# THE AWESOME POWER IN TONGUES

A GIFT FOR TODAY

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#### The Awesome Power in Tongues.

#### God's word's to me

You do not know the awesome power there is in tongues! These were the very words of God spoke audibly to myself as three other friends and I praised and worshipped Him. Martin Hassan, Martin Bradley, Thomas Mc Donald and I were taking time out with God every day at lunchtime for one hour just to praise God for whom he is and not for what he does for us. We were expressing our love for him in song accompanied with guitar. Three of us played the guitar the two Martin's and I. As we played and sang the usual hymns God spoke to me audibly and stopped me dead in my tracks, with the words, "You bore me with your music." I was stunned, how could we be boring God with hymns and praise? As I sat there wondering what God meant, Martin Has son, noticed I had stopped singing and playing and was looking very shocked. What is wrong he asked? The others stopped singing wondering what had happened to me. I told them, God just spoke aloud to me and said "we bore him with our music" They were just as shocked as I was and we talked for a while wondering what we were doing that was boring God? As we talked I was doing my usual habit, playing quietly on the guitar a habit that used to annoy Rose my wife when we talked. During the discussion a little song came into my mind. "Rock on Jesus rock into my I started playing the guitar to accompany myself, making up more words as I went along. Then Martin Has son started playing along with me on his guitar, playing little fancy bits. Eventually the other two joined in as well. And we played this little bit of rock and roll, we really entered the full enjoyment of it, this was our kind of music that we all loved. Our words were "rock on Jesus" and intertwined with praise and hallelujahs. We sang and played and shouted out aloud the praises of the Lord as we stood and danced and enjoyed ourselves. Then the penny dropped. I understood what God meant when he said we bore him with our music. We sang hymns to him but we did not enjoy those hymns, we just sang what we thought we were supposed to sing. But this song was different we were enjoying what we were doing, and our praise was more heart felt. We loved every minute of this little song and others as we made up our own words giving God praise in the words. From that moment on I realised that God did not care what songs we sang or what style of song since it was from the heart to him. Every song gave to God from the heart is what pleases him. Your music preference is unimportant but the music must come from the heart to him, that is what pleases God, and that is what Lunderstood God wanted from us.

Eventually we stopped singing and praising and went into a time of silence to try to hear from God. During the silence, God again spoke to me. He asked, "would you pray all day today in tongues, because you do not know the awesome power in tongues"? I wrote this down in my notebook and waited on the rest to share what God had spoken to them about. Two of them shared they had seen a vision of a battleship and a war taking place, The other one shared he had the same vision but he saw helicopters in his vision as well. At that time Britain was at war with

Argentina over the Falklands Islands. We believed that God wanted to save someone's life or something to that affect, that was our thinking at the time about what God wanted, and we wrote this all down. We knew it was the war that God has us

all praying about, but to what extent he was going to act we knew not. We all agreed that we would pray in tongues, as the Lord asked, then we left to go about the rest of our daily business. We finished praying at two-O-clock. That night as I was preparing to go to our prayer meeting, there was a news flash on T V the war was over between Britain and Argentina, the announcer said. Argentine surrendered. I was shocked, because I realised that this is what God has us praying in tongues for. In a dazed state I went to the prayer meeting and met Martin Bradley, telling him what the news was, I saw him turn white with shock then he made a rush for the toilet. A few months later as I watched the news on T V the newscaster said that the Argentine commander put the flag of surrender up at the time that we all agreed to pray in tongues as the lord requested. Again I was shocked, but shocked at the realisation that God had used us four to work a miracle and to stop this war. I do not know if God had other people around the world praying for this, I only know what happened with us four, and our agreeing to pray as instructed.

#### I took God at his word about tongues

Since that day I took God at his word about the awesome power in tongues and over the years I have seen that awesome power working as I prayed in tongues.

One night as I prayed with Rose for release of her tongues, I had a beautiful experience, I was shown a vision of heaven and what I was most in awe of was the colours there. The colours were out of this world, they were the most amazing thing I ever

seen. No colour on earth could ever match those heavenly colours. The reds were redder than anything I ever seen the blues were indescribable, I cannot describe those colours, no earthly words could ever describe them and only someone who has seen what I saw would know what I meant. They were pure colour is the only way I can explain them.

