - when I come back - I'm going to restore a pure language for my people

- Restore - means give back
- One language without any profanity

**Submit your tongue every day to the Lord!!**

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## WHY TONGUES?

Notwithstanding the fact that I believe the above-mentioned discussion significantly proving the importance, necessity, and importance of speaking in tongues, I would like to share additional scriptures in this regard.

### JESUS COMMANDED HIS DISCIPLES TO WAIT AND RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Do not depart from Jerusalem - wait for the baptism of the Holy Ghost

And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. Act 1:4

### DESIRE TO GIVE IT

- It is God's desire for you to ask and receive the Holy Spirit

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Luke 11:13

### PENTECOST

- At Pentecost - 50 days just after Jesus ascend to heavens - The Holy Spirit filled the people and they spoke with other tongues / languages

And when the day of **Pentecost** was fully come, they were all with "**one accord**" in one place. Act 2:1

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all **filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to **speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Act 2:2



## POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### *Eight years later Philip carrying the gospel to the people of Samaria*

- Just look in Verse 6 how the people with "ONE ACCORD" gave heed unto the words Philip spoke!
- Many were delivered from unclean spirits!
- This is the power of the Holy Spirit !!

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. Act 8:5

And the people with **one accord** gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. Act 8:6

For **unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them**: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. Act 8:7

- They all were baptized - but had not yet received the Holy Spirit  
But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Act 8:12

- Scripture is very clear on this - because Peter and John heard about this news of the work of Philip and people were baptized. And they (Peter and John) then went down to Samaria to lay hands on them that they might receive the Holy Spirit!

Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Act 8:14

Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: Act 8:15



This clearly confirms that there is an experience following salvation called receiving, or being filled with the Holy Ghost.

(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: **only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**) 17 Then **laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.** Act 8:16-17

Reading further we see that Simon - the sorcerer - saw that through laying on of the apostle's hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, also requesting want this power!

And when Simon **saw** that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, 19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. Act 8:18-19

- The Holy Spirit can't be seen with the physical eyes - it is a spirit
- So, how is it possible that Simon SAW this power?
- All evidence indicates the sign manifested was speaking in tongues
- So the Samaritans too spoke in tongues after Peter and John had laid hands on them.

#### **Ten years later after Pentecost, Peter brought the Word of God to Cornelius Household**

- While Peter was still talking - the Holy Spirit fell on all of them.
- This time it was poured out onto the Gentiles.
- They too spoke in tongues and magnified God.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Act 10:44



- This happened even before they were baptized
- Look to Peter's words - He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And he **commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. Act 10:47-48

#### **Twenty years later after Pentecost, Paul went to Ephesus**

- Look what Paul was asking the disciples first - He didn't ask how are you, do you have enough food etc - Paul immediately ask them: "Have you received the Holy Spirit?"

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, **We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.** Act 19:1-2 KJV

"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" he asked them. "No," they replied, "**we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.**" Act 19:2 TLB

- The disciples in Ephesus replied - We haven't even heard of the Holy Spirit!!
- So Paul wants to know unto what then were you baptized?

And he said unto them, **Unto what then were ye baptized?** And they said, Unto John's baptism. Act 19:3

- But when Paul explain to them that this Baptism of John was only the baptism of repentance - they all were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus again!

Then said Paul, **John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance**, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard *this*, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.** Act 19:4-5





- And then Paul laid hands upon them - they received the Holy Spirit and they too spoke with tongues

And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. Act 19:6

### **Apostle Paul**

- The Apostle Paul, previously known as Saul was responsible for murdering all the followers of Christ.
- Then God met Saul and sent Ananias to Saul

And **Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said**, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be **filled with the Holy Ghost**. Act 9:17

- Immediately the Holy Spirit fell on Saul and God changed his name to Paul

And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. Act 9:18

### **Do you want to know why it was that this Apostle - Paul wrote two-thirds of the New Testament?**

- Because he spoke with tongues more than a whole congregation together!!

