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TONGUES

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EXTRACT

I pray you will intensely study this booklet, so the Holy Spirit can reveal to you the truth about speaking in tongues. We are in a spiritual war, and God instructs us to “**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**” Ephesians 6:13 (GNB). Then, also:

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. Ephesians 6:18-19 KJV

My dear friend, the message is obvious. Part of your armour is to pray **ALWAYS IN the SPIRIT**, so you can be victorious and know the mysteries of the Gospel. Are you constantly under attacks of sickness and poverty? Are you battling to survive? Or are you walking in divine health, financial freedom, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness and faith? If you do not or cannot pray in the spirit, how can you be victorious in life?

Put on God's armour NOW and pray ALWAYS in the Spirit!

The following scripture is often misquoted to prove that we should not speak in tongues.

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

1 Corinthians 14:27- 28 ASV

What Paul is saying is that when somebody prophesies in tongues and nobody can interpret the prophecy, then he must be silent, as nobody will understand it. But in the same scripture, Paul is saying the person must speak to himself and God.

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

(See the "Baptism" booklet for details on salvation, water baptism and baptism in the Holy Spirit.)

Many denominations are confused about speaking in tongues and turn it down, even forbidding it during church services. I was also initially confused, but God revealed the truth to me.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32 KJV

Forbidding speaking in tongues is just another strategy of the devil to rob us of a powerful weapon to live a life of victory!

BAPTISM

We have to understand baptism to understand where speaking in tongues fits in.

SALVATION

The moment you yield to the Holy Spirit, believe with your heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, you have made it unto salvation - **right into heaven!**

Congratulations!

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

It is not merely God's intention to get you into heaven, though, because the earth is created for man and heaven for heavenly spirits.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men. Psalms 115:16 KJV

God will create a new heaven and earth, and mankind will live on earth forever. God doesn't need you in heaven. You are useless in heaven. God needs you on earth where you have dominion, power, and authority to rule and reign!

WATER BAPTISM

After having been saved and making it unto salvation, it is necessary to be baptised and raised out of water.

*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 KJV*

*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 KJV*

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

- Except a man is born again out of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God!
- Flesh is flesh! We are all born out of a corruptible seed (the flesh) and we need to be born again from an incorruptible seed - from the Spirit!

Hence, water baptism is a sign of salvation. This is when the old man dies with Christ, raises with Christ and is seated with Him in heavenly places!

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:6 KJV

Being "baptised" as a child with a few drops of water sprinkled on your forehead is not sufficient. Also, you were not scripturally baptised if it was done before your true conversion. An infant or young child cannot be converted. Faith in Jesus is a prerequisite for baptism.

*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.
Acts 8:36- 37 KJV*

*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. Act 8:37 AMPC*

BAPTISM INTO THE HOLY SPIRIT

After you have been born again and water baptised, it is necessary to receive the POWER of the Holy Spirit. God doesn't want you to live for Him in your own power. 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 KJV

Jesus was baptised in the Holy Spirit. How much more would 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 3:21-22 KJV*

Jesus says 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 KJV

Immediately after this remark, Jesus said, HOW MUCH MORE would our Heavenly Father give us the Holy Spirit when we ask Him!

*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 KJV*

God knows you need the Holy Spirit. He knows how to give you this precious GIFT. Ask Him in faith and you will receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit!

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He commanded His disciples to go back to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit! There is a false teaching in many churches and denominations, denying baptism in the Holy Spirit as a second experience, separate from salvation. They don't believe in the gifts of the Spirit, speaking in tongues, casting out demons, or victory over sickness, disease, and poverty. Something is seriously 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 first to have His Power.

PENTECOST

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

- Pentecost means "50".

- The Holy Spirit came down 50 days after Jesus' resurrection.
- Remember the phrase - "**one accord**".
- A sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, filled the house.
- They were all filled with the Holy Ghost.
- They began speaking in 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. Acts 2:2-4 KJV*

A NEW LANGUAGE

Speaking in tongues is speaking in another language.

*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**. Acts 2:5-6 KJV*

- It is like learning a new language. You might not speak it fluently from the start.
- The Word says they **heard** it fluently.
- The Holy Spirit changes your tongue.
- You can't control it.
- But, the word IF in this verse means it is a choice.

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

The words are not just going to jump out of your mouth. You have to willingly start speaking the words.

Speaking in tongues is speaking spirit mysteries. It is a language of the spirit.

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 Corinthians 14:2 KJV

*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 Corinthians 14:15 KJV*

- If I pray in tongues, I pray with my spirit.
- We usually only pray soulish prayers - that which we understand.
- The Spirit knows better than us what and how to pray!
- How can we think tongues are demonic?
- Accept the gift of tongues and yield by praying in tongues.
- Just pray! The breakthrough will come later.

