

- I) V7-11 INTRO: But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the  
We will look at the gifts of **tongues** and the **interpretation** of tongues  
We will begin with **the gift of tongues**, and then will look at **interpretation**  
**AS WE BEGIN**
- II) These two gifts are the gifts of the Spirit most argued over  
**On one hand** some say the **gift of tongues** no longer exists
- III) As a proof text, they cite 1 Co 13:8-10  
They say tongues **ceased** when the last apostle died the bible was completed  
**THE FACT IS**
- IV) The **temporary gifts** of the Spirit cease when we are in Heaven, with Jesus  
We will not need to exercise any of the gifts because they are not necessary
- V) **It is often pointed out** that Jesus never spoke in tongues  
This is true, but it would seem silly to state this  
**TWO THINGS**
- VI) What language exists that He could not know?  
**Also**, the one speaking in tongues edifies himself-14:14: why would He need this  
**THIS GIFT IS PROMISED**
- VII) Jesus made it clear that this gift would be given to those who believed in Him  
He made this clear when He was commissioning the church  
**DEVELOP**
- VIII) Tongues is one of the **sign gifts** that He gave to the church  
Eph 4:8 Therefore He says: When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive  
and **gave gifts to men**
- IX) One of those grace gifts is the gift of tongues  
Mk 16:17 **These signs** will follow those who believe in Me: they will cast out  
demons, they will speak with **new tongues**  
**ON THE OTHER HAND**
- X) Others say it is **the primary evidence** you have been Baptized in the Spirit  
This too is an error in that this gift is not guaranteed to all (1 Co 12:11)
- XI) When we look at V29-30 of this chapter Spiritual Gifts are listed  
**INTERESTINGLY**: We see tongues listed **last on the list**
- XII) This would seem to reflect an order or priorities: *First* Apostles, *last* tongues

- I) It would seem that tongues is a desirable and valuable gift that continues to exist  
Yet, it is not to be exalted **out of proportion**

**WHAT ARE TONGUES?**

- II) Tongues is a language that **the speaker** does not understand  
They can be **known** languages: the tongues of men  
They can also be called a **heavenly language**: tongues of angels (13:1)

**KEY**

- III) Jesus taught that this gift would be given to the church  
This promise was initially fulfilled on the day of Pentecost

IV) Ac 2:1-4 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak **with other tongues**, as **the Spirit gave them** utterance.

- V) They all spoke in other tongues given to them **by the Holy Spirit**  
Ac 2:6-8 when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, **each in our own language** in which we were born?"

- VI) These were **unlearned languages** spiritually bestowed on them  
**DEVELOP**

- VII) The people hearing them speak **understood** what was being said (V6-8)

- VIII) V8 Our own language (Dialecto): Speech: the language peculiar to any people  
V11 records that they were saying (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring **the wonders of God in our own tongues!**"

**Glossa**: The language used by a particular people distinct from other nations

- IX) **Pentecost** was the fulfillment of Jesus' promise of the birth of the church  
The **baptism of the Spirit** gave them the power to preach the gospel  
The gift of tongues gave them insight into the **impact** and **expansion** of its effect

**TRANSITION**

- X) Speaking in tongues is directly related to the infilling of the Spirit

- I) Jesus said: Mt 12:34 Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks  
This reveals the gift of tongues is the language of the Spirit-filled heart
- II) 1 Co 14 provides much insight into this controversial gift  
As we look at this gift, I will do so in a question/answer format  
In other words, I will ask a question about tongues and then provide the answer
- III) We begin by giving **a basic definition** of this particular gift  
Tongues is a language that is Spirit inspired and is used to praise God and edify the person speaking by building up his knowledge of Christ, and Christ in him.  
It is an unlearned language communicating our deepest spiritual feelings
- IV) Christians desire to express their deepest feelings to God  
The Gift of Tongues makes this possible  
It is a language of prayer and praise, magnifying God and edifying us and others  
**AT THIS POINT**
- V) I will attempt to address questions that are often asked concerning this gift  
**FIRST**
- VI) Is speaking in tongues the **initial proof** someone has been baptized with the Spirit  
**Answer:** Tongues is a **gift**, not a proof, or something guaranteed to everyone  
1 Co 12:11 One and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as **He wills**  
1 Co 12:30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all **speak with tongues**? Do all interpret?  
**SECOND**
- VII) Should we desire this Spiritual gift? Should we desire to speak in tongues? **Yes**  
1 Co 12:31 **Earnestly desire** the best gifts and yet I show you a more excellent way  
1 Co 14:1, 5, 18  
**THIRD**
- VIII) Do I give **messages to people** when I speak in tongues? No  
1 Co 14:2 We speak to God, and **not to men**
- IX) In a moment we will see that speaking in tongues edifies **the speaker**  
It is a language of prayer that builds you up as you exercise the gift  
Without an interpretation, you are the only one being edified  
**FOURTH**
- X) What languages are spoken? Known languages, and unknown languages

- I) Ac 2:11 we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own languages!  
1 Co 13:1 The tongues of men, and angels

**FIFTH**

- II) Can I speak blasphemous words against Jesus?

