

**THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.**  
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***John 7:37. On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.***

**Quote by John G Lake:** *What most people do not understand is that the power of the Holy Spirit is an actual, tangible, heavenly material, just as real as electricity or any other tangible life force, yes and a great deal more so, for it is the power behind all life. It is knowing how to release the power.*

We cannot operate in the gifts outside of the love of God. The gifts of the spirit are to help us fulfill the work of ministry. The nine gifts fall into three categories which will help us better understand their function.

<b><u>Proclamation Gifts</u></b>	<b><u>Revelation Gifts</u></b>	<b><u>Demonstration Gifts</u></b>
Prophecy	Word of Wisdom	Gift of Faith
Tongues	Word of Knowledge	Gifts of Healing's
Interpret of Tongues	Discerning of Spirits.	Working of Miracles
<b><u>Proclamation</u></b> - gifts that say something	- to proclaim God's prophetic word.	
<b><u>Revelation</u></b> - gifts that see something	- gifts that reveal something of God's heart	
<b><u>Demonstration</u></b> - gifts that do something	- demonstration of God's power	

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### Gifts that Say Something.

#### Speaking with other Tongues.

#### 12 reasons why we should speak in tongues.

We will look at both tongues as a sign and tongues as a gift to be interpreted.

Mark 16:17. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

Tongues is a sign which follows the believer.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

You will receive power.

Acts 2:1-4 Now 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\_4 The other word is glosolalia which means the language of angels. – glossa (gloce-sah); of uncertain affinity; the tongue; by implication, a language (specially, one naturally unacquired). The word in tongues may vary in length and the same goes also for the interpretation. It may be a short word in tongues and a longer interpretation or vice versa.

V\_6 This is the word dialektos in the Greek which means known language -dialektos (dee-al'-ek-tos); a (mode of) discourse, i.e.

"dialect". It comes from lego (leg'-o); a primary verb; properly, to "lay" forth.

We know on the day of Pentecost that people heard others speak in their languages that they had not learned.

**Quote from John G Lake.** One day I stood at the railway station in Logansport Indiana, waiting for my train and observing a group of Italian men, apparently laborers, sitting on a bench. They were going somewhere to work. As I walked up and down the platform, I said, Oh, God how much I would love to be able to talk to them about the living Christ and His power to save. The Spirit said "you can." I stepped over to them ; and as I preached, I observed myself beginning to speak in some foreign language. I addressed one of the group, he instantly answered me in Italian, I asked where he was from, and he replied Naples. For fifteen minutes God let me tell the truths of Christ and the power of God to that group of labours in Italian, a language of which I had no knowledge.

That was a little flash- a gleam - but one day, bless God, there will come from Heaven a shower that will so anoint the souls of men that they will speak in every language man speaks by the power of God.

**Note, Paul is only correcting error, not giving teaching on tongues as it was normal.**

#### **Twelve reasons why we should speak in tongues**

1. **It reminds us that Jesus is Lord and is exalted.**

Acts 2:33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

2. **It is a sign of being filled with the Holy Spirit.**

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

3. **It edifies us (spiritual press-ups).**

1 Cor 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

**4. It reminds us or makes us more aware of the Holy Spirit's presence.**

John 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

**5. It helps us pray according to the will of God.**

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

**6. It stimulates faith**

Jude 1:20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

**7. It refreshes our spirits**

Isa 28:11-12 For with stammering lips and another tongue he will speak to this people,  
To whom He said, This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest, and, This is the refreshing; yet they would not hear.

**8. My Spirit prays**

1 Cor 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

I am Spirit, I have a mind and I live in a body.

**9. I give thanks well**

1 Cor 14:17 For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified. I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; 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. (NKJV)

**10. It helps to bring the body under control**

James 3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

Our words are important sometimes it is better for me to speak in tongues and meditate on what I should say. It works and can save us from strife.

**11. It helps to renew our minds**

Rom 8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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1 Cor 14:15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

**12. It helps us in spiritual warfare**

Eph 6:18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

1 Cor 14:5 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.

1 Cor 14:18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; Pray that God would release you. You can receive the gift and you can also receive a further release of tongues.

Tongues and Interpretation are distinctive to the church age. We can see all the other gifts operating in the Old Testament. We can also see them working in the life and ministry of Jesus but tongues and interpretation have been kept for the church age. Paul spoke much about tongues.

He can speak in tongues more than anyone 1 Cor. 14 v 18. They were given as a sign Mark 16 v 7.

1 Cor. 12 v 30 Do all speak in tongues, Paul is talking here about tongues spoken publicly in the context of a church meeting.

It seems that tongues and interpretation are equivalent to prophecy except that tongues and interpretation are addressed to God, and can also be used to encourage the body or other situations (example - Oral Roberts) - 1 Cor. 14 v 5, while prophecy is addressed to a congregation. Paul seems to indicate, and encourage that prophecy is the more important gift.

#### **The gift of tongues**

It is like all other gifts, it is given as the Spirit gives the utterance. It all depends on how open we are to move in the gift.

In my experience not many people reach out for this gift. I expect there is the fear of the word not being interpreted but that often kills our faith.

1 Cor 14:27-28 If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no

interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.

It is important to wait for the interpretation of tongues. If it is not interpreted then the word is as the Bible says, let that person be quiet and speak to God.

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**A summary of the different uses of speaking in tongues**

1. The evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit Acts 2 v 4, 10 v 45-46, 19 v 6.
2. Praying in tongues when the mind is by-passed and the spirit communes directly with God 1 Cor 14 v 2, 14-15, Rom 8 v 26-27.
3. Tongues and interpretation, for the spiritual edification of the church 1 Cor. 14 v 5, 26 - 28.
4. Tongues as a sign to the unbeliever 1 Cor. 14 v 22.

The tongues may be a sign of the presence of God, or they may act as a sign when the unbeliever understands the language spoken.