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Introduction

The purpose of these writings is not to question the Salvation of the believer. There seems to be a misunderstanding within the body of Christ when the subject of tongues is mentioned. There is surely no dispute in the Word of God though. As people of God we must allow ourselves to be led. **Romans 8.16** says ‘**that the sons of God are led by the Spirit of God.**’ Sons of God implied here are the children of God. **But when He the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth...**’ **John 16.13.** When Peter stood up to speak after hearing and experiencing the Out pouring of the Holy Spirit, he did so by the leading of the Holy Spirit. It was the leading of the Spirit that enabled him to explain this apparent truth. ‘When they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, **“Brothers, what shall we do?”**’ **Acts 2.37**

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The key to understanding the purpose of speaking and praying in tongues is, knowing the purpose of the Holy Spirit. One of the basic rules of bible interpretation is that it takes a minimum of two or three Scriptures to establish a doctrine. **Matthew 18.16; 2 Cor.**

13.1 Remember that the word of God is life and is a witness to what we say. **Acts 2.4, Acts 10.46 and Acts 19.6**

When Paul said in **1 Corinthians 13:1**, “**If I speak in the tongues of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.**” he was not using exaggeration neither was Paul using a figure of speech. He was stating a truth. *This is how the scriptures are often twisted and various interpretations of the same verse are assumed. We need to take God at His word. This is applied faith. He says what he means and means what He says.* And the best way to truly find out is to simply ask God to help us. As God’s people we must make sure that our intentions are pure. Remember that God knows our hearts. Show Him the scriptures and ask for revelation of the *Truth*. And the Spirit of *Truth* will most assuredly lead you into *all Truth*.

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The Purpose of the Holy Spirit

Before Jesus left this earth He made it very clear that His work here on earth will continue

John 14.26 'But the counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you.'

John 14...16 'I will ask the Father, and He will give you another counselor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth.'

The purpose of the Holy Spirit is very clear- *to bring glory to the Son and to lead all men into all truth.* **John 16.13** 'But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth.' Verse 14 reads 'He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and make it known to you.'

We must understand that God is Spirit.

Therefore we need the Holy Spirit to know the things of God. '...no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.' **1Cor.12.11**

There is much that must be revealed to man.

1Cor.2.12 'We have not received the spirit of

the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.'

The words we speak and come to understand are foreign to the world for they are not taught by human wisdom. **'That is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.'**

1Cor.2.13

1 Cor.2.14 'The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him and he cannot understand them, for they are spiritually discerned.'Unfortunately

those who debate the Word of God all too often base all their arguments from self.

*The place where God speaks to us first is in our spirits. Our spirit is the part of us through which we hear the voice of God. It is not through rational processes or deduction that we arrive at what God is saying. We don't arrive at the experiential knowledge of God through philosophy **1Cor1.21**, but through revelation by the Holy Spirit.*

The gift of tongues is a tool for personal

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edification and collective exhortation through interpretation and not necessarily the evidence of a Spirit filled life. The evidence is found when one exhibits the fruits of the Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given as tools for evangelism not for our own personal exaltation or glory.

The Tongues for personal edification

We speak in tongues because the word says we do not always know what to pray for. It is this heavenly language that takes us beyond our abilities and helps us pray. **Rom. 8.26-27 'In the same way the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words can not express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.'**

The believer who prays in tongues does not utter words that come from his mind but direct from his spirit and outwards. When the believer speaks in tongues he is now seeking after the Lord who gives direction. Paul quoted the words of the Prophet Isaiah when he said **'Who has known the mind of the Lord...? But we have the mind of Christ.'** 1Cor2.16

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One of the most powerful scriptures of Old Testament prophecy regarding tongues is found in **Isaiah 28. 11 -12** **‘Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people to whom he said “this is the resting place let the weary rest” and, “this is the place of repose” - but they would not listen’**

Speaking in tongues refreshes our spirits and our minds. The prophet Isaiah speaks of a rest that comes to those who accept the blessing of speaking in tongues. Our minds can rest while we speak in tongues and we can receive power from God and through which affects our physical health.

