

**DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE
DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
SPIRITUAL GIFTS-PT 8**

PROBLEMS WITH THE PRESENT DAY CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

- 1. It magnifies and glorifies the Holy Spirit instead of Christ.**
John 16:13-14—“Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.”
- 2. It seeks after signs and wonders.**
Romans 14:23—“Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”

Matthew 12:39—“An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:”
- 3. It promotes ecumenism, but the Bible says to be separate.**
2 Corinthians 6:17—“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,”
- 4. It produces division and strife in many Churches.**
1 Corinthians 14:33—“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”
- 5. It says a “second experience” is necessary in order to be complete.**
Colossians 2:9-10—“For in Him (Jesus Christ) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power:”
- 6. It says tongues are a “heavenly language” instead of human languages.**
Acts 2:8—“And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?”
- 7. It says to open your mind and give God your tongue to speak through you, but the Bible says you speak.** *(1 Corinthians 14:1-4)*
- 8. It says to beg, tarry, and plead for the filling, but the Bible commands us to be filled.**
Ephesians 5:18—“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;”

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- 9. It seeks new revelations from God.**
Revelation 22:18-19—“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”
- 10. It says that miracles must be from God, but the Bible shows clearly that not all miracles are from God.**
(Exodus 7:11; Matthew 7:21-23; 2 Thessalonians 2:8-10)
- 11. It says all who receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit speak in tongues.**
1 Corinthians 12:30b—“Do all speak with tongues?” (This calls for a “no” answer.)

1 Corinthians 12:11—“But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”
- 12. It teaches that Acts 2:4 is speaking of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.**
There is a difference between “baptism” and “filling.” The Bible says that these folks were “filled” with the Spirit, not “baptized.”
- 13. It teaches that when receiving the baptism you get more of the Holy Spirit.**
The Holy Spirit is a person. You do not get more of Him. He gets more of you. (Romans 12:1-2)
- 14. It says that the Biblical gift of tongues exists today. God said tongues would cease.**
*They ceased when Jerusalem was destroyed, Israel ceased to be a nation, and the Jews were dispersed in A.D. 70.
(1 Corinthians 13:8-13 - “cease” means stop abruptly)*

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15. **It says that the “signs and wonders” gifts have been revived in this age. The Bible says that the miraculous gifts were given to confirm the Word of God before the New Testament was completed.**

Hebrews 2:4—“God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?”

Mark 16:20—“And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.”

16. **They usually do not adhere to the six Biblical rules for speaking in tongues:**

SIX BIBLICAL RULES FOR SPEAKING IN TONGUES

1. **They were a sign gift given for the benefit of the Jews. (1 Corinthians 1:22; 14:21, Cf. Isaiah 28:11-12)**
2. **They were for the purpose of convincing an unbelieving Jew. (1 Corinthians 14:22)**
3. **No more than three were to speak in tongues at any service. (1 Corinthians 14:27)**
4. **Only one person could speak in tongues at a time. (1 Corinthians 14:27)**
5. **One interpreter had to interpret. If there was no interpreter, there was also to be no tongues. (1 Corinthians 14:27-28)**
6. **Women were prohibited from speaking in tongues in the assembly. (1 Corinthians 14:34-35)**

10 QUESTIONS FOR THOSE IN THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

1. If “speaking in tongues” is seemingly so important today, why is there no record of it in religious or secular history between its occurrence in Corinth and 1900 A.D.?
2. Why do so-called “missionaries” who claim this “gift” find it necessary to laboriously study the language of a foreign country in the same manner as ungifted ones?

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3. Why would any group want to pattern their “worship” activities after the Corinthian Church where incest, drunkenness, fornication, divisions, pride, law-suits, stinginess, idol worship, spiritual immaturity, and mockery of the Lord’s table were accepted practices before Paul rebuked them for these practices?
4. Why would any group demand a practice (“tongues”) from its followers which the Word of God nowhere commands, or even recommends? (*Galatians 1:6-9*)
5. All instances of “tongues” in the Book of Acts were to convince Jews of the veracity of the message, why then practice this “gift” today with no Jews present in services? (*Acts 2:4-6; 10:44-46; 19:1-8*)
6. Why do many “tongues” groups consistently reject the doctrine of eternal life as taught by the Word of God, and substitute their doctrine of “salvation by works?” (*John 10:28-30; John 5:24; John 1:12; 1 John 5:12; Matthew 24:11; Matthew 7:23*)
7. Why are the Divine rules for speaking in tongues so conveniently ignored during today’s practice of “tongues?” (*1 Corinthians 14 contains all the rules.*)
8. Why are female “preachers” so prominent in this movement, even though God’s Word specifically prohibits such? (*1 Corinthians 14:34; 1 Timothy 3:1-7*)
9. Why is this “tongues” activity only mentioned in one of the 14 Pauline epistles, and then in a disciplinary manner?
10. Why is there so much emphasis on an activity that was only 1/ 2000th as important as prophesying—even when done according to the rules? (*1 Corinthians 14:19*)