

# Speaking in Tongues

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## I. Jesus made promises of the coming of the Holy Ghost—Lo! The Holy Ghost came!

**Joh 7:38** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

**Joh 7:39** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for **the Holy Ghost was not yet given**; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

**Joh 14:16** And **I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter...**

**Act 1:4** ...(*Jesus*) 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.

**Act 1:5** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

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

**Act 2:33** ...being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father **the promise** of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear

**Act 2:37** Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

**Act 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye **shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost**.

## II. In some way somewhere—With somebody—Jesus' promise continues unto the end

**Act 2:39** For **the promise** is unto **you**, and to **your children**, and to **all that are afar off**, *even as many as the Lord our God shall call*.

### A. Jesus said that the Father gives the Holy Spirit to those who pray and 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?**

### B. Paul's command to those in a church after Pentecost is to be fill with the Spirit

**Eph 5:18** And be not **drunk with wine**, wherein is excess; but be **filled with the Spirit**;

### C. The Bible possibly connects filled with the Spirit with drunkenness or madness

Act 2:13 Others mocking said, **These men are full of new wine.**

1Co 14:23 ...will they not say that **ye are mad?**

2Co 5:13 For **whether we be beside ourselves**, *it is* to God: or whether we be **sober...**

Mar 3:21 And when his friends heard *of it*, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, **He is beside himself.**

Act 26:24 ...Paul, thou art beside thyself; **much learning doth make thee mad.**

### III. Speaking with tongues was a Jesus-prophesied, Holy Ghost-given real thing

#### A. Before ascending, Jesus prophesied that believers would '*speak with new tongues*'

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

Mar 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

#### B. The Holy Ghost gave the gift of *divers kinds of tongues* to some in the church

1Co 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit...

1Co 12:10 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**:

1Co 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.**

1Co 12:29 *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all workers of miracles?

1Co 12:30 Have all the gifts of healing? **do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?**

### IV. At times, *other tongues* or *divers tongues* was the '*un-Babel-ing*' of world languages

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

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

Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Act 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that **every man heard them speak in his own language.**

Act 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

Act 2:8 And how **hear we every man in our own tongue**, wherein we were born?

Act 2:11 ...we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

#### V. At times, speaking with tongues seemed different from ‘*un-Babel-ing*’ languages

Act 10:44 ...the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Act 10:45 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**.

Act 10:46 For they heard them **speak with tongues**, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Act 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, **which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?**

Act 19:4 Then said Paul...that they should believe...on Christ Jesus.

Act 19:5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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

1Co 13:1 Though I **speak with the tongues** of men and of angels...

1Co 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.

#### VI. 1 Cor 14—How the gift of speaking with tongues is to be used in a worship service

(*Prophecy*: to foretell; teach by inspiration; speak what is only known by divine revelation)

##### A. The gift of prophesy (preaching) is superior to the gift to speak in unknown tongues

1Co 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but **rather that ye may prophesy**.

1Co 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**.

1Co 14:3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to* edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

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

##### B. Speaking with tongues is good—But not profitable for building up the church

1Co 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.

##### C. What is the good of (or the point in) speaking that which cannot be understood?

1Co 14:6 Now, brethren, **if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you**, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

1Co 14:7 And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

1Co 14:8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

1Co 14:9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

**D. Unlike Pentecost—Paul here spoke of tongues as babbled—Not ‘*un-Babel-led*’**

1Co 14:10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them *is* without signification.

1Co 14:11 Therefore **if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian**, and he that speaketh *shall be* a barbarian unto me.

1Co 14:12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

**E. Unlike Pentecost—The one speaking in tongues did not understand what he said**

1Co 14:13 Wherefore **let him that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue pray that he may interpret.**

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

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.

**F. Unlike Pentecost—The hearers had no understanding of the unknown tongue**

1Co 14:16 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?**

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

**G. Tongues are good—But of no benefit in a worship service—(Understand this)**

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

1Co 14:19 Yet in the church I had **rather** speak five words with my understanding, that *by my voice* I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an *unknown* tongue.

1Co 14:20 Brethren, **be not children in understanding**: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

**H. Tongues are a sign to show the non-belief of non-hearers—Preaching is for hearers**

1Co 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.

1Co 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**.

**I. The appearance of insanity of tongues—Contrasted to the benefits of preaching**

1Co 14:23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned, or unbelievers, **will they not say that ye are mad?**

1Co 14:24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or *one* unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

1Co 14:25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so **falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.**

**J. Speaking in tongues is not chaos—Not to be done in church without interpretation**

1Co 14:26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. **Let all things be done unto edifying.**

1Co 14:27 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.**

**K. Neither is prophesying (preaching) to be done in chaos and without order**

1Co 14:29 Let the prophets speak **two or three**, and let the other judge.

1Co 14:30 If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, **let the first hold his peace.**

1Co 14:31 For ye may all prophesy **one by one**, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

1Co 14:32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

1Co 14:33 For **God is not the author of confusion**, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

**L. Women are not to preach** [not to teach men or usurp authority over men (1Tim 2:12)]

1Co 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

1Co 14:35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

**M. Paul warned the Corinthian church about overruling these Holy Spirit teachings**

1Co 14:36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

1Co 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that **the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.**

1Co 14:38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

1Co 14:39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and **forbid not to speak with tongues.**

1Co 14:40 **Let all things be done decently and in order.**

**VII. Let us ask for and not extinguish the Holy Spirit—Yet, test and prove all spirits**

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?**

1Th 5:19 **Quench not the Spirit.**

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits** whether they are of God...

1Th 5:21 **Prove all things;** hold fast that which is good.