

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit part 11: Kinds of Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues Cont'd

Review

This will be our last day on the gifts of the Spirit

ONLY TWO LEFT—kinds of tongues, and interpretation of tongues

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NIV2011)

1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the **manifestation** of the Spirit is given for the common good. (or profit, or help)

8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message (lit. word) of wisdom, to another a message (lit. word) of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

9 to another faith by the same Spirit (special faith or a gift of faith), to another gifts of healing(s) by that one Spirit,

10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, **to another speaking in**

(different) kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

11 All these are the work of One and the same Spirit, and He distributes them to each one, just as He determines (Greek = wills, purposes).

These last two are unique to the New Testament—after the Holy Spirit fell on the day of Pentecost.

These gifts are probably the most prominent and most misunderstood.

There's wrong teaching—it's not for us today
Extreme teaching—goes beyond the word

Why such confusion? ***Because it is so powerful, so vital to our Christian walk...***

What's the balance?

(if the devil can't stop it—he will try to push it to an extreme)

The baptism in the Spirit is the doorway into the gifts of the Spirit

2 dimensions:

1. Simple gift of speaking or praying in tongues for private prayer—everyone who is baptized in the Spirit receives this (for prayer, praying mysteries to God, you edify or build up yourself)

2. The gift of kinds of tongues, a higher dimension of this gift, where when given with interpretation of tongues brings a prophetic word.

“Kinds” of tongues... “gene” plural = typos or kinds (we get our word *genes* from it!)

Definition of “kinds of tongues”: *supernatural utterance given by the Spirit in an unknown tongue (unknown to the speaker and normally unknown to the hearer).*

1. Kinds of tongues is the most prominent of all the spiritual gifts...
2. This gift along with interpretation of tongues are the only spiritual gifts distinct to the *church age*.

The gift of “kinds” of tongues:

- a. is a gift that comes as the Spirit wills that should always have the gift of interpretation of tongues to accompany it. The two together are equal to prophecy.
- b. These gifts to build up and exhort *the Church*.

1 Cor 14:4-5

4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. 5 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.
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- When you have tongues and interpretation of tongues—it is supernatural. It lifts the anointing in

the service. A supernatural word is spoken to a congregation that will build up that church...

- Praying in tongues builds you up
- Speaking in tongues with interpretation builds the church

A BUILDING UP—A STRENGTHENING

LET THE WORD SPEAK

1 Corinthians 14:6-19 (NIV2011)

6 Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you and speak in tongues, what good will I be to you, unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or word of instruction?

7 Even in the case of lifeless things that make sounds, such as the pipe or harp, how will anyone know what tune is being played unless there is a distinction in the notes?

8 Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?

9 So it is with you. Unless you speak intelligible words with your tongue, how will anyone know what you are saying? You will just be speaking into the air.

10 Undoubtedly there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning.

11 If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker is a foreigner to me.

12 So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.

13 For this reason the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say.

14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

15 So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

16 Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say

“Amen” to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying?

17 You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified.

18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

19 But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

vs. 13 let him pray that he may interpret what he says...

This gift begins in prayer...

If you are used in the gift of kinds of tongues, ask that you have the gift of interpretation...

Side Journey—learning how to yield to this gift in prayer

Many times in the night when I am struggling...

Eph 5:18-20

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, NKJV

Developing that gift of prophecy...

Ps 63:6-7

6 When I remember You on my bed,
I meditate on You in the night watches.

7 Because You have been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

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Ps 61:1-4

1 Hear my cry, O God;
Attend to my prayer.
2 From the end of the earth I will cry to You,
When my heart is overwhelmed;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For You have been a shelter for me,
A strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will abide in Your tabernacle forever;
I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.
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Psalm 42:1-4 (NIV2011)

1 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my
soul pants for you, my God.
2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When
can I go and meet with God?
3 My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me all day long, “Where is your
God?”
4 These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

This moves you into a place of anointing in your pain...
You step out in prophecy and it ministers to YOU...

You start out—and it begins to bubble forth out of you...like
a flowing brook—

It brings—

Strength,
Healing,
Peace,

Reading what the word says...

1 Cor 14:20-33

20 Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

21 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.

22 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. 23 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? 24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. 25 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.

26 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. 27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. 28 But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God. 29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. 30 But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. **31 For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.** 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. 33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

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Definition of "interpretation of tongues: *"A supernatural showing forth or interpretation of what has been spoken in an unknown tongue."*

1. Interpretation of tongues is a very important gift, but it's the least of all because it's dependent on another gift. It doesn't operate unless there is the gift of kinds of tongues.

2. The purpose of interpretation of tongues is to make the gift of tongues understandable to those hearing, so that the church can be edified.

a. Interpretation is not a *translation* of what is said, but rather an *interpretation*. It gives the *meaning* of what is spoken, not a word for word translation.

b. That's why someone may give a tongue that is of length, yet the interpretation may be much shorter, or visa versa.

c. Just as in all the gifts of the Spirit, there is an anointing —like prophecy... to speak. It's through that anointing the interpretation comes...

- The person giving the tongue may also interpret the tongue, or another, whoever has the unction of the Spirit.
- "Let one interpret" so that others don't try to out do the first. One is sufficient.
- When someone is giving a tongue in a service, a person who is used in the gift of interpretation should immediately begin to be sensitive to the *Holy Spirit's unction*... He should be ready to be used by the Holy Spirit in the operation of that gift. *The utterance in this gift comes by the unction of the Spirit.*
- Bro. Hagin said that when one is interpreting a tongue, if that person is also used in prophecy, very often he may finish the interpretation and then step over into prophecy. He himself does this often...

---He said that people who are intelligent in the things of the Spirit can recognize when the interpretation stops and the prophecy begins, because there is a little higher authority that comes with the gift of prophecy

God is the God of order.

Notice it says that he should keep silent in the church if no interpreter, and *let him speak to himself and to God*. His tongue now is for personal edification and prayer as opposed to a message of prophecy through tongues and interpretation.

Altar call