Another awesome experience I had from God was. I was praying my usual hour in tongues in my prayer room i e my back hall, When my tongues started changing. Next thing I know I am in some other country, I do not know to this day where, only that I was sitting in the fover of a hotel and had a very strong impression that it was a communist country I was in. As I sat there two women came out the doors of the room facing me, as they passed by me I spoke to the one nearest me in a language I did not understand, she excused herself to her companion and came over to me. Sitting down I found myself talking to this lady, even though I did not know the words I was saying I knew that it was about the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I found myself discretely laying hands on her and praying for her to receive this gift, which she did. She then left and the next thing I was back in my back hall, still praying in tongues. I have never had this experience again, I do not know if I was there in body or spirit. I just do not know, but I do know it was real. I can still see this woman in my mind and the hotel foyer very clear 20 years later.

#### It saddens me.

When I hear other Christians say you do not need those tongue,

they are for the past and are the least of the gifts anyway, my heart breaks. Seeing so many deceived by Satan. If only these Christians would go to read God's word and believe it their lives would be filled with power. How many of these Christians who renounce tongues have power filled lives? Very few I believe! No true child of God should ever belittle a gift from their heavenly father. Have they never stopped to consider who it is gives this gift or for what purpose it is given? There is a question I would ask you to consider. Who knows more about prayer you or God? The obvious answer is "God" as he was the one who instigated prayer into the world in the first place, and he is the one who answers those prayers. So without doubt God knows more about prayer than you or I. Therefore if he tells you about prayer you should pay very close attention to what he says, as obviously God knows best. Take heed of the following scripture, really give it your best attention and thought, holding in mind who knows more about prayer. God or you! As you read it.

Romans-8-26 and in the same way by our faith --the Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we do not even know what we should pray for, or how to pray as we should. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words. And the father who knows all hearts know of course, what the spirit is saying as he pleads for us in harmony with God's own will.

The first thing that this scripture teaches us is that it is by our faith and the Holy spirit help. Our faith in who? Our faith in the Holy Spirit to help us with our prayer, that is where our faith is grounded, to believe in the Spirits prayer through us. That the prayer prayed in the Spirits word will have a tremen-

dous effect with God's answer following. Who is this Holy Spirit? He is the one Jesus promised would come to comfort us and help us.

John -16-13 when the Holy Spirit who is truth comes, he shall guide you into all truth, for he will not be presenting his own ideas, but will be passing on what he heard. He will tell you about the future, he shall praise me and bring me great honour by showing you my glory.

## Luke -24-49 Stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven

The Holy Spirit is the one promised who would help you, guide you, and fill you with power. As explained in the previous three scriptures. He was sent from father God to us to help us. The Holy Spirit helps us in our daily problems and in our praying for we do not know how to pray. Let's stop here. Again I have a question to ask. Who says we do not know how to pray? God says here in his own word. "For you do not know how to pray" The lord God almighty is telling you straight to your face, you don't know how to pray or what to pray for. He should know better than you about praying. Some people are so arrogant that they think they know better than God or his Holy Spirit, and say they will pray their own way, then they wonder why they do not receive answers to their prayer. Oh the foolishness of man!

How does the Holy Spirit pray for us? "With such feelings that it cannot be expressed in words" Hence he speaks from deep within taking the feelings within us to express what we truly need. I will give you an example of expressing feelings that are not words. Just imagine hitting you thumb with a

hammer on a very cold day and your hands are freezing. You let out a yell first, not words, then depending on the severity of the pain you hold that thumb moaning away, you are not saying words but anyone hearing you know you are in pain, and you did not have to tell them. They heard you express from deep within you are suffering and recognised you are in pain. No words were necessary, is this not true? In the same way the Holy Spirit expresses to God the father our every emotion and feeling over our needs and he expresses them better than ever we can as he lines them up with the perfect will of God. And the father who knows what those sounds are answers us Can you honestly say that you pray knowing you are in harmony with God as you pray? If you did then you know you will get what you prayed for. There is only one way we can know for certain that we are praying in harmony with God's will and that is allowing the Holy Spirit to pray for us, through us. And how does that come about? By letting the spirit talk to God through us in his words. tongues.

#### A experience?

Luke -24-49 Stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power.

What is it the Holy Spirit is supposed to do? **Fill you with power**. How can you be filled with power if you will not even allow the Spirit to speak that heavenly language through you? If you will not even allow the Spirit to speak through you do you really think you will allow him to operate through you in

other supernatural ways? You are fighting a supernatural enemy, you are at war with Satan or at least he is at war with you even if you do not know it. He is using every supernatural weapon at his disposal to wipe you out and using just some downright lies to destroy you. Lies like there is no point in praying in tongues they are stupid, a thing of the past the least of Gods gifts, they are not much use, sure you do not understand what you are saying anyway.

