

WHY THIS SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES???

INTRODUCTION:

SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES is not a hobby horse being ridden to death by those of us who are Pentecostal believers. However, we are accused of this by those who are allergic to this precious gift, and to the BAPTISM of the HOLY SPIRIT. It is not our motive to magnify this gift above all others. It is simply honoring a GIFT that is dishonored by others, because of its importance.

1. SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES IS THE FULFILLMENT OF BIBLE PROPHECY.

- **1 Corinthians 14:21: In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear Me, saith the Lord.**
- **Isaiah 28:11: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.**
- **Joel 2:28: And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:**
- **Acts 2:14-18:**
 - ¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:**
 - ¹⁵ For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.**
 - ¹⁶ But this is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel;**



17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy:



2. SPEAKING WITH OTHER TONGUES IS ORDAINED BY GOD.

1 Corinthians 12:28: And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

QUESTION: If tongues is so important, why is it placed at the bottom of the list of spiritual Gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10:

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

ANSWER: All of the other seven spiritual gifts were manifested in the Old Testament, except TONGUES. It is now being ADDED to that list, and that is why it was placed at the bottom.

HOWEVER, it is not at the bottom in the LORD'S SIGHT. For example: In the Scripture just quoted, there are only THREE of the NINE mentioned by name:

(a) MIRACLES

(b) GIFTS OF HEALINGS

(c) DIVERSITIES OF TONGUES.

It is now placed by the Holy Spirit in third position. So, you can now see that it has come up the ladder from the bottom to much nearer the top.

3. SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES IS A SIGN OF THE BELIEVERS.

Mark 16:17: And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

NOTE: Here our very own Saviour is the One who also not only endorses Tongues, but He is here prophesying that TONGUES will accompany BELIEVERS, as a SIGN.

4. SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES is also a SIGN to the “UNBELIEVERS”.

1 Corinthians 14:22: Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

5. SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES IS EVIDENCE of PROOF that THE LORD JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

John 16:7: Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, The Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

Luke 29:49: But they constrained Him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And He went in to tarry with them.



Acts 2:22: Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a Man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

Acts 2:25: For David speaketh concerning Him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

Acts 2:32-33:

³² This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

³³ Therefore being by the Right Hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

6. SPEAKING WITH OTHER TONGUES is EVIDENCE of the BAPTISM of THE HOLY SPIRIT

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



Acts 10:45-46:

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 Spirit.

⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter . . .

Acts 19:2: He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:5-6:

⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7. SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES IS GOD'S ORDAINED METHOD and MEANS of EDIFYING BELIEVERS

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

NOTE: It is much easier for us to EDIFY others when we have been EDIFIED ourselves. Then accompanied with the interpretation, the church is edified as stated in the following verse:

1 Corinthians 14:5: 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 interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

8. SPEAKING WITH OTHER TONGUES is another method GOD ORDAINED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

Acts 2:6-11:

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.



A Missionary to Brazil who was speaking in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, received the Spanish language gift when he got off the boat at sea-coast harbor.

9. SPEAKING WITH OTHER TONGUES IS A SUPERNATURAL AID, OR MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH GOD.

1 Corinthians 14:2: 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.

NOTE: In this unique God-ordained manner, God gives us the ability to communicate with HIM with no eaves droppers, for no one here on earth can

understand what is being spoken. It is a SECRET LANGUAGE only between us and our Heavenly Father.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15:

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

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.

Romans 8:26-27:

26 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.

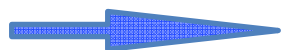
10. SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES IS A POSITIVE EVIDENCE that the once unruly tongue is now, finally, under God's control and not man's control.

James 3:6-8:

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of Hell.

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

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



Only the HOLY SPIRIT can tame the tongue.

11. GOD ALSO ORDAINED "SINGING" IN THE HOLY SPIRIT LANGUAGE as an AID in our WORSHIPPING HIM.

1 Corinthians 14:15b: 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.

Ephesians 5:18-19:

¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

12. GOD ALSO ORDAINED that WE SHOULD BLESS AND THANK HIM in the HOLY SPIRIT LANGUAGE with the interpretation also, as a SUPERNATURAL AID in our GIVING OF THANKS TO HIM.

1 Corinthians 14:16-18:

¹⁶ 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?

¹⁷ For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

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

(That is saying a mouthful, for this was a TONGUE-TALKING CHURCH if there ever was one.)

13. The apostle Paul Makes a ROYAL PROCLAMATION: "I WOULD THAT YE ALL, (get that little dinky three letter word - 'ALL') SPAKE WITH TONGUES."

1 Corinthians 14:5: 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 interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

He appreciates this MARVELOUS GIFT so much that he wanted all the believers to benefit from it. He even went a step further and reminded them of the fact that:

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

That is saying a mouthful, for this is sure enough a TONGUES-TALKING

CHURCH.

QUESTION: Can you say the very same thing? Do you, personally, treasure and appreciate this GIFT OF TONGUES as much?

When anyone in the first century was heard to SPEAK WITH TONGUES, it was known of a certainty that they had received the BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



In fact, do you realize that: Without this “SIGN” or this EVIDENCE, there is no other SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCE at all that one has received the HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM.

This is not my personal opinion, it was voiced by the first century church in:

Acts 10:45-46:

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 Spirit.

⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter . . .

Acts 11:15-17:

¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

¹⁶ Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that He said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

¹⁷ Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as He did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

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

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

We have recorded the SCRIPTURAL “SIGN” or evidence that they were filled with the Spirit of God.

IN CONCLUSION: So, I must say with the apostle Peter, **“Who am I to withstand God?” (Acts 11:17b)** Can I hear a hearty response from you in saying the same thing? Sure hope so, Amen!!!

14. WHY TONGUES?

This is a question often asked, even to me. Others, why all this fuss about SPEAKING IN TONGUES? The Lord Jesus, after His resurrection and before His ascension, prophesied that this would be one of the SIGNS that would follow TRUE BELIEVERS; if it were not being manifest, then the Lord would not have told us this truth. Since this GIFT is being manifest all over the world, it is a true SIGN we are believers.



Secondly, since this is one of the SPIRITUAL GIFTS bestowed by the Holy Spirit, we need to realize and recognize that ANY GIFT coming from HIM has to be very good, or else He would not have sent that gift. It is a Good Gift!

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