

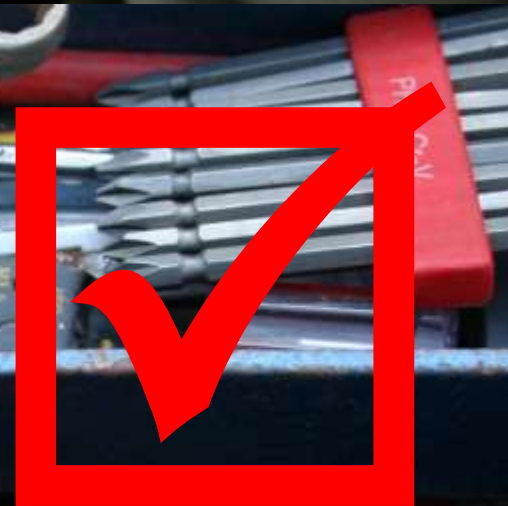
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The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
and provide for those who grieve  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

**Medals for the Chest**



**Tools for the Job**



**There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.  
There are differences of administrations, but the same  
Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the  
same God who works all in all.**



**But the manifestation (exhibition) of the Spirit is given to each  
one for *the profit of all*: for to one is given the word of wisdom  
through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through  
the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another  
gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of  
miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits,  
to another different kinds of tongues, to another the  
interpretation of tongues. 1 Corinthians 12: 4-10**





**Speaking in Tongues**

**Speech (Verbal Communication)**  
is so pivotal to our lifestyle  
and any activity we pursue  
especially Kingdom work

**Prayer-Preaching-Testimony-Worship**  
**Affirmation-Relationship**

"Glossolalia" is the most commonly accepted term for "speaking in tongues." It comes from the Greek words meaning "tongues" or "languages". As a gift from the Holy Spirit believers are enabled to supernaturally speak in a language they did not learn.

Although not exclusively, "speaking in tongues" is primarily practiced by Pentecostal /Charismatic Christians.

Some Christians who speak in tongues believe they are speaking in an existing language. Most believe they are uttering a heavenly tongue – Angelic language.

Some Pentecostal Denominations teach that speaking in tongues is the initial evidence of the Baptism of the Spirit.



Now concerning spiritual gifts  
I do not want you to be ignorant.

**1 Corinthians 13:1**

**A believer could make a viable case  
for ANY viewpoint that they have on this topic?**



Everyone should have the gift of Tongues  
Only select people will get the gift

It is the evidence of Baptism in the Spirit  
Other gifts equally demonstrate the Baptism of the Spirit



**It is just one of the many gifts that the Holy Spirit imparts  
Yet it has earned more prominence than most others.**

**Shrouded in controversy because of the spectacular nature  
of the gift and misunderstanding of its proper exercise  
Who, when, where, how?.**

**Ambiguity about Paul's teaching to the Corinthians  
and the lack of a comprehensive explanation in Scripture.**

**The use of grammar creates multiple  
explanations/interpretations**

**When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came  
on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.**

**There were about twelve men in all. Acts 19:6-7**



**CONTEXT - WHY?**

**Genesis 11:** Come, let **US** go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.” <sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

**Acts 2:** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup> And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> Then they were all amazed and marvelled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?" <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs - we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

**God is not inhibited by different language**

**Angels/Demons are not impeded by different language**

**Languages are a human barrier to communication**

**God when he deems it right uses unknown  
languages for the work of His Kingdom**

**If the Holy Spirit prays through a human vessel in a  
language - He knows the meaning and implants the  
words/phrases to be spoken!**

**Overrides the human vessel but requires the  
co-operation of the person**



# Prophecy and Tongues

<sup>1</sup> Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup> For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

<sup>3</sup> But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. <sup>4</sup> He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

<sup>5</sup> I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more, that you prophesied; for he who prophesies *is* greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

# Prophecy and Tongues

The Gifts are good and we are encouraged to seek after them.  
There is **NO** prohibition - No cessation - No fear - Just proper order.

The speaking of a tongue without any interpretation/understanding is speaking a mystery to God - There is no common benefit, there is only personal spirit benefit, but no intellectual benefit.

Prophecy speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to all men.

So Paul is steering us to a deeper understanding

He who speaks in a tongue only edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church – There is a greater purpose.

I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies *is* greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

Pauls emphasis is on the inclusion and benefit of the gifts flowing to the whole body not confined to individuals

## Tongues Must Be Interpreted

<sup>6</sup> But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with an unknown language, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? <sup>7</sup> Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? <sup>8</sup> For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle? <sup>9</sup> So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.

<sup>10</sup> There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them *is* without significance. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks *will be* a foreigner to me.

<sup>12</sup> Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual *gifts*, *let it be* for the edification of the church *that* you seek to excel.

## Tongues Must Be Interpreted

**<sup>13</sup> Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.** <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> What is *the conclusion* then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

<sup>16</sup> Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? <sup>17</sup> For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

<sup>18</sup> I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;  
<sup>19</sup> yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

## Tongues a Sign to Unbelievers

<sup>20</sup> Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in understanding be mature. <sup>21</sup> In the law it is written: “With *men of* other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,” says the Lord.

<sup>22</sup> Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. <sup>23</sup> Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those who are* uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?

<sup>24</sup> But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. <sup>25</sup> And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on *his* face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.



# Tongues a Sign to Unbelievers

<sup>26</sup> How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. **Let all things be done for edification.**

<sup>27</sup> If anyone speaks in a tongue, *let there be* two or at the most three, *each* in turn, and let one interpret.

<sup>28</sup> **But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church and let him speak to himself and to God.**

<sup>29</sup> Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. <sup>30</sup> But if *anything* is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. <sup>31</sup> For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. <sup>32</sup> And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. <sup>33</sup> For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

# Should everyone speak in Tongues?

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

<sup>28</sup> And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

<sup>29</sup> *Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?*

*Are all workers of miracles?* <sup>30</sup> Do all have gifts of healings?

Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>

But earnestly desire the best gifts.

And yet I show you a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup> 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.

Mark 16: 17-18

**We need to cultivate an environment of openness to the gifts with sensitivity to proper order!**

**Without a personal hunger and pursuit of God none of the gifts will manifest.**

**Language of “YOU MUST” is better expressed as “YOU CAN”.**

**Any doubt on any issue related to Tongues can be solved if we:**

**Let God be God - He decides who when and where**

**Remove obstacles - Sin, indoctrination, apathy, contempt**

**Release the fullness of your Spirit**