Man has belittled God's gift by what he says and does. I have heard Christians say tongues are a past experience, giving different reasons why they are a past gift. Do they not have a brain in their head? Can they not see that through out the whole world, people from every Christian religion are being baptised in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues "today."? If speaking in tongues is for the past then someone needs to tell the Holy Spirit that he has got it wrong. Every Christian knows people are praying in tongues, even if their religion says its wrong for them to speak in tongues. If you would only stop for a minute and consider who is right in all this and read God 's word, which as every Christian knows is alive, it is not something dead from the past. "It is the living word of God" The bible is alive not some dead book, it is God speaking to his people today. Of course there are things in it from the past, but they are to teach us for the present. Moses is dead, we all know that but what he did is still alive, the miracles God performed through him are still teaching us that God will move heaven and earth for his people, or divide their red sea's. There is not one word in the bible that was written frivolously. There is a definite reason why each word was recorded, and this was all for our benefit in this present day. The words of Paul wrote in his prison cell is still alive right currently, those words are being spoken at every church service throughout the world, if

those words of Paul were dead then no one would say them. But those words are alive because Paul spoke the words from the Holy Spirit within him. If you do not believe the words spoken by Paul under the influence of the Holy Spirit, are alive and relevant for today how come you quote his words to suit what you believe? Scripture taken out of context has brought pain and suffering to many Christians as cults and sects use these selective verses to win people to their way of thinking and under their control. Christ came to set us free not to set us under someone's control. God's word is alive. God is alive. The Holy Spirit is alive and not making mistakes. The Holy Spirit is supplying those who desire it power from above. That is why he was sent to us, to supply us with power from above to fight that supernatural evil being Satan who is hell bent on destroying you, trying to take your very soul, trying to destroy all those who belong to you. He will supply you with power! If you let him.

Who does not want you praying in tongues? Satan. He knows more than you do the awesome power there is in tongues. He knows it is the Holy Spirit himself speaking through you. Think about this, who is speaking through you in words you do not understand? Satan? No it is God's own spirit, his own spirit, if you would only allow this truth to sink into your soul then you would become alive with power from above. Let's say that tongues were for the past. Was not that a wonderful gift that God gave his people back then. Do not you even envy them for having this wonderful gift? But praise and thank God this gift is for today, the Holy Spirit is alive today and still distributing his awesome gifts to all who ask. Christian friend you have been deceived too long, its time you gave God credit for what he is doing today

Joel -2 -28 I will pour out my spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams; your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my spirit in those days

Sure you may say I was right that is in the Old Testament the past. But let's go on. God's word is alive remember?

Acts -2-17 in the last days, God say's, I will pour out my spirit on all my people, your sons and daughters will prophecy, your young men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my spirit in those days, and they will prophesise.

Is not it strange that God repeated himself on this subject of his spirit? I, God will pour out my spirit! Pour out whose spirit? His own spirit. And who is he pouring it out on? On all my people. Did you notice it says all not some, or just a selected few? And when was he going to do it? In the last days! No one disagrees that these are the last days. First there were the days of the father, then the days of Jesus and now these are the days of the Holy Spirit, the last days. I will pour out my spirit in these last days, he did not say I poured out my spirit in the old days or only in the days of Jesus, no but in these last days, the very days we are living in. I will pour it out on all my people, even on Catholics, even on Protestants, even on Baptists, even on Methodists, even on every church denomination that allow me. I will pour out my very own spirit, and he will distribute his gifts on all

#### The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

1 -Corinthians-12-7 the Holy Spirit displays God's power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church. To one person the spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; someone else may be especially good at studying and teaching, and this gift is from the same spirit. He gives special faith to another and to someone else the power to heal the sick. He gives power for doing miracles to some and to others to prophesy and preach. He gives someone else the power to know when evil spirits are speaking through those who claim to be giving God's message or whether it is really the Spirit of God who is speaking. Still another person is able to speak in languages he never learned, and others are given power to understand what he is saying. It is the same and only Holy Spirit, who gives these gifts and powers, deciding which each one of us should have.

Are you trying to tell me that we do not need these gifts from the Holy Spirit in this present day and age? If you can separate one Gift from all the rest and say, "I do not need this gift" you are a fool, and I make no apologies about saying this Are the gifts of miracles needed in this day and age? Do we need healing gifts? Is there not almost a full continent ill with aids? People dying with a terrible incurable disease, is there no longer any need for God's spirit in Africa where there is no hope for millions. It is the same Holy Spirit who gives out the gifts, it is not a different spirit who gives gifts of miracles or healing power, or who gives gifts of prophecy, no! It is the same Holy Spirit doing all this, and there are arrogant Chris-

tians who care not for others who dismiss these gifts from a loving caring father God. Who say to God I know better than you about prayer. I know better than you in regard to needing supernatural gifts. I am better off without them and so is the world around me!

