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Session 6: Why Speak in Tongues?

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I. RECAP

A. Previous Teaching Points

1. We are born of the Spirit (NOT “turning over a new leaf”).
2. The first work of the Holy Spirit is the new birth.
3. Rooms of the Spirit
 - a. The first room of the Spirit is the ENTRY (foyer).
 - b. There are other rooms.
4. Many people are content to dwell in the entry.
 - a. They never cross the threshold into the other rooms of the house.
 - b. Pastor’s example:
 - In 1974 I was saved—I entered the “foyer”.
 - In 1984 I ventured into another room—the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
5. Previous session: the “Pentecostal distinctive”.
 - a. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a separate experience from salvation.
 - b. **COG:** We believe in the baptism with the Holy Spirit **subsequent** to a clean heart and in speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance as the initial evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
 - c. Tongues is the initial physical evidence that we have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. (*This topic is covered extensively in session 5.*)
 - d. When Peter was preaching to the house of Cornelius, the Holy Spirit fell upon the Gentiles.
 - **Acts 10:45-45**
NKJV “And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the **gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.**”
 - e. The Ephesus Disciples
 - **Acts 19:6**
NKJV “And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”



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- f. There is no scripture to suggest that believers should not receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and speak with other tongues. On the contrary, there are many scriptures to prove that believers SHOULD speak with other tongues.

II. WHY SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES?

A. Things to Consider Regarding the Subject of Tongues:

1. All believers in the early Church who were baptized in the Holy Spirit spoke with other tongues.
2. The Apostle Paul encouraged speaking in tongues and strongly instructed not to forbid this spiritual practice.

- **1 Corinthians 14:5**

NKJV “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.”

AMPC “Now I wish that you might all speak in [unknown] tongues, but more especially [I want you] to prophesy (to be inspired to preach and interpret the divine will and purpose). He who prophesies [who is inspired to preach and teach] is greater (more useful and more important) than he who speaks in [unknown] tongues, unless he should interpret [what he says], so that the church may be edified *and* receive good [from it].”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Some have taken this scripture out of context and used it to discourage speaking in tongues. This was **NOT** Paul’s intention.*

- **1 Corinthians 14:39**

NKJV “Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.”



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TPT “So, beloved friends, with all this in mind, be passionate to prophesy and **don’t forbid anyone from speaking in tongues**, doing all things in a beautiful and orderly way.”

B. The Confusion: Clarity Regarding Issues Relating to Speaking in Tongues

1. Speaking in tongues isn’t always speaking in other earthly languages.

a. Acts 2:6

NKJV “And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.”

NASB “And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together and they were bewildered, because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.”

b. The real miracle was in the **hearing.**

c. They were speaking a heavenly language, but the hearer heard it as if it were their OWN language.

PASTOR’S NOTE: *There have been manifestations of the Spirit when a person DID speak specifically to someone (or a group of people) in a SPECIFIC LANGUAGE. However, this is NOT the primary manifestation of speaking in tongues!*

2. Speaking in tongues: a heavenly language.

a. 1 Corinthians 14:1-2

NKJV “Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy. **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.**”

AMP “For one who speaks in an *unknown* tongue does not speak to people but to God; for **no one understands him** or catches his meaning, **but by the Spirit he speaks mysteries** [secret truths, hidden things].”



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3. There are TWO “types” of tongues:
 - a. Tongues that are for personal benefit, especially in prayer. These tongues are not for edification to the church. They do not need an interpretation. They are private and personal.
 - b. Tongues that are listed in the Gifts of the Spirit. This occurs when someone speaks in a tongue during a church service in a way that all attention becomes focused on this gift in operation. **These tongues require interpretation!**
 - c. **1 Corinthians 14:14-15**
NKJV “For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.”

CEV “For example, if I use an unknown language in my prayers, my spirit prays but my mind is useless. Then what should I do? There are times when I should pray with my spirit, and times when I should pray with my mind. Sometimes I should sing with my spirit, and at other times I should sing with my mind.”

AMPC “For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody]. Then what am I to do? I will pray with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will also pray [intelligently] with my mind *and* understanding; I will sing with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will sing [intelligently] with my mind *and* understanding also.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *There are those who will go on reading verses 16-19 as a means of discouraging people from speaking in tongues.*

- d. **1 Corinthians 14:16-19**
NKJV “Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? For thou verily givest



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thanks well, but the other is not edified. I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: **Yet in the church** I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.”

- Paul is NOT discouraging tongues! He even says, “*I speak in tongues more than you do*”!
- He is distinguishing between two works of tongues:
 - Yes: pray in the Spirit and pray with understanding.
 - No: don’t try to teach and preach in tongues. No one will understand what you are saying—unless you have an interpreter.

C. The Spirit Helps Us Through Prayer

1. Romans 8:26-27

NKJV “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. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God.*”

TPT “And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness. For example, at times we don’t even know how to pray, or know the best things to ask for. But the Holy Spirit rises up within us to super-intercede on our behalf, pleading to God with emotional sighs too deep for words. God, the searcher of the heart, knows fully our longings, yet he also understands the desires of the Spirit, because the Holy Spirit passionately pleads before God for us, his holy ones, in perfect harmony with God’s plan and our destiny.”

MSG “Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God’s Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don’t know how or what to pray, it doesn’t matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That’s why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.”



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PASTOR'S NOTE: *Prayer in the Spirit is one of the greatest benefits of being baptized in the Holy Spirit and given the ability to speak with tongues. By praying in the Spirit, the Spirit goes ahead of us on the path of life and removes things that need to be removed and sets up divine alignment so that everything and everyone we need is set into place for our good.*

- *Praying in the Spirit warns us of things to come.*
- *Praying in the Spirit can stall, hinder, or entirely stop things the enemy has in his strategy against us.*
- *Praying in the Spirit REVEALS things that we need to know so we can be ahead of ALL and never come behind.*

2. **Ephesians 6:18 NKJV** "...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints..."

D. Other Scriptures Regarding the Benefits of Tongues

1. Jude 1:20

NKJV "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit..."

AMP "But you, beloved, build yourselves up on [the foundation of] your most holy faith [continually progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], pray in the Holy Spirit..."

CEV "Dear friends, keep building on the foundation of your most holy faith, as the Holy Spirit helps you to pray."

III. CLOSING

- There are tongues for personal use.
- There are tongues for public use in the church.
- God is not the author of confusion. God doesn't give us anything that has no value.
- If God saw it necessary to make this wonderful experience available to us, it must be of great value to us. It is our responsibility to RECEIVE this gift and become SKILLFULL in its use and benefits for our life.