**I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: 1 Co 14:18**

- The Apostle Peter walked for three and half years with Jesus in contrast with the Apostle Paul, who never walked with Christ - BUT when the Holy Ghost fell on Paul, and Paul spoke in tongues more than a congregation altogether - the Spirit of the Lord revealed so much to Paul that even Peter acknowledged it.

And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved



brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are **some things hard to be understood**, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 2 Peter 3:15

***That is the power of speaking in tongues - you have to go deep down in your spirit and draw revelation out like you draw water from a well!***

Speaking in tongue is just the beginning - the more you speak in tongues the more manifestation of other gifts of the Spirit you will receive - it is the door into the rest of the spiritual gifts!

### **PRAYING IN TONGUES RELEASES THE MIND OF CHRIST**

***When you are a born again believer you have the mind of Christ***

**For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Cor 2:16**

***Praying in tongues is another powerful way to release the mind of Christ***

- Your Spirit Prays

1Co 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy. 2 For he that speaketh in an **unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him**; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

***When you pray in the Spirit - you are speaking mysteries***

- *Your spirit prays - but your understanding - soulish, physical, natural mind is unfruitful*

For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. 1 Cor 14:14



- *You build yourself up*

He that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue **edifieth himself**; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. 1Co 14:4

- Edify = To build up - or to promote spiritual growth
- It's your soul that's actually growing and being built up because your spirit is already perfect and complete
- The mind of Christ in your spirit prays when you pray in tongues
- **Goal is to facilitate single-mindedness**
- You are trying to get the Word of God into your spirit because the mind of Christ already knows all things
- You are trying to get God's Word into your soul so that your spirit can bear witness with it
- As your soul's realm embrace the truth and agrees - YES - you are throwing out all other contrary thoughts and belief systems
- This truth will rule my life - you become of one mind
- Your soul unites to your spirit's way of thinking and you're built up by drawing your spirit's wisdom and knowledge out into the physical realm
- That when you see God's power manifest

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## REASONS WHY EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD SPEAK IN TONGUES?

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Jesus was clear and said that there will be signs following my disciples - who believe - they will speak in tongues!

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; Mar 16:17

And Paul said that he speak with tongues much more than you all

I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: 1Co 14:18

- Paul wrote much about the subject and - all these scriptures are given to us for today to help see the blessings which can be for us through appropriating the power of the Holy Spirit daily

### Tongues - The Initial Sign

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

- ♣ The first reason people should speak with other tongues is - this is a supernatural evidence of the Spirit's indwelling
- ♣ We are filled with the Holy Ghost, we speak with other tongues as the spirit of God gives utterance
- ♣ It is the initial evidence or sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit
- ♣ This gift was also outpoured to the Gentiles in Acts 10:46 in Cornelius' house
- ♣ Henceforth - this is also for you and me today!



**Tongues - For Spiritual Edification**

**He that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. 1 Cor 14:4**

- ♣ In Paul's writing to the church at Corinth, he encouraged them to continue the practice of speaking with other tongues in their worship of God and in their prayer lives as a means of spiritual **edification!**
- ♣ Another word for Edification is "Charge" - e.g. charging a battery
- ♣ So, this verse is saying that he who speak in an unknown tongue edifies, charges, builds himself up like a battery
- ♣ This is not a mental nor physical edification but a supernatural means of spiritual edification
- ♣ And it is for everyone of God's children
- ♣ When we speak in tongues - "speaks divine secrets"
- ♣ God has given to the saints a divine, supernatural means of communication with Himself

For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 1 Co 14:2 KJV

For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands *or* catches his meaning because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths *and* hidden things [not obvious to the understanding]. 1 Cor 14:2 AMPC

- ♣ My spirit - by the Holy Spirit within me is praying
- ♣ God is a Spirit and when we pray in tongues, our spirit is in direct contact with God who is a Spirit!