How any Christian could dismiss the offer of a supernatural prayer life is beyond me. Do you not understand that it is God himself offering you his own spirit to speak in tongues to heal the sick to prophesy to work miracles through you? How can anyone refuse God's offer, and believe that they are Spirit filled I just do not understand. Spirit filled means exactly that letting God's spirit have full access to you, to use you as he sees fit for the glory of God and for your benefit.

#### Help yourself grow spiritually

# 1-Corinthians-14-4 so a person speaking in tongues helps himself grow spiritually.

If ever you need a why you should be praying in tongues, this is it. By praying in tongues you help yourself grow spiritually. There are only two ways that I have seen "mentioned in the bible to help you grow more spiritually"one is acting in love and the other is speaking in tongues.

A person speaking in tongues helps himself or her self grow more spiritually. Does that sound like it is only for use in the past? Do we not need to grow more spiritual in today A time when God and his ways are being dismissed and people have no need for him. My friend if ever you needed supernatural help this is the day you need it.

#### My first experience of tongues

When I received the baptism in the spirit I had the most glorious experience. Rose my wife and I was at morning mass, coming home we went to the bakery to get some buns for tea. On arriving at our home I put the kettle on and was going upstairs to the toilet when there was a knock at the door and my neighbour from across the street was at the door, she asked Rose would she come over to her house for tea. And she wanted to talk also. Rose called up to me that she was away to the neighbour's house, and would be back in a little while. When I got to the top of the stairs I had this urge to go into my bedroom to pray, I was only new at this and did not know much about God or anything spiritual. Entering my bedroom, I sensed that I should kneel down beside my bed, and I spoke to God and asked if this was he I was feeling. Seeing my new bible sitting on my bedside locker I had an urge to pick it up and open it. I opened my bible just anywhere and in a part of the page that was blank were the words. "You have crucified me with your sins."{These words were written supernaturally by God in my Bible On reading this I began to cry in sorrow for all the wrong I had done in my life. Then suddenly I stopped crying and my hands involuntary closed the bible. I knelt there wondering what was happening to me, when I sensed the words, "open your bible" I again opened it at random and it opened at the day of Pentecost when the holy spirit fell on the apostles in tongues of fire. Acts-2 I read the

part where they all began to speak in tongues, and went to go on, but I was drawn to read this part over and over again. I asked God if he was trying to tell me something, when God spoke to me for the first time ever and said, "pray in tongues" I tried everything I could to speak in tongues, I tried saying prayers as quick as I could, but to no avail. Then God spoke to me again and said, "copy Fr Kelly" Fr Kelly was the priest who ran the prayer meeting I attended, I heard him speaking in tongues, and remembered what some of his words sounded like, so I began to copy those words. As soon as I did this, out of me poured this most awesome prayer language, words that I never heard before pouring out of me in torrents. I prayed like this for hours and the words kept changing. As I prayed I had this overwhelming experience that every sin I ever committed was being washed away and I felt so clean and holy, It was awesome just knowing I was forgiven and receiving God's own Holy Spirit entering me. No words of mine will ever be able to describe this heavenly experience. When I had finished praying, I had this urge to visit my mother-in-law who lived a few doors farther up the street from us. As soon as my mother-in-law saw me she said to Rose who was also there, he has got the gift of tongues. I had not spoken a single word up till then. I told my mother-in-law that I had this sense that I should lay hands on her and pray for her in tongues, she readily agreed, and I put my hands on her and out poured different words, flowing like a river that burst its banks. God's sense of humour is divine because the very reason I went to a prayer meeting in the first place was to make fun of my mother-in-law. Here she was the first person I ever laid hands on, on receiving this wonderful gift from my loving father. She wept and wept for me knowing the person I used to be.

From this personal experience of being told to copy Fr Kelly's

tongues to get me released. I have since had thousands of people released into tongues in the same way, by having them copy me. Years later the lord explained why he had me copy Fr Kelly. He explained it was like giving a car that had a dead battery a jumper lead start, as the power flowed from the power filled battery into the dead battery, that power started the engine. I'M sure that you have seen cars getting a jump lead start, so you know what happens.

