

1 Corinthians 14 What Does it Mean to "Speak in Tongues"?

Speaking in tongues is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:29-30

Not everyone will have this gift, just like the other spiritual gifts.

Speaking in tongues is the ability to speak a language you do not understand.

The speaker never understands them, without the gift of interpretation.

(1 Corinthians 14:2, 14:13, 14:14)

Revelation 7:9

Acts 2:7-11

Romans 8:26-28

Speaking in tongues appears to be primarily prayer and/or praise to God.

1 Corinthians 14:2, 14:15

Acts 2:11, 10:46

Speaking in tongues appears to be a sign gift of the New Covenant and the gospel, and its promise to go to all the nations.

Acts 1:4-8

Genesis 18:18, 11:1-9

Speaking in tongues is a spiritual gift that not every believer receives, and therefore is not necessary for you to fulfill your purposes as a Christian.

1 Corinthians 14:18-19

Matthew 28:19-20