PART OF YOUR ARMOUR

Part of our armour is to **ALWAYS PRAY in the SPIRIT**. It is a profound truth. We are often ignorant of these truths. Read Ephesians 6:11-17 and study the whole armour of God.

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

*And pray **in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests**. Ephesians 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. Ephesians 6:18 AMP*

*Therefore, my brothers, desire the ability to prophesy, and **do not prevent others** from speaking in other languages. 1 Corinthians 14:39 ISV*

BUILDING YOURSELF UP IN FAITH

Could it be possible that you are losing battles because you do not pray in the spirit?

- Make sure you have the **whole** armour on.
- You may be losing your battles because you pray soulish by praying in the 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. Jude 1:20 AMP

IT IS A PURE LANGUAGE

Genesis 11 shows that in the beginning of creation the whole earth had one language and was of one speech.

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

Genesis 11:1 KJV

In the very next chapter, God called Abraham. So they couldn't yet speak Hebrew in Genesis 11, possibly because it was a heavenly language.

THE TOWER OF BABYLON

The people of the earth were building the tower of Babylon.

And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. Genesis 11:4 KJV

The Lord came down to see this tower.

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

God's response was: "Because they have one language, nothing that they propose 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.*** Genesis 11:6 KJV

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

- Why did God stop them? Because they were completely able to do what they had planned!
- He had to remove their language because, with this one language, all things were possible.
- Is it then possible that if we use this language, that all things would be possible? Yes! Nothing will be withheld from you!
- Why? Because we do not pray with our minds, but in the spirit!
- Hence, it is not a selfish prayer, but a pure prayer out of the spirit
- With this one language, nothing that you propose will be withheld from you. This is where all the other languages came from.

THE CONVERSION OF THE NATIONS

In the Old Testament, God promised He would 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. Zephaniah 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). Zephaniah 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**.*
Zephaniah 3:9 ESV

The ESV translation uses the very same words as in Acts - "ONE ACCORD!" The Lord is faithful! When Jesus 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. Acts 2:1 KJV*

When Jesus comes back, He will restore a pure language for His people.

- Restore means to give back.
- The one language will be without any profanity.

Submit your tongue every day to the Lord!!

ADDITIONAL BIBLICAL PROOF

Although the above discussion significantly proves the importance and necessity 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

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. Acts 1:4-5 KJV

GOD DESIRES TO GIVE IT TO US

It is God's desire for us 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 KJV

PENTECOST

At Pentecost, 50 days after Jesus ascended to the 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. Acts 2:1 KJV*

*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. Acts 2:2-4 KJV*

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Eight years later, Philip carried the gospel to the people of Samaria.

- With "ONE ACCORD" they 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.

*⁶ And the people with **one accord** gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. ⁷ 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.***
Acts 8:5-7 KJV

All were baptised, but they 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. Acts 8:12 KJV

Scripture is very clear on this. Peter and John heard about the work of Philip and that people were baptised. They went down to Samaria to lay hands on the people so they could 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. ¹⁵ Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. Acts 8:14-15 KJV

This confirms 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. Acts 8:16-17 KJV

Simon, the sorcerer, saw that through laying on of the apostle's hands, the Holy Spirit was given. He offered them money to also receive that 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.

Acts 8:18- 19 KJV

- The Holy Spirit cannot be seen with our physical eyes since He is a spirit.
- So, how is it then 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 after Pentecost, Peter brought the Word of God to Cornelius and his 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. Acts 10:44-46 KJV

- This happened even before they were baptised.
- Peter commanded them to be baptised 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. Acts 10:47- 48 KJV*

Twenty years after Pentecost, Paul went to Ephesus.

- Paul asked 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.** Acts 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.” Acts 19:2 TLB

- The disciples in Ephesus haven't even heard of the Holy Spirit yet!
- Paul wanted to know unto what were they then baptised.

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

- Paul explained that the Baptism of John was only the baptism of repentance. Then they were all baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus!

*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.** Acts 19:4-5 KJV*

- Paul then laid hands upon them to receive 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. Acts 19:6 KJV

THE APOSTLE PAUL

- The Apostle Paul, previously known as Saul, was responsible for murdering the followers of Christ.
- Then God met Saul on the road to Damascus and struck him with blindness.

- He 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**. Acts 9:17 KJV*

Immediately the Holy Spirit fell on Saul. 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. Acts 9:18 KJV

Why did Paul write two-thirds of the New Testament?

Paul spoke with tongues more than the entire congregation together!

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

The Apostle Peter had walked with Jesus for three and half years. The Apostle Paul had never walked with Christ. BUT, when the Holy Ghost fell on him, he spoke in tongues more than all the congregation together. 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 3:15-16 KJV*

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

Speaking in tongues is just the beginning. The more you speak in tongues, the more manifestation of other gifts of the Spirit you will experience. It is the door to the rest of the spiritual gifts!