There are those who say that someone spoke in tongues but blasphemed

This is not something the Spirit provokes us to do

- 1 Co 12:3 No one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit

**SIXTH**

- III) Why would I even desire to speak in tongues?

Because speaking in tongues is a spiritual way to personal edification

1 Co 14:4 Edifies himself

He is speaking by faith, and the personal effect is being strengthened internally

**SEVENTH**

- IV) Do all speak in tongues? Is there a guarantee that all will receive this gift?

No: I wish you all spoke with tongues (V5)

1 Co 12:30 Do all speak with tongues

**EIGHTH**

- V) Are tongues evidence of spiritual maturity?

No, because Paul is rebuking them for the misuse of the gift!

The true sign of spiritual maturity is love (13:1)

**NINTH**

- V) Are tongues divided into 4 parts: Revelation, knowledge, prophesying, or teaching

No, V6 is pointing to the gifts that are normally building up the entire church

**TENTH**

- VI) What happens if somebody speaks in tongues, but nobody interprets?

V13 Pray for the interpretation: If you are not given it, keep silent (V28)

**ELEVENTH**

- VII) Does **God speak** through my lips, or **am I** the one speaking

The Spirit inspires me, but I am the one doing the speaking V14

**TWELFTH**

- VIII) Who is in control? Does God take over my vocal cords, and I **must** speak

V14-15 Ecstatic messages are simply the carnal expression of the gifts

We control volume, tone, and personal behavior

**THIRTEENTH**

- IX) Will I understand the language that I am speaking? V14 Not necessarily

**FOURTEENTH**

- I) What is its purpose? Primarily Prayer, Praise, and edification (V15-16)  
Ac 10:46 They heard them speaking in tongues **and praising God**  
**FIFTEENTH**
- II) Is the gift for public, or private use?  
V23 The gift **primarily** is for private use and occasionally public  
V16 Among the informed, speaking in tongues is permissible  
**SIXTEENTH**
- III) Should people speak when they feel that they are **moved** to? Interrupt teaching?  
No: V27-28  
V33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.  
**SEVENTEENTH**
- IV) How do I receive and know I am speaking in tongues and not just making noise  
As is true with all gifts, it requires an act of faith  
Ro 12:6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, **let him use it in proportion to his faith.**  
**A COMPANION GIFT**
- V) 1 Co 12:10 The **interpretation** of tongues  
Since tongues is speaking to God and may be unknown, **interpretation** is needed
- VI) **Interpretation** enables *someone* or *many* to understand what is being spoken  
**Interpretation**: A **sense** of what is being said, not a translation  
It works together with tongues
- VII) Many people may mix up an interpretation with a word of prophecy, or knowledge  
Remember, prophecy or a word of knowledge is **primarily** to people (V3)
- VIII) Proper interpretation is praise to God, to the edification of the Body of Christ  
Ac 10:45-46 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and **praising God.**
- IX) Remember, tongues draw **the speaker** closer to God  
**Interpretation** allows *the Church* to draw closer to God
- X) What is the necessity of interpretation?  
Interpretation clarifies what is being said and encourages others to magnify God

- I) V12-13 Interpretation communicates to the entire group, so all are edified  
Tongues is primarily for **personal use** and in public, should be interpreted  
V27-28 makes this clear  
V13 Pray that you may interpret, or remain quiet  
**QUESTION**
- II) How do these gifts normally operate?  
Somebody speaks, and then somebody interprets  
Interpretation comes by faith: No interpretation, then the person speaking in  
tongues is quiet
- III) Where are these two gifts to be in operation?  
They should be exercised in believers' meetings, not in regular services
- IV) Why: Basically, for two reasons  
**First:** It may spread confusion, interrupt teaching  
It creates confusion if someone stands and speaks while I am teaching
- V) **Second:** It is hard to govern the gift when carnality motivates the speaker  
**CONCLUSION**
- VI) Exercise tongues in your devotional life, or in a believer's fellowship  
How to receive: Ask for it because it is a gift that builds you up in Jesus
- VII) God will inspire your thoughts to recognize what is being said, in faith, speak  
Others will judge and will bear witness
- VIII) 1 Co 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things distributing to each  
one individually as He wills