



Gift of Tongues & Interpretation

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Source Materials

- **“Questions & Answers on Spiritual Gifts”** by Howard Carter.
- **“70 Reasons for Speaking in Tongues”** by Dr. Bill Hamon.
- **“The Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit”** by Lester Sumrall.
- **“A Handbook on Holy Spirit Baptism”** by Don Basham.
- **“The Holy Spirit and His Gifts”** by Kenneth E. Hagin.



3 Groups of Spiritual Gifts

1. Revelation Gifts

- a. Word of Wisdom
- b. Word of Knowledge
- c. Discerning of Spirits

2. Power Gifts

- a. Gift of Faith
- b. Gifts of Healings
- c. Working of Miracles

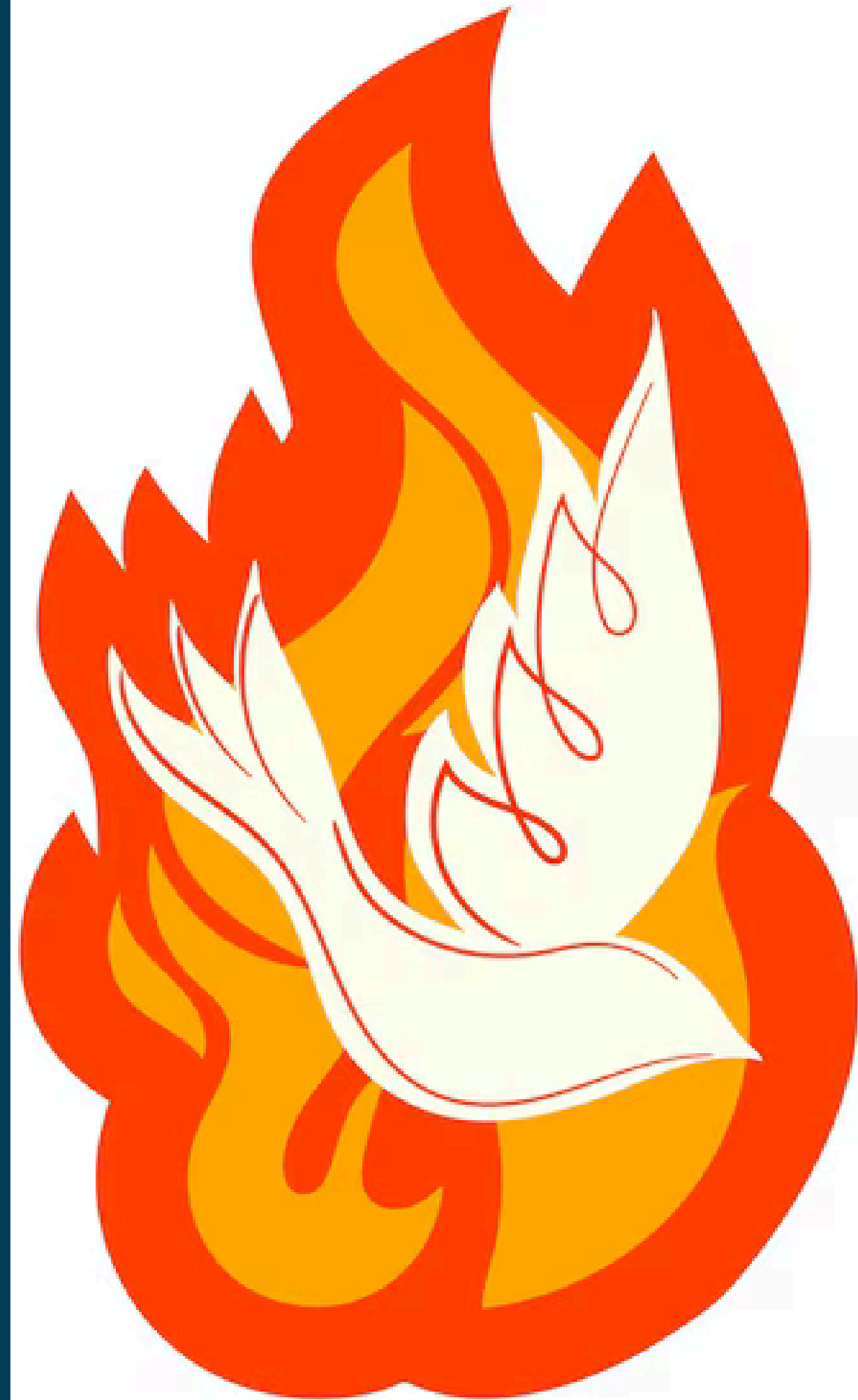
3. Inspirational Gifts

- a. Gift of Prophecy
- b. Gift of Tongues
- c. Interpretation of Tongues



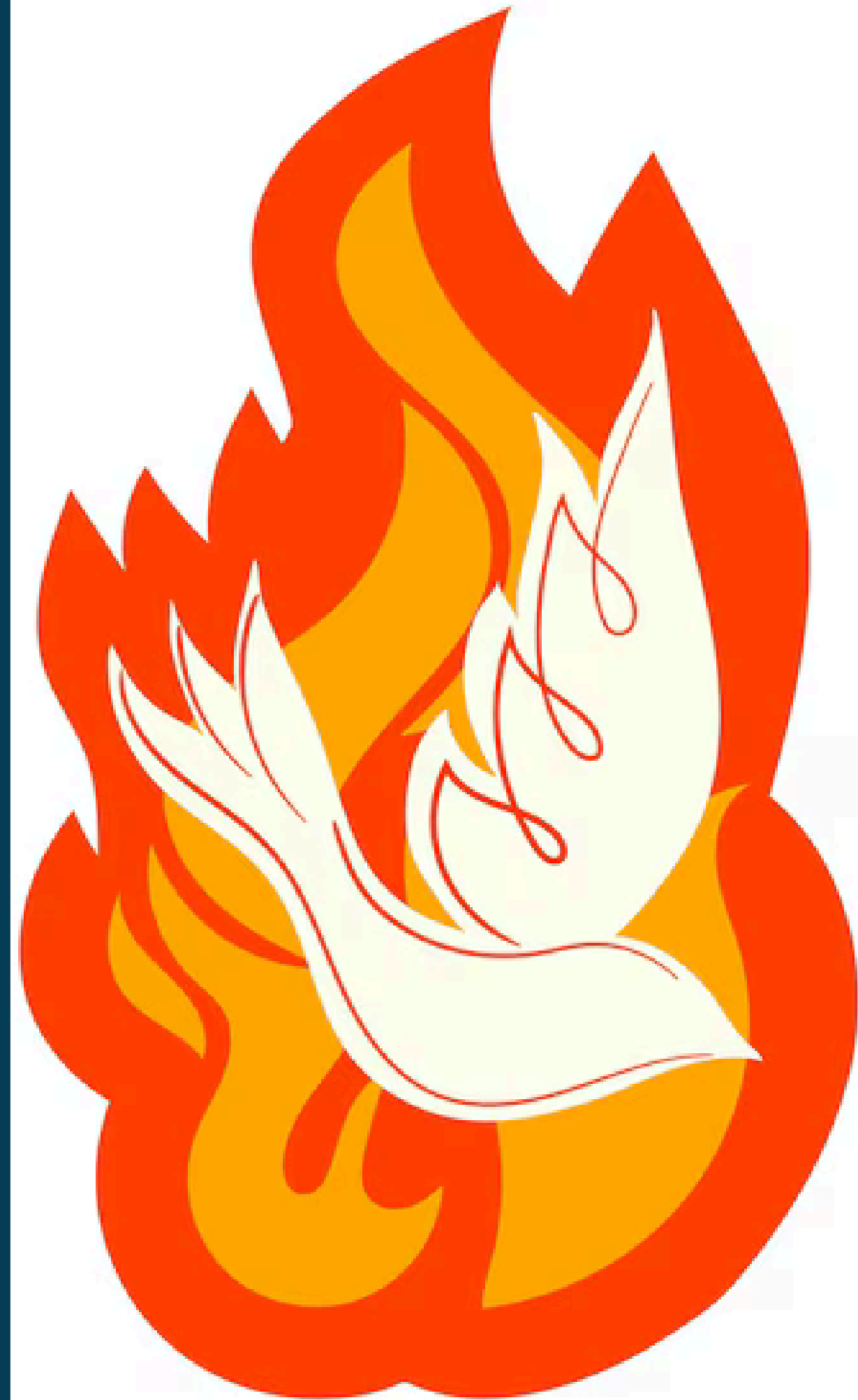


What is Speaking in Tongues?