**Praying in tongues** when the spirit prompted me saved two of our children from harm. One night I had this incredible urge to go somewhere quiet and pray in tongues, I told Rose the sense I had and went to pray. In my back hall the place where I did most of my praying, I got on my knees and immediately began praying in tongues. I did not know why I had this urge to pray, just that it was overwhelming. I prayed for about an hour then I felt something lifting off of me, and I could sense that everything was ok again. Talking with Rose I could not explain this great urgency to pray in tongues. But later that night it became very clear why the spirit of God had me pray so urgently. Two of our children were with some friends and were sitting on a wall in an area of our town. As they talked one of my children Brenda had this urge to get away from there as fast as they could, and persuaded they are friends that they should move right away. Shortly after the moved away a bomb exploded in the very spot where they were sitting, if they had not moved away they would have killed or seriously injured. The spirit of God knew the danger they were in and alerted me to pray.

On the way back from a prayer meeting a friend and I were driving home, as we got half way home I heard a pinging noise

from the engine and the car slowed down and then stopped, nothing I did would get it started again. Both my friend and I were not in any way mechanical minded, but we believed in the power of prayer. And decided to pray in tongues laying hands on the car in Jesus name. We both started to push the car to try to start it and jumping in I tried once again to start the engine, and it roared into life. We praised the lord the whole way home in tongues, stopping only to let him off at his home. Then I drove to my own home.

Next morning as I tried to start my car it would not start again for me. Just then my next door neighbour came out and asked if I was having problems, I told him about the night before leaving out the praying bit, about hearing a pinging noise and then the car stopped. He looked at the engine and then laughed and said no wonder it would not go, your accelerator cable is broken and there was no way you can drive without a cable. It had broken in half and he showed me, explaining that you need the accelerator cable to send the petrol into the engine and without this device it just wont go. I had driven for miles without a cable, stopping and starting, going at different speeds as the traffic allowed. Praise the lord for his gift of tongues, where would I be without this awesome gift?

#### Tongues are for the ministry of healing

In the healing ministry I rarely pray in English I would rather pray in tongues knowing that there is power in allowing the Holy Spirit to pray through me, for those in need. Because I do not know how to pray for them or how to

pray as I should as scripture says, but the Holy Spirit prays through me for God's glory and for their healing.

#### My mothers healing

While visiting my mother one day, I heard her complaining of pain, I asked her if she would like me to say a prayer with her. Taken aback my mother hesitatingly said ok as her pain was bad. I asked her to stretch out her two hands in front of her as far out as she could comfortably reach, it was then for the first time in my life that I found out my mother had a deformed arm. I was over 40 at the time and was shocked to see her arm bend inwards at the elbow, everyone else when they bend their elbow their arms go out the ways, my mothers arm went in the ways across her chest. She laughed and said did you not know I had a deformed arm? No I spluttered, well lets see what God does with a deformed arm then shall we? My elder sister was also present in the living room and she closed her eyes to pray but I told her keep your eyes open and you will see a miracle. I also told my mother to keep her eyes open also. Praying in tongues for the first time in front of my mother and sister, nervously I began to pray aloud. As I prayed I heard my sister gasp, as she saw my mothers arm begin to straighten out. When my mother had both arms held out in front of her, one arm was 18 inches shorter than the other was. Continuing to pray in tongues the Lord straightened my mothers arm out to her shock she stared at her arm in disbelief as this deformed arm she was born with straightened out before her very own eyes. I of course was delighted, the Lord was healing my mother for me, I was honoured. Before all this happened my family thought I was nuts they thought I had flipped it altogether. Now here was God healing my mother for me, such an honour for me, he was showing my mother and sister that

Brendan was not nuts as they thought I was. All my mother's pain left her and she was healed, to her surprise and to the surprise of my sister. Later my family looked at me differently, they still thought I was nuts but with a difference, a nut with Secretly over the year's different members of my family when they or their children were in some sort of trouble phoned their brother the nut. Asking would I pray for whatever it was they needed. They of course never told one another they believed in the power of my prayer in tongues, but they knew when the Lord healed our mother that I had some connection that they did not have with God and his Holy Spirit. The lord honours us in front of others when he decides its necessary. Later I had the greatest honour bestowed on me when I had the privilege of leading my mother and father to receive their salvation, and all through the Lords awesome gift of tongues demonstrating God's glory.

