

# The Acts of the Apostles

## The Growth and Expansion of the Church in Jerusalem

### Parenthesis: Speaking in Tongues (2)

#### The Power to Speak in Tongues (2)

#### Tongues in 1 Corinthians 12-14

1. Tongues in Acts 2 - Human Communication
  - A. A Simultaneous Experience to Being Baptized with the Holy Spirit
  - B. A Consequence of Being Filled
  - C. An Expression of Human Languages
2. Tongues in 1 Corinthians 12-14 - Divine Edification

#### 1 Corinthians 12-13: The Theological Framework for Understanding Tongues

1. Intelligibility must define communication in the church (12:2-3).
2. Gifts are not given independently of ministries and effects (12:4-7).
3. Gifts are given in sync with the Spirit's will and not the recipients will (12:6-11).
4. The same gift or set of gifts will not be given to every believer (12:12-30).
5. Gifts can be at least partially ranked by level of importance (12:28, 31a).
6. True spirituality can never be determined by the gift one has, particularly the gift of tongues, but is only known by the expression of love towards believers (12:31b-13:13).
  - A. The Eternal Nature of Love
  - B. The Temporal Nature of Gifts
  - C. Tongues Were Designed to Fade in Use
    - 1) In Nature
    - 2) In Purpose
      - A) Validation of an Official Office Holder
      - B) Verification of Officer Holder's Message
      - C) Pointing to a New Era in God's Program

#### 1 Corinthians 14: Tongues must be intelligible and practiced orderly to be God approved

1. Tongues must be intelligible to be practiced by Christians (14:1-12).
2. Tongues is nothing more than a vehicle for communicating God's word and is consistent with God's design of the world (14:6-12).
3. Intelligibility is important to both the speaker and the hearer (14:13-25).
4. Tongues must be practiced in an orderly manner (14:26-40).
  - A. Tongues must limited in number, consecutive in order, accompanied by an interpreter, and practiced in self-control (14:27-28).
  - B. The Pattern for practicing tongues is designed by Jesus Christ, not the apostle Paul (14:37-38).

C. Tongues should be welcomed only if they are practiced in this way (14:39-40).