

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT [Eph 6:18, 1Cor 14:14]

He [Jesus] will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Matt 3:11

Holy Spirit = gives life 2Cor 3:6

fire = to purify NT:4442 Mal 3:3 the purifying operations of the Holy Spirit upon the soul [fau]

The Holy Spirit gives life to our spirit and purifies us, i.e. makes us holy

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, **as the Spirit was giving them utterance.** Ref: Acts 10:45-47, 19:16, 1Cor 12:7-11, 28-30

Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

power = the power of Christ invisibly present and operative in Christian church

formally assembled NT:1411.

purpose of power = Acts 10:38 i.e. **the ability to walk the spirit walk 1Cor 5:4,**

2Cor 3:5-6, 1Jn 3:8 The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. We are to carry on that work!

Lk 24:45 says Jesus open their understanding = what has been seen through all the gospels is that the disciples did not understand spiritual things.

Jn 20:22 says that they received the Holy Spirit who gives understanding, but in Acts 1:4-5 **Jesus says they will be baptized in a few days and receive power after He ascends. This would reveal a difference in "receiving" the Holy Spirit and being "baptized in the Holy Spirit."**

Tongues: as appears from 1 Cor 14:7 ff, is the gift of men who, rapt in an ecstasy and no longer quite masters of their own reason and consciousness, pour forth their glowing spiritual emotions in strange utterances, rugged, dark, disconnected, quite unfitted to instruct or to influence the minds of others:

Ref: Acts 10:46 Acts 19:6 1 Cor 12:30; 13:1; 14:2,4-6,13,18,23,27,39.

The origin of the expression is apparently to be found in the fact, that in Hebrew the tongue is spoken of as the leading instrument by which the praises of God are proclaimed NT:1100

1Cor 13:1 tongues of men and angels

Kinds of tongues:

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| • Dialect | Mk16:16-20, Act 10:44-46 |
| • For interpretation | Act 2:3-8 |
| • For personal edification | 1Cor 12:10-11, 1Cor 12:30 |
| • Men and angels | 1Cor 14:4-5, 22 |
| • Of the devil | 1Cor 13:1 |

INSTANCES OF USEAGE IN SCRIPITURE

Old Testament:

Gen 24:45, 1Sam 1:13-18, Isa 28:11-12

New Testament Purposes:

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| Speaking the word with boldness | Acts 4:31 |
| Laying of hands | Acts 8:14-18 |
| As a sign of the Holy Spirit in them | Acts 10:44-48, 11:12-18, 19:2-6 |
| As signs to unbelievers. | 1Cor 14:22, Act 2:1-13 |
| Edification | 1Cor 14:4 |
| We don't know how to pray | Rom 8:23 -26 |
| For interpretation. | 1Cor 12:10, 14:13 |
| Praying and singing | 1Cor 14:15, Col 3:16 |
| To get our minds out of the way | 1Cor 14:14-15 |

1Cor Chapter 14 Spiritual Gifts - Focus is on prophecy – And the order of coming together. vs 19, 26

vs 1: Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. 1Cor 12:1-11

vs 2: **For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in his spirit, he speaks mysteries.**

We don't know how to pray. Rom 8:26

For interpretation. vs 13 1Cor 12:10

vs 3: But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation.

vs 4: **One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself;** but one who prophesies edifies the church.

Edifies himself. vs 28

vs 5: **Now I wish [desire] that you all spoke in tongues,** but even more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive edifying.

vs 6: But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I profit you unless I speak to you either by way of revelation or of knowledge or of prophecy or of teaching? Speaking to believers.

vs 6-12: Prophecy is better, for the edification of the church.

vs 10: 4000 known languages

vs 13: Both usage's.

vs 14: Praying in the Spirit = tongues. Eph 6:18

vs 15-17: What is the outcome. Do both.

vs 18-19: Teaching has a better outcome, in the church.

vs 20-25: vs 22 tongues like Act 2:4, 8, 11:45-46

Prophecy has a better outcome.

vs 27: Why only 3? vs 4, vs 23

vs 28: How do we know? vs 13, experience, quickening of the Holy Spirit, faith, if no interpretation-then what?

Silent = not controlling but quietly.

Same tongue as vs 2, 4

vs 29: Each is responsible to discern, may be fleshly.

vs 30: Adding on. Take turns.

vs 31: Learning. Exhortation.

vs 32: Prophecy subject to the prophet.

vs 33: No confusion.

1 Cor 13:8 Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.

fails = to perish, i. e., to come to an end, disappear, cease NT:4098

done away = to cease, pass away, be done away NT:2673

Not until Jesus comes. vs 10

vs 10: perfect comes = the perfect state of all things, to be ushered in by the return of Christ from heaven
NT:5046

SINGING IN THE SPIRIT: Eph 5:18-19, Col 3:16

Singing with words given by the Lord, instead of the words of the music being played. Even whistling or groaning (sighing) are acceptable 2Cor 5:2. It is like Prophecy.

Having a song in your heart going all the time. Ps 77:6, Job 35:10

All is to be done, in church, with consideration of others!

CONCLUSION: Although there are those who teach that "Speaking in Tongues" has ceased, with the death of the Apostles, it has not! And although we have the "Mind of Christ" we also have a fleshly mind (1Cor 2:10-16, Rom 7:23-25). Our desires should be through "Faith" (Heb 11:1) to trust that the Lord knows what our needs are before we ask Him (Matt 6:8).

Because we do not know "How to Pray" (Rom 8:23-26) we should always pray in faith, because **the Lord has the best plan for us**. If we pray, in the Spirit (Tongues), we don't have to think about or figure out what the Lord wants! Sometimes, our prayer is to comfort the person in need, so we may pray in language of the day, but always desiring the Lords will and follow by praying in the Spirit (Tongues) knowing that He is working his Will and Pleasure in each of our lives (Phil 2:13). Let's go for perfection instead of imperfection i.e. guessing!