#### My aunt asked for prayer

I heard that my Godmother, my Aunt Bernie was ill and in a lot of pain. Calling down to her home, to visit we sat and talked. Bringing up the subject of healing I asked her if she would like a prayer? She agreed and sitting in a chair I began to pray with her in tongues for her healing. She had told me earlier that she was crippled with pain because she had the arthritis in every joint in her body and could not walk bend or stretch. She could only sit there in pain. Asking her to forgive everyone she held a grudge against I continued praying in tongues. As I prayed with her, the pain began to ease then after about ten minutes praying in tongues her pain left altogether. Asking her try to test her healing I had her perform tasks that previously she couldn't do because of her arthritis. She bent, stretched,

walked up and down stairs putting her body through every conceivable movement that could bring on pain in a person without arthritis, without any pain, she was totally healed. Two days later Bernie was dancing at her daughters wedding and never sat down for even a minute, I watched her dancing with Charlie her husband and the two of them could not have been happier.

#### An example of not knowing how to pray.

Called to pray with a little Gypsy girl, who was dying from cancer. The lady who invited me to join with her in prayer and I set off to the nursing home where the little girl was being looked after. I was not long involved in the ministry of healing, so thinking that the lady who invited me to pray with her over the little girl knew more than I did about healing I was looking for her to lead the prayer. Going in to see the little girl I noticed other children in beds being looked after, my friend informed me that these children were all terminally ill, I was so saddened, so many children dying, and here we had a God who desires healing for all. When we got to the room where the little girl was laying in, I saw that both her parents were there and in a very distressed state. I spoke to them for a little while trying to comfort them, and the mother asked me. "Is my daughter going to die? Would God heal her and make her well? I could only answer, "lets see what God does" Before we began to pray, the lady who invited me to pray with her said. "Go ahead you pray, and ill back you in prayer I do not know how to pray healing prayer" I was stunned and flustered

but before I began I opened my Bible at.

James-1-14 is anyone sick? He should call for the elders of the church and they should pour a little oil on him calling on the Lord to heal him.

I then anointed everyone in the room. Including the nursing nun who took care of the little girl. It was not until a few days later that I remembered I never anointed the little girl, I anointed everyone myself included but not her. As I began praying I stopped, because I had this feeling come over me to ask the little girl if she wanted to get well, she replied, "no I do" not I was bewildered, but continued praying in tongues over her. While I prayed in tongues for her the Lord spoke to me and said. "This child will save her people" I was delighted because I believed that he was going to heal her and use her to bring salvation to the Gypsy people. Shortly after this I stopped praying and said to the parents she is in God's hand now. I will continue praying for her and would come again and pray with her if this was ok by the parents? They agreed and we left. On the way home I told my friend what God told me and she was delighted. Two days later I had a phone call early in the morning, it was my friend. The little girl just died, an hour ago. She will be taken to Buncranna church later that night. I was shocked, this little girl was supposed to save her people according to God. Angrily I went to talk with God. fighting with him I asked why he lied, as this child had died and had not been healed as I believed he was going to do. He of course never answered. That same day a fierce storm hit the coast of Ireland, and the seashore was worst affected. The families of the little girl lived at the seashore in caravans. At seven o'clock all the Gypsy families left their caravans and joined the cortege from Fahn where the little girl had been taken care of and they drove to the church, behind the hearse.

In church there was great distress, as these Gypsies people tried to console one another over their loss. Meantime the storm had taken a turn for the worse, and was battering the church, and unknown to everyone inside, their caravans were also being battered by the wind that had risen to a great fury. Three caravans were lifted high into the air and smashed to pieces against the rocks on the side of the road there was not as much as a part of one of them in one piece. The three caravans that were smashed to bits were the homes of this child's own family and over 20 children and adults lived in them. If the family had still been there instead of being at the church at this little girls funeral they would all have died or been terribly injured. It was only then that I understood what God meant, "this child will saves her people" God used this tragedy of a little girl dying to advert a greater tragedy he used her to save the lives of her brothers and sisters, and family members, by having them at the church at her funeral at the time the storm struck at its fiercest. God knew better than I did, and the Holy Spirit also knew more than I did. I was praying for healing, the little girl did not want to get well, and the Holy Spirit prayed through me in harmony with God's own will knowing what he should pray for and how to pray as he should. Thank God for his awesome gift of tongues and his Holy Spirit, who knows better than we do

#### This is a twofold gift

Sure you do not understand what you are saying it doesn't make sense. I have heard people say to me over the years. I

do not care that I do not understand what I am saying since the Holy Spirit knows what he is saying and my father understands what he is saying for me. The gift of tongues is not a singular gift there is actually two parts to this gift; there is the gift of interpretation of tongues which come together with the gift of tongues you only need to ask for this gift also. Sad to say there is an awful lack of teaching in reference to tongues and the gift of interpretation of tongues. Most tongue speakers do not know how to interpret their own tongues. They have never been taught to ask for the second half of their gift package. You have to ask for this gift as with all the gifts. You have to desire sincerely the gift first.