PRAYING IN TONGUES RELEASES THE MIND OF CHRIST TO THE BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16 KJV

PRAYING IN TONGUES IS ANOTHER POWERFUL WAY TO RELEASE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

- Your Spirit prays.

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.** 1 Corinthians 14:1-2 KJV*

WHEN YOU PRAY IN THE SPIRIT, YOU ARE SPEAKING MYSTERIES.

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

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

- You build yourself up.

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

- “Edify” means to build up or to promote spiritual growth.
- It is your soul that is 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.
- The goal is to facilitate **single-mindedness**.
- You are getting the Word of God into your spirit because the mind of Christ already knows all things.
- You are getting God's Word into your soul so your spirit can bear witness to it.
- As your soulish realm embraces the truth and agrees YES!, you are expelling all other contrary thoughts and belief systems.
- This truth will rule your life - you become of one mind.
- Your soul unites with your spirit's way of thinking and you are built up by drawing your spirit's wisdom and knowledge out into the physical realm. That is when you see God's power manifested.

REASONS WHY EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD SPEAK IN TONGUES

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Jesus said signs would follow His disciples. Those who believed would 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; Mark 16:17 KJV

Paul said that he spoke with tongues much more than all others.

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

Paul wrote much about the subject. All these scriptures are given to us for today to help us see the blessings through appropriating the power of the Holy Spirit daily.

TONGUES IS 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. Acts 2:4 KJV

- The first reason people should speak with other tongues is it is 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 on the Gentiles in Acts 10:46 in Cornelius's house.
- Henceforth - this is also for you and me today!

TONGUES ARE FOR SPIRITUAL EDIFICATION

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

- Paul encouraged the church at Corinth to continue the practice of speaking with other tongues in their worship of God and 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 speaks in an unknown tongue edifies, charges, and builds himself up like a battery.
- This is not a mental or physical edification, but a supernatural means of spiritual edification.
- It is for every one of God's children.
- When we speak in tongues, we "speak divine secrets".
- God has given the saints a supernatural means of communication with Him.

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 Corinthians 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 Corinthians 14:2 AMPC

- My spirit within me prays by the Holy Spirit.
- 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 Corinthians 14:14 KJV

*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 Corinthians 14:14 AMPC

Many people 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 signs shall follow **them** that believe they shall speak with new tongues (Mark 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 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. It will enrich your 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.** John 14:16-17 KJV*

- 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 it is bound to affect the way I live!

Here is a secret that will help you curb your temper (and other bad habit)! If you pray and worship, it will help you be conscious of the indwelling presence of the Spirit. If you remember that He is in you, you won't have any more bad habits.

- When we are unaware of His presence, we become irritated and frustrated.
- If we take time to fellowship with Him, we will be ever conscious of His indwelling presence.

PRAYING IN TONGUES IS PRAYING WITHIN 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.** Romans 8:26- 27 KJV*

- Speaking in tongues keeps selfishness out of our prayers.
- A prayer from one's mind has the possibility of being unscriptural.

- Just because you know how to pray doesn't mean you know what to pray for as you should.

The Greek reads here:

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

- Articulate speech means regular kind of speech.
- Praying in tongues 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 speak it from your spirit - you do the talking.
- By this method, the Holy Spirit helps you pray according to the will of God as things should be prayed for!
- Those groanings come from inside us and escape our lips.
- This is not something the Holy Ghost does apart from us. He is not going to do the praying for us. He dwells in us as a Helper and an Intercessor.

*But the **Comforter** (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you. John 14:26 AMPC*

*But when the **Comforter** (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, Standby) comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth Who comes (proceeds) from the Father, He [Himself] will testify regarding Me. John 15:26 AMPC*

- He isn't responsible for your prayer life. He is sent to help us pray.
- It is Spirit-directed prayer.
- It eliminates the possibility of selfishness in our prayers.
- When praying from our mind we often pray for and receive things that were never the will of God.

- When we insist on having things a certain way, even if it isn't God's perfect will, He will often permit it.
- It was not God's perfect for Israel to have a king, but they insisted.

PRAYING IN TONGUES STIMULATES FAITH

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

- If the Holy Spirit supernaturally directs the words I speak, faith must be exercised to speak with tongues.
- Speaking in tongues can build and stimulate your faith and receive healing or a breakthrough in poverty or any circumstances, beyond your imagination.
- Receiving the Holy Spirit does not heal us. However, speaking in tongues helps us to trust God for healing.
- Speaking in tongues stimulates faith to trust God for all things.

SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS A MEANS OF KEEPING YOURSELF 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 Corinthians 14:28 KJV

- It can keep us free from the contamination of the ungodly profane world and all the vulgar talk going on around us.
- Notice from the scripture above that we can speak with tongues to ourselves.
- If we can speak to ourselves and God in a church service, we can also do it at home and 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. 1 Corinthians 14:27 KJV

- While people around you tell risqué jokes, you can just sit and speak to yourself and God in tongues.
- Talking in tongues to yourself and 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 no one else prays is aware of.

The Holy Spirit knows everything and He can pray through us for things about which our natural minds know nothing.

A lady told that she had seen a man from Africa in a vision. He was in a grass hut surrounded by natives. He was sick and then died. She saw the natives pulling the sheet over his head and leaving the hut sadly. Suddenly, he came out of the hut and stood in their midst. All the natives rejoiced. The Spirit led her to pray for him in tongues for an hour. Two years later, she met this same man during a conference. She told him about this vision. He replied that he had indeed been deadly sick with a fever two years ago. He had died but suddenly rose from the dead! Because of the Spirit!

Kenneth's Copeland told another miraculous story:

One night in bed, it was as if someone laid his hand on me. I sat 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, please 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 that whatever it is you are praying about is settled). So I went back to sleep. I dreamed that my youngest brother had become extremely ill in Louisiana. I saw an ambulance with flashing lights taking him to the hospital. In the dream, I stood in the corridor outside his door. The doctor pulled the door shut behind him, shook my hand and said that my brother was dead! No, I replied, what do you mean? The Lord, however, told me he would live and not die! In my dream, the

doctor took me into the room and jerked the sheet back, and when he did, my brother's eyes opened. The doctor saw that he was breathing. He said to me that I knew something he didn't know - that he was alive! In the dream, I saw my brother rise from the bed, well.

Three months later, my brother came by to see me and told me how he had nearly died. I told him I knew he had had an attack during the night while staying in a motel in Louisiana, and he had been rushed to the hospital. He thought someone had told me about it, but no one did. I told him about my burden of prayer, followed by the dream. My dream was exactly as it had happened! He said for 40 minutes the doctor thought he was gone.

Praying in the spirit provides a way for things to be prayed for that we wouldn't know about in the natural. The Holy Ghost, however, knows everything. These testimonies should convince you it is time to receive the Holy Spirit!

Take a few minutes to pray the following prayer.

"Holy Spirit, I need You! In Jesus' Name, I am welcoming You now in my life and I am receiving the Holy Ghost now. 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 that you have received the Holy Spirit. Open your mouth and start speaking utterances that come from your spirit, even if it is just one word! You will learn your own language and start speaking it more frequently over time!

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. Isaiah 28:11-12 KJV

What is the *rest* and *refreshing* this scripture talks about? Sometimes the doctors recommend a rest cure and often we need to rest by going on holiday. But isn't it wonderful that we can take this "rest cure" every day by speaking in tongues! This is the "rest" and the "refreshing". We desperately need spiritual refreshing in these days of turmoil, perplexity, and anxiety.

TONGUES ARE 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.
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.* 1 Corinthians 14:15-17 KJV

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

- What Paul is saying is that if you invite a person to give thanks at dinner and he prays in tongues, you wouldn't know what he said and wouldn't be edified.
- Therefore, Paul is saying in such cases, it would be better to pray with understanding so others could understand.
- Tongues should be interpreted so others could understand.
- But notice that praying in tongues provides a perfect way to pray and give thanks, for Paul said, "Thou give thanks well."

So, in the presence of unlearned people, Paul said to pray with your understanding also so they could be edified by understanding 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.
James 3:8 KJV

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

THE PUBLIC SIDE OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

We have dealt primarily with tongues in the individual believer's private life.

*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 Corinthians 14:2 AMPC

There is also a public side to speaking in tongues.

First, when people receive the Holy Ghost publicly, they speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

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

Paul is saying in the next verse that tongues with interpretation, are 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 interpret, that the church may receive edifying. 1 Corinthians 14:5 KJV

- If the utterance in tongues is interpreted so 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.

Prophecy is not preaching. If it were, then you wouldn't have to prepare to preach.

- Paul said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Timothy 2:15).
- You don't have to study to speak with tongues or to interpret it.
- These come by inspiration of the Spirit.
- Of course, when one is preaching under the inspiration of the Spirit and suddenly receives and speaks a revelation, that is an inspiration and an element of prophecy.

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*" (Mark 16:17), it can be private or public.
- "*They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover*" (Mark 16:18b) can be private or public.
- It is ok to pray as long as you want for you went there to be edified.
- When people in the service are lifting their hands and praying, it is all right to pray in tongues.
- If you stand on the platform and pray but the congregation is not edified, it benefits no one.

Speaking in tongues is a valuable gift from God.

We must know how to use this gift to the greatest advantage!

We highly recommend that you also study the "Baptism" booklet to discover the Biblical Truth of this aspect of the Doctrine of Christ.

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