For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. 1 Cor 14:14



For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my **mind is unproductive** [it bears no fruit and helps nobody]. 1 Cor 14:14

It is just amazing how people always are reasoning the meaning of scriptures - debating the relevance of speaking in tongues despite what scripture is saying - If the Bible is saying it is important then obviously it is of value.

- ♣ If God says it edifies - then it edifies
- ♣ If God says it is a supernatural means of communication with Himself - then it is a supernatural means of communication with Himself
- ♣ If God says every believer should speak in tongues - then every believer should speak in tongues
- ♣ Jesus did not say that just a few should speak in tongues
- ♣ He said and signs shall follow **them** that believe .... they shall speak with new tongues (Mar 16:17)
- ♣ THEM - is plural - it means all

**Tongues - Remind us of The Spirit's Indwelling Presence**

- ♣ Speaking in tongues is not only the initial evidence of the Holy Spirit's infilling - but is a continual experience for the rest of one's life
- ♣ For what purpose? To assist us in the worship of God
- ♣ Speaking in tongues is a flowing stream which should never dry up - and will enrich the life spiritually

And I will pray for the Father, and he shall give you **another Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; **for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.** Joh 14:16-17

- ♣ Continuing to pray and worship God in tongues helps us to be ever conscious of His indwelling presence



- ♣ If I can be conscious of the indwelling presence of the Holy Ghost every day 0 it is bound to affect the way I live!  
"Here is a secret that will help you curb your temper (and or any bad habit) - If you will pray and worship God every day in tongues, it will help you to be conscious of the indwelling presence of the Holy Ghost. If you will remember that He is in you - you won't act anymore with bad habits"
- ♣ It is when we are not conscious of His presence that we become irritated and frustrated
- ♣ But if we will take time to fellowship with Him, we can be ever conscious of His indwelling presence

### Prayer in Tongues is Praying in Line with God's Perfect Will

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our *infirmities*: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the **Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings** which **cannot be uttered**. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what **is the mind of the Spirit**, because he **maketh intercession** for the saints according to **the will of God**. Rom 8:26

- ♣ Speaking in tongues keeps selfishness out of our prayers
- ♣ A prayer out of one's own mind and thinking has the possibility of being unscriptural
- ♣ Just because I know how to pray doesn't mean I know what to pray for as I ought.

The Greek Literally reads here:

**"The Holy Ghost maketh intercession for us in groanings that can't be uttered in articulate speech"**

- ♣ Articulate speech means our regular kind of speech



- ♣ Praying in tongues - it is your spirit praying - by the Holy Spirit within you
- ♣ The Holy Spirit within you gives the utterance - and you speak it out of your spirit
- ♣ You do the talking - he gives the utterance and you speak it out of your spirit - you do the talking
- ♣ He gives the utterance
- ♣ By this method, the Holy Spirit helps you pray according to the will of God as things should be prayed for!!
- ♣ This is not something the Holy Ghost does apart from us
- ♣ Those groanings come from inside us and escape our lips
  - *The Holy Spirit is not going to do our praying for us - He is sent to dwell in us as a Helper and an Intercessor.*
  - *He isn't responsible for our prayer lives - He is sent to help us pray*
  - *Praying with other tongues is praying as the Spirit gives utterance*
  - *It is Spirit-directed praying*
  - *It eliminates the possibility of selfishness in our prayers*
- ♣ Praying out of your own mind we received things that were actually not the will of God and were not best
- ♣ If God's people insist on having things a certain way - even if it isn't best for them - or is not God's perfect will - He will often permit it.
  - *God did not want Israel to have a king, but they kept insisting that they wanted one - So He permitted them to have one*
  - *But it was not His perfect will*



**Praying in Tongues - Stimulates Faith**

**But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Jud 1:20**

- ♣ Praying in tongues stimulates faith and helps us learn to trust God more fully
- ♣ If the Holy Spirit supernaturally directs the words I speak faith must be exercised to speak with tongues
- ♣ When speaking in tongues you can build and stimulate your faith and receive your healing or break through poverty or any circumstances beyond your imagination
- ♣ It is not the receiving of the Holy Spirit that heals us - however, speaking in tongues helps us to learn how to trust God more fully
- ♣ Speaking in tongues helps us to believe God for other things because it stimulates our faith