# 1-Corinthians-14-13-if someone is given the gift of tongues, he should pray also for the gift of knowing what he said, so he can tell people afterwards plainly

How many of those that speaks in tongues can actually interpret their own tongues, how many actually know that they were supposed to ask for the second part of this gift. I am really surprised to see every where I go people do not know this. I taught the members of our praise and worship how to interpret their tongues. First I would have them ask for this gift, then believing they received as soon as they asked, I would have them pray in tongues and then stop them with a clap of my hands and have them go straight into English, without stopping to think. It was amazing as each shared that what came out of their mouth in English was not what they thought about as they prayed in tongues. This is a very simple thing to teach others, as it is God's will people should know how to interpret their tongues.

#### 1-Corinthians-14-14 for if I pray in a language that I do not

understand, my spirit is praying but I do not know what I am saying. Well then, what shall I do? I will do both. I will pray in unknown tongues, and also in ordinary language, that everyone understands. I will sing in unknown tongues and also in ordinary language so that I can understand the praise I am giving

It was this scripture that gave me understanding of how to interpret my own tongues then I taught others to do likewise. But first look at the scripture and see what it is saying about praying in tongues. My spirit is praying when I pray in tongues. Am I praying in the past or the present? Of course I am praying in this present moment because my spirit is praying "now" To many times I prayed from my head and not from my spirit, when I seen something I wanted.

Well then what shall I do? I will do both; first I will pray in tongues then I will pray in English immediately. That is how your interpretation works, first tongues then English or whatever your national language is. Come before the Lord and ask for this Gift then believe as you ask you receive then pray in tongues and then straight away begin speaking in English. Practice makes perfect the saying goes and the same with all God's gifts the more you use them the more confidant you become with the gift.

#### Longing for the gifts

1-Corinthians-14-39 So, my fellow believers, long to be prophets so that you can preach God's message plainly; and never say it is wrong to speak in tongues

There are two things I wish to point out in this scripture. God's

word says **LONG** to be prophets. What does the word long mean? It is not referring to the length of something but talking of a "longing" a desire a feeling within really yearning for something, God says long to be prophets. The desire for any of God's gifts have to come from your heart, you have to desire earnestly the gifts before they come into being.

Never say it is wrong to speak in tongues! How many Christians say it is wrong to speak in tongues, that they are a gift of the past or whatever reason they give. These Christians would tear you apart practically if you were to speak against their religious beliefs, their defence of "God's word" Yet these same people defy God's word that plainly states, "never say it is wrong to speak in tongues." If God says in his word never say it is wrong to speak in tongues, does it not make sense that he would want you to speak in tongues? And that it would only be right to speak in tongues. Never say it is wrong to speak in tongues. Never, means exactly that, never say it is wrong. My friend if you have been one of those who have been saying it is wrong to speak in tongues then you need to repent because you are contradicting God himself, who said, never say it is wrong to speak in tongues.

Another thing I have heard religious people continually say about tongues is. They quote.

1-Corinthians 13-1 if I had the gift of being able to speak in other languages without learning them, and could speak in every language there is in all heaven and earth, but did not love others, I would only be making noise.

And they say tongues are unimportant if you do not love it is love that is more important. This is true, love is more important, but if you have love and tongues together is this not even more wonderful. The scripture did not say do not pray in

tongues, it pointed out even if you have tongues it does not mean you are a loving person and without love sure its all noise. The presumption here with those who quote this scripture is that you do not love which is ridiculous. The truth is fear keeps them bound in tradition. They do not stop to think if they had the gift of tongues and also love, and then they are doubly blessed.

If Teaching, Preaching, Healing, are for use in this present day as we all know they are, and as we know they are a gift from the Holy Spirit. Then surly it makes sense to believe that tongues are for this present day also. . It is the same Holy Spirit who gives these gifts as he sees fit. If your preacher is preaching under the anointing or teacher teaching under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, today surely they can speak in tongues under the same anointing of the Holy Spirit, today. Stop limiting God's Holy Spirit.

1-Corinthians-12-11 it is the same and only Holy Spirit who gives all these gifts and powers, deciding which each of us should have.

