



THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12:4-11_(NKJV)

Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy. ² 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. ³ But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. 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.

- Vocal/ inspiration gifts are strictly for the benefit of the Church.
- 3-fold purpose: Edify, Exhort, Comfort

1 Corinthians 14:3_(NKJV)

But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to all men.

Gift of tongues + Interpretation = Prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:5_(NKJV)

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Tongues are earthly or celestial
languages, spoken only by
believers, as the Holy Spirit gives
them utterance.

- Reinhard Bonnke

Tongues is a sign

1 Corinthians 14:22_(NKJV)

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.

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Acts 2:16-17_(NKJV)

This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “In the last days,
God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and
daughters will prophesy,

Acts 1:4-5_(NKJV)

Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Tongues was a sign on that day of the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:21 (NKJV)

Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

What the Gift of Tongues is NOT...

1. NOT your prayer language that comes from the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
2. NOT learning a new language

1 Cor. 14:14

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

1 Cor. 14:2

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God,

1 Cor. 13:8_(NKJV)

But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

1 Corinthians 14:26_(NKJV)

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.

1 Corinthians 14:12_(NKJV)

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



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Tongues are for a sign...to unbelievers

1 Corinthians 14:26 (NKJV)

Whenever you come together, each one of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation...

1 Corinthians 14:39-40 (NKJV)

Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. ⁴⁰Let all things be done decently and in order.

Tongues without interpretation are forbidden in the church.

1 Corinthians 14:18-19 (NKJV)

I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; ¹⁹ 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.

1 Corinthians 14:28

But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.

1 Corinthians 14:32

And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

The Gift of Tongues is limited in use.

1 Corinthians 14:26-27 (NKJV)

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.



The vocal gifts are regulated,
not by God, but by man.



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