We must remember that when we speak in tongues we are declaring mysteries in the spirit. **1 Cor. 14. 14** yet we will always have full control of our faculties. Speaking in tongues as mentioned in the book of Acts is a foreign language that may be known by others but normally unknown to the speaker. **Acts 2. 6** **‘When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.’**

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The power of God is at work when the believer speaks in tongues. *This means that as the believer speaks he sets in motion the power and will of the Spirit.* When the believer does this he edifies himself **1 Cor. 14.4 ‘He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself’** This means that speaking in tongues builds up our spiritual life. The word edify is to enlighten, teach and improve one’s self. The word edify in Greek is ‘**oikodomeo**’ which also means to charge up as one would charge a battery. What the believer does by speaking in tongues is actually build himself up. This building up or charging is ‘*stirring*’ up the Spirit to work in and through you. When this is done, the glory of the Lord is revealed. ***Those who speak in tongues will tell you how strengthened they are and how fluent and consistent they become when they then go on to pray in their natural language to God. The speaking in tongues sets in motion a better and active prayer time.***

In the book of Jude we are encouraged as Christians **‘But you dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.’ Jude 20 and 21**

When we speak much in tongues we are deeply conscious that God lives in us. It strengthens our relationship with God which results in a stronger level of faith and takes us into greater depth with God. It also helps us to train our spirits to hear the voice of God and to know what truth is. It also helps us to operate in the other gifts of the Holy Spirit.

By speaking in tongues much and meditating on the Word of God, waiting silently in the presence of God, and stepping out in faith, we learn to hear and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit

The book of James also makes mention of the tongue being a **'world of evil among the parts of the body'** James 3.6 When the believer allows his spirit to communicate to God through his mouth he is not easily aware of what is being said because of the Spirit of God now at work. ***Just as a great forest is set on fire by a small spark so to, is the use of tongues to set forth a great fire to consume the darkness of the enemy. One word in tongues is a great force against the evil one.***

We must understand that speaking in tongues comes from the spirit of the person, who is led

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by the Spirit. However, the source of the activity is the spirit, not the brain. 'For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. (By the Spirit)'

1Cor. 14.2

The difference between the ministry of the gifts of tongues and speaking in tongues

There is great misunderstanding within the body of Christ regarding this subject. It is of great importance that this matter be studied because of its importance to the believer and to the church corporately, but most of all that there will be no hindrance in work of the Lord. The more we become knowledgeable in the things of God the less are there signs of us perishing. The bible is clear that in the last days men will not put up with sound doctrine instead they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **2Tim.4.3** The result is that what God has destined for us to know and be taught is restricted. Jesus said *greater works will the believer accomplish because He, (Jesus) goes to the Father interceding on our behalf and making it possible.* We are never left alone for we have the Holy Spirit. We are also not unequipped for this task as we have the gifts of the Spirit. *One of those common gifts that all believers have is the speaking in tongues.*

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Mark 16.17

The ministry of the gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 is often misunderstood to be the same as that in Mark 16 and Acts 2

Mark 16.17.18 ‘And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they will drive out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison it will not hurt them at all, they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.’ This was not a promise but a reference to the church that is you and me. If you are a believer and born again then this is for you.

The following is important to understand. *To all believers is given a measure of faithBut some have a special gift of faith 1Cor.12.9. We all as believers are given the ability to know the wisdom of God and that has been revealed to us by His Spirit. 1Cor.2.7 - 10 yet some have a special ministry of wisdom through the Spirit 1Cor.12.8, all who believe may lay hands on the sick and they will be healed Mark 16.18 yet to some are given a special ministry gift of healing*

1Cor. 12.9. *Now similarly there are those who are given this special ministry gift of speaking in tongues in public whilst others do not, yet all have the ability in them to speak in tongues. The same goes for prophecy. Can all men prophecy? Yes, yet some are given this special ministry gift of prophecy in public places* **1Cor. 12.10**

The question that needs to be asked is if all believers pick up snake, will they not be harmed if prayed for? Yes. Does the believer need a special gift to heal the sick if an emergency arises? No. If he has faith he will lay his hands on the sick and by faith they who are sick will be healed. These are signs that will follow all believers. Paul was a perfect example of these signs. He was bitten by a snake and healed. **Acts 28.3**, He had demons cast out from people. **Acts 16.18**, He spoke in tongues more than all the people. **1Cor. 14.18** And when he placed his hands on the sick they were healed. **Acts 28 8-9**

The gifts spoken of in **1Cor 12** are the special gifts for the building of the body for their common good. These gifts are given to each one of us, just as He (The Lord) determines

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‘.....and He gives them to each one as He determines.’ 1Cor. 12. 11

And so the same must be applied for all situations referred to here in this scripture.