#### I wish you all could speak in tongues

### 1-Corinthians -14-5 I wish you all had the gift of "speaking in tongues"

It is not Paul's word that is being expressed here it is the word of God expressed through Paul. You cannot take a piece of scripture and say well this is Paul's point of view or Peters or Timothy point of view. This is the living word of Almighty God the creator of all men, this is his written word put into print for the benefit of all. I wish **you all**, not some, or the select few, **but all** had the gift of tongues. Is the Bible for the

believers of today of for the believers of yesterday? The Bible is the living word of God for today for the believers of today. Another thing I am quoted is, "not everyone speaks in tongues" That is quite right! Not everyone does. All around me there are people who do not speak in tongues they are from different backgrounds different churches different religions, but there are millions the world over who speak in tongues. A person who has not heard about tongues would hardly speak in tongues would they? But you have heard about tongues, or at least you have if you have read this book this far, and you can see that tongues are for you the believers for today. Just as Paul expressed in God' word I too would wish that you all would speak in tongues.

#### I cant pray in tongues but I really desire to

So many people desire this gift and again I saw bad teaching with this, I saw during the baptism in the spirit at "life in the spirit seminars" people being prayed over by others who do not have the gift of tongues. As far as I am concerned this should never happen. How can someone who does not speak in tongues themselves persuade the seeker how to receive something they themselves do not have? I have seen time after time leaders putting people who do not pray in tongues into teams to pray over those seeking the gifts of the Holy Spirit. And of course the new believer rarely receives the gift. This is a bad practice that Charismatic people use. It is better to have the one person who prays in tongues pray over everyone than to have a hundred who do not pray in tongues praying over

people. Remember the jumper lead start I wrote about earlier on? The power flows from one into the other. If both batteries are dead then the car wont start, that is the same with the baptism in the spirit. If the person praying is dead to the gift then there is little chance of them passing on the power. If you desire to pray in tongues and have sought long and hard for this gift or you just read about it in this book. You can call me at my home telephone number or call me on pal talk a computer phone system you can down load on your PC for free. And talk to me there. I am known on there by my nickname of Hebrews 1. All you have to do is write pal talk into your URL and press enter and it will come up if you are on line. Then download it on your own computer then go to add pal and write my nickname in the box provided. I will pray with anyone who calls me for release of this gift.

Some times there are things blocking a person from receiving God's awesome gifts, things like fortune telling and occult practices, or refusing to forgive someone. Those things can prevent you from receiving, I said could prevent you, not will prevent you. God does as he pleases no matter what a person is like or what they done. I will never say God will not because he will always prove me wrong.

You can of course go to a prayer meeting or a church where they praise the Lord in tongues and have someone pray over you for the release of your tongues or you can simply listen to someone praying and start to copy them as fast as you can. Praying in tongues for the first time is a very humbling experience and can be embarrassing as you try to speak this unknown language that you do not understand, but just keep at it, and it will come to you. God wants you to have this gift, as he knows the power that is in it.

#### A little experiment for those with tongues

Rose my wife asked the Lord one night during our praise and worship meeting, could he expand on the gift of tongues so people would desire to pray in them more. This was his answer to Rose. Have everyone there present put their hands over their ears to stop all sound from getting in, then have them all start speaking in tongues out aloud. The whole group of 50 plus entered this with great gusto. A short time later Rose stopped everyone praying and asked what did they experience, and each shared the same experience of hearing their gift of tongues coming from deep within their spirit and sounding so different from what it sounded like when praying normally. They all shared that it felt to them like it was God himself praying down inside them, and they were amazed at how their prayer language sounded to them. One man laughed and said he sounded like a demented Italian. This gave the group a new zest for praying in tongues. The Lord also gave Rose another way for everyone to pray, that was helping our prayer become more personal for all us, but I cannot explain how you could do it in this book, it needs to be shared spoken. It needs to be demonstrated with sound.

God will never force you to speak in tongues; you have to desire his gift being offered to you. For those who are against tongues, did it never cross your mind, who it is you are saying no to in regard to tongues? God and only God can give this gift through his Holy Spirit you cannot buy this gift at your local

store. Almighty God in his wisdom knows how important his Gift is and offers this supernatural gift to human beings that has a supernatural enemy. This enemy is out to destroy the children of God and God desires to equip his children with supernatural power to combat this cunning enemy. There are many stories I could tell you of the power in tongues and supernatural experiences I have had while using this awesome gift, and I have written some of those stories in my book. "The power of God at work" But you need to seek this awesome gift and then you will experience things for yourself.

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