**Speaking in Tongues - A Means of Keeping Free From Worldly Contamination**

**But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 1 Cor 14:28**

- ♣ It can keep us free from the contamination of the ungodly and the profane and all the vulgar talk around us on the job or out in public
- ♣ Notice from the scripture above that we can speak with tongues to ourselves
- ♣ If we can speak to ourselves and to God in a church service - we can also do it on the job.

If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by three*, and *that* by course; and let one interpret. 1Co 14:28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 1 Cor 14:27



- ♣ You won't disturb anyone - when people tell risqué jokes, you can just sit and speak to yourself and to God in tongues
- ♣ Talking in tongues to yourself and to God will be a means of keeping free from contamination

**Praying in Tongues Enables Us to Pray for the Unknown**

Praying in tongues provides a way to pray for things for which no one thinks to pray - or is even aware.

- ♣ The Holy Spirit knows everything and he can pray through us for things about which our natural minds know nothing

A lady was telling the story - when she saw somebody from Africa during a conference and told him that she saw him 2 years ago in a vision - she prayed for him for an hour in tongues. "She saw him in a grass hut - surrounded by natives. She saw him - he was sick and you died. I saw the natives pull the sheet over your head and walk sadly outside the hut. Suddenly you came out of the hut and stood in their midst and all the natives rejoiced"

He replied he was deadly sick with a fever - he confirmed he died - but suddenly he rose up from the dead!

Because of the Spirit of God!

**Kenneth's Story:**

*One night in bed it was if someone laid his hand on me - I sat bolt upright in bed, my heart beating rapidly. Lord, I cried, what is the matter? I know something is wrong somewhere. Holy Spirit in me You know everything. You are everywhere as well as within me. Whatever this is You give me utterance. I prayed in tongues for an hour and then began to laugh and sing in tongues - (always keep on praying until you have a note of praise - this is then a sign and you will know that whatever it is you are praying about is settled). So I went back to sleep. I dreamed that I saw my youngest brother become extremely ill*



*in Louisiana - I saw an ambulance with lights flashing take him to the hospital. In the dream, I stood in the corridor outside his hospital room door. The door, pulled it shut behind him, shook my hand and said - He is dead! No, I replied - What do you mean the doctor said - He is dead. The Lord told me he would live and not die! In my dream, the doctor took me to into the room and he jerked the sheet back and when he did, my brother's eyes opened. The dr saw that he was breathing - he said you knew something I didn't know - He is alive, isn't he?*

*In the dream, I saw my brother rise up from the bed, well.*

*Three months later my brother came by to see me and said I nearly died while you were gone - I told him that I knew he'd had an attack during the night while staying in a motel in Louisiana, and had been rushed to the hospital. He thought someone had told me about it, but they had not. I told him about my burden of prayers followed by the dream. "that's exactly how it happened! He said for 40 min the doctor thought I was gone.*

Praying in the spirit provides a way for things to be prayed for that we wouldn't know anything about in the natural - the Holy Ghost, however, knows everything.

Reading and listening to these kinds of testimonies - don't you think it is time to receive the Holy Spirit!

**Just take a few minutes - and pray the following pray:**

*"Holy Spirit, I acknowledge that I need you in my life and in Jesus Name I am welcoming you now in my life - I am receiving the Holy Ghost know in Jesus Name. Thank you, Lord, for pouring out your Holy Spirit on and into me - Thank you, Jesus, for this precious gift. I am asking you to give me my own tongue to speak to you spirit to spirit. Thank you, Lord Jesus - Hallelujah"*



Believe you have received the Holy Spirit and open your mouth and start speaking utterances that will come out from your spirit - even if it is just one word - that's Ok - you will learn your own language and start speaking it over time more frequently!