What is the Primary Purpose for Tongues?



What Are Divers Kinds of Tongues?

- Read 1 Corinthians 12:28.
- Divers kinds of tongues simply means “different kinds of tongues.”
- Divers kinds of tongues is a supernatural utterance by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned by the speaker, not understood by the speaker, nor necessarily always understood by the hearer.
- Speaking with tongues has nothing whatsoever to do with linguistic ability.



When Was the Gift of Tongues Given?

- Read Acts 2:1-4.
- The gift of tongues has been identified with the church since its inception, and it has not left the church since that day.
- Nowhere do we read in Scripture that the nine gifts have left the church.



Why Are Tongues so Misunderstood?

- The devil gets everybody in the church fighting over this gift because he is so afraid of it.
- If tongues did not cause him trouble, he would ignore it.
- Speaking in tongues is powerful and dynamic, and it will change a person's life.





Public Use of Tongues

- The public use of tongues comes with strong guidelines in Scripture.
- Tongues is primarily for devotional life.
- As with all the other gifts of the Holy Spirit, this gift can be misused.

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Tongues Are a Sign & a Gift

- Read Mark 16:15-18.
- Speaking in tongues is the scriptural, initial evidence you have been baptized in the Holy Ghost.
- However, tongues are also one of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit for public use.



Tongues Are a Sign & a Gift

- The gift of tongues is not the same type of tongues you speak in when you receive your personal prayer language.
- The gift of tongues carries a special message from God to the congregation.
- It needs interpretation so that the congregation can understand the message.

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A Sign to the Unbeliever

- Read 1 Corinthians 14:22-25.
- The gift of tongues is used to convict the heart of the sinner and bring him to faith.
- When an unbeliever comes into a group and hears mighty words of inspiration flowing forth through tongues and interpretation, he will recognize that God is present in that place and flowing among the people.



Tongues in a Public Setting

- Read 1 Corinthians 14:26 (KJV).
- The gift of tongues is a “come together” gift.
- The gift of tongues is not a teaching or preaching gift.
- The gift of tongues is to be used only under the unction of the Holy Spirit in a service, and only at the appropriate time.
- The gift of tongues should be used with the gift of interpretation of tongues.

The Interpretation of Tongues

- The gift of the interpretation of tongues is the supernatural verbalization of the meaning of a message just delivered to the church by a member of the body of Christ in a language he or she does not understand.
- The purpose of this gift is to interpret and render a message intelligible that was given forth in an unintelligible tongue.



What Interpretation is Not

- The interpretation of tongues is not a translation.
- It is not an operation of the human mind.
- Interpretation can come in two ways:
 - The interpreter speaks the words inspirationally.
 - The interpreter sees what he is speaking in the form of a vision.
- The interpretation of tongues requires a measure of faith.





The Equivalent of Prophecy

- Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-5.
- Prophecy is supernatural utterance in a known tongue.
- Divers kinds of tongues is supernatural utterance in an unknown tongue.
- The interpretation of tongues is the supernatural showing forth by the Spirit the meaning of an utterance in other tongues.

The Equivalent of Prophecy

- When used together, the sister gifts of tongues and interpretation, carry the same message, meaning, anointing, power, and abiding presence as the gift of prophecy. They are simply two different ways God has of accomplishing the same thing.
- Prophecy speaks to the saints; a message in tongues speaks to the sinner.



Is the Gift of Public Tongues Limited in its Use?

- Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-33.
- Yes, the gift of public tongues is limited in its use.
- In any given service, there should be no more than three messages given forth in an unknown tongue.



Why Are Some Messages Not Interpreted?

- There may be no interpreter present.
- The interpreter may not be in the Spirit at the time, so his gift is not in use.
- In the case of large church meetings, it is sometimes desirable to appoint the person who will interpret for that service



Who May Operate in These Gifts?

- Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31.
- When we are talking about the gift of tongues and interpretation for public ministry, we must recognize that not everyone is graced with these public ministry gifts.
- They are given by the Holy Spirit as He wills.
- If you sense an utterance in tongues, you should seek permission from the KingdomLife Apostolic Team before you give it.

