

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

1Co 12:13 For by **one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Luk 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

Luk 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Luk 24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

Luk 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

1. Jesus tells actual place of the pouring out of His Spirit. “Tarry ye in the city Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”
2. After tarrying and waiting for approximately 7-10 days, they were filled as promised. The number in the upper room numbered about 120; this crowd included “the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His disciples.”

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

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Why did God choose Tongues?

1. God is Sovereign; God is not accountable to us for what He chooses.

Isa 40:13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or *being* his counsellor hath taught him?

Isa 40:14 With whom took he counsel, and *who* instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

2. **Why did God choose blood for atonement?** Why did God choose water as the element in baptism? Why did God choose gold as the overlaying metal for the Ark of the Covenant? Why did God use stone as the material to record the Law of Moses? Why did God choose dust to form man? There are divine purpose and reason behind each of these choices.
3. **Anyone with a hungry heart and an open mind** will realize that there is a definite connection between speaking with tongues and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.” The book of Acts is an historical book, and in the book of Acts we read the accounts of those who were baptized with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues.
4. **Jesus said that tongues would be a sign the followed believers:**
Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
Mar 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
Mar 16:18 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.

Let us examine the accounts where people received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

1. **The Jews on the Day of Pentecost:**

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- a. Let us look at the word “**ALL**” and they were **ALL** filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

2. **The Gentiles in Caesarea:**

Act 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Act 10:45 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.

Act 10:46 **For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,**

Act 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Act 10:48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

3. **The Ephesians:**

Act 19:2 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.

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

Act 19:4 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.

Act 19:5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Act 19:6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

**RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST WITH SPEAKING IN
TONGUES IS THE EVIDENCE AND YOUR ENTRANCE INTO
THE CHURCH**

Joh 3:5 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.**

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

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF GOD'S DWELLING PLACE

1. **There is always an external sign of God's presence finding a dwelling place.** It was the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. This was God's visible sign of Him dwelling among His people. It was the cloud that filled Solomon's Temple that the priest could not minister by reason of the cloud for the Glory of the Lord had filled the temple. It was the visible sign to John the Baptist in John 1:33 that verified to John that Jesus was the one that baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Joh 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

2. The Day of Pentecost it was tongues like as fire sat upon each of them.
3. In Acts 10:45-46 "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. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PERSON RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST WITH THE EVIDENCE OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES AND THE OPERATION OF THE GIFT OF TONGUES IN A CHURCH SERVICE.

1. They may be similar in sound and appearance, but quite different in function. One is the evidence of the Holy Ghost; the other is a manifestation of the Spirit's power operated through a believer in a church setting.
2. The Book of Corinthians was written to bring **about order in the church**. The newly Spirit filled believers need guidance and structure in their services, so Apostle Paul wrote an order to help them understand the workings of the Spirit and how to operate the Gifts of the Spirit correctly.
3. All references are found in 1 Corinthians where saints already had received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with tongues.

1Co 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

4. **The Corinthian Church had no order and everyone was just sitting around speaking in tongues. Paul said that if someone comes in and sees you just speaking in tongues and doesn't understand, they will think you are mad or crazy.**

1Co 14:22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying *serveth* not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

1Co 14:23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

1Co 14:24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or *one* unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

1Co 14:25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on *his* face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

1Co 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy.

1Co 14:2 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.

1Co 14:3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

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

1Co 14:5 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.

THE NINE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT GIVEN TO THE CHURCH

1. The Church is made up of the supernatural power of God and to operate in the the spirit, and through the spirit is given the gifts of the spirit, ministerial gifts, and the fruit of the spirit

1Co 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1Co 12:5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

1Co 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

1Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

1Co 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the **word of wisdom**; to another **the word of knowledge** by the same Spirit;

1Co 12:9 **To another faith** by the same Spirit; to another the **gifts of healing** by the same Spirit;

1Co 12:10 To another the **working of miracles**; to another **prophecy**; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another **divers kinds of tongues**; to another the **interpretation of tongues**:

1Co 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, **dividing to every man severally as he will.**

2. The Ministerial Gifts:

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Eph 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Eph 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

3. Fruit of the Spirit

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Gal 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.