### **Praying in Tongues - Gives Spiritual Refreshing**

**For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 12 To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest, and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear. Is 28:11-12**

What is the rest - the refreshing - in this scripture?

- ♣ Speaking in other tongues?
- ♣ Sometimes the doctors recommends a rest cure
- ♣ Or often you need to rest after a holiday -
- ♣ But isn't it wonderful that we can take this "rest cure" every day?
- ♣ This is the "**rest**" .... ***This is the refreshing*** ....."
- ♣ We need this spiritual refreshing in these days of turmoil, perplexity, and anxiety

### **Tongues For Giving Thanks**

**What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.**

**1 Cor 14:15**

Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? 1 Cor 14:16

For thou **verily givest thanks well**, but the other is not edified. 1 Cor 14:17



Paul is referring to "he that occupy the room of the unlearned" as those who are unlearned in spiritual things!

- ♣ So what Paul is saying is that if you invited a person to give thanks at dinner and he prayed in tongues you wouldn't know what he said
- ♣ You wouldn't be edified
- ♣ Therefore - Paul is saying it would be better to pray with my understanding there
- ♣ If I did pray in tongues - I should interpret it so you would know what was said
- ♣ But notice that Paul says praying in tongues provides a perfect way to pray and to give thanks, for he said - Thou give thanks well - verse 17

So in the presence of people who are unlearned - however - Paul said to pray with your understanding also so that they can be edified; they will understand what you say

### Speaking in Tongues - Brings the Tongue Under Subjection

**But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Jas 3:8**

Yielding the tongue to the Holy Spirit to speak with other tongues is a giant step toward fully yielding all of our members to God



## **CONCLUSION - PUBLIC SIDE OF TONGUES**

We dealt primarily with tongues in the individual believer's private life - it is also true there is a public side to tongues. First - when people receive the Holy Ghost publicly they speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

Secondly, the church is edified by speaking with other tongues in public assembly with interpretation - Paul plainly stated that to prophesy is to speak unto men "*to edification, and exhortation and comfort*" - (1 Cor 14:3)

- ♣ Paul is saying in the next verse - that tongues with interpretation is equivalent to Old Testament prophecy

I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater *is* he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, **except he interprets**, that the church may receive edifying. 1 Cor 14:5

- ♣ If the utterance in tongues is interpreted so that the church can understand what is said - then the one prophesying is not greater!
- ♣ To illustrate this - two R1 coins equal one R2 coin - so the prophecy is the one rand
- ♣ Naturally, it would be better to have the R2 (prophecy) than to have the R1 coin (an utterance in tongues)
- ♣ But, if interpretation (another R1 coin) went along with it, then the two would be equivalent to the R2 coin

Prophesying is not preaching - if prophesying were preaching, then you wouldn't have to make any preparation to preach.

- ♣ But you have to study and prepare to preach
- ♣ Paul said, "study to shew thyself approved unto God ..." - 2 Tim 2:15
- ♣ You don't have to study to speak with tongues - or to interpret



- ♣ These come by inspiration of the Spirit
- ♣ Of course, when one is preaching under the inspiration of the Spirit - and suddenly he says things he never thought of, that is inspiration and is an element of prophecy
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So tongues with interpretation edify the church - when used in line with the Word of God, speaking in tongues with interpretation convinces the unbeliever of the reality of the presence of God and often causes him to turn to God and be saved.

- ♣ When Jesus said: *"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;* (Mar 16:17) - it can be private or public
- ♣ *They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.* (Mar 16:18b) - it can be private or public
- ♣ It is ok to pray in the altar service as long as you want - for you go there to be edified
- ♣ So if people in the service are lifting their hands and praying - it is all right Old Testament pray in tongues
- ♣ I - Kenneth - stand on the platform and pray that way every night - but when the congregation wouldn't be edified if I went on and on - we do need Old Testament know how to use what we have to the greatest advantage

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*"I am the Bright Morning Star -  
Surely I come quickly"  
Rev 22:16, 20*