The believer can not afford to add nor subtract from scripture what he so desires. To suggest that all believers do not need to speak in tongues may not be wrong but what it suggests is that spiritual growth will still continue unabated. And this is wrong.

We must bear in mind that because scripture may not at all times make reference that believers spoke in tongues after being filled does not imply that they did not. Paul’s conversion is a great example that one may use to justify this point. *The bible does not mention that Paul spoke in tongues after he was prayed for and filled with the Holy Spirit yet we know that **Paul spoke more in tongues than anyone else. 1 Cor. 14. 18 ‘I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.’***

No where in the bible does it make reference that it is in order for a believer not to speak in other tongues. Yet we have enough evidence in scripture that tongues are a necessary tool in our spiritual daily walk. We ought to speak in tongues for the same reasons as the early

church did. *If you start with the unproven assumption that the supernatural is not for today, large portions of the Scriptures become irrelevant, describing a God whose ways have fundamentally changed. This is a grave mistake.*

All Scripture is profitable. **2Timothy 3:16**

Please remember **Rom. 8.26-27** **'In the same way the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words can not express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.'**

The following problems have risen in the church

1. The believer *does not* want to pray in tongues for it seems foolish to him.
 2. The believer *is being taught* that it is foolish to speak in tongues.
 3. The believer *has not studied scripture* well to know the difference between the gifts of the Spirit as found in **1Cor 12** and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that resulted in all believers' speaking in tongues according to **Acts 2**
 4. The believer desires to pray in tongues but finds that the words do not come forth.
- To not want to speak in tongues is a problem

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far greater than the latter three. If you do not desire to speak in tongues then this involves your stance and only God can help you here. It is imperative that you go to God about this and hear His heart beat.

The second is a problem that must be dealt with and rectified within the church. Paul did not forbid the speaking of tongues. 'Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.' **1Cor. 14.39**

With regard to believers not knowing the difference this can be easily explained through scripture. In **1Cor. 12.1** Paul clearly states that he does not want the believers to be ignorant of the gifts. We must go back to the reason why Paul is writing to the church at Corinth regarding these matters. Even though Paul makes mention of these nine gifts which are necessary for a full manifestation of the Spirit within the body, we do know that it was because of confusion amongst the believers that these passages of scriptures are written. The church in Corinth misunderstood the manner in which the Holy Spirit works through individuals, the result is that they abused the use of spiritual gifts, apparently regarding them as an ends in themselves particularly the

proper public use of the gift of tongues. It would seem that they did not understand that the gifting of the Spirit was still subject to the will of the individuals concerned. I must add here that even though we are given insight of what happened at the church in Corinth, we as the church of today need to also take a deeper look at how we are responding when it comes to the gifting. Are we better off? We seem to be more stubborn to express the gifts than being presumptuous.

The apostle Paul uses an entire chapter to speak about this matter. Read **1.Cor. 14**. It would seem that a great portion of the believers at the church in Corinth were speaking in tongues. *What they did not understand though was that not all of them had the gift of tongues which was a gift given for the edification of the body that will have an interpretation when spoken.* What all of them *had or should have had* though was that which is spoken of in Acts 2 that is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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The bible is clear that *all were filled* and spoke in tongues on the day of Pentecost. **Acts 2.4** *We must remember that we have been called by God to continue the work that Jesus did here on earth. This is done through the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has sealed and dwells in our inner man.* **Eph. 1.13** and **4.30**. The sealing as referred to here is the same when the believers received the Holy Spirit when they believed and were baptized in the Spirit. Read **Acts 19.1-6** Paul goes on to say that they were not thinking as mature believers. 'Brothers stop, thinking like children'. **1Cor. 14.20** The many actually speaking out aloud were actually prayers in the spirit were the mind is unfruitful. **1Cor. 14.1** **'For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.'** The result was that there was no interpretation of what they were saying because what they displayed was not the gifting found in **1Cor 12** but that found to be given to all believers in the book of **Acts**.

In the book of Acts we know that the tongues spoken by the believers were not known by them who were speaking at the time yet what they spoke were actual languages understood by others standing by. **'....because each one**

heard them speak in his own language.'Acts2.6

In **Acts 2.1- 4** ' They were all together in one placeAll of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' Please note that '**All**' (emphasis mine) spoke in tongues and not just a few. *This was the out pouring of the Holy Spirit where the Spirit now came and dwelt in the believer.* This was the beginning of what Jesus had promised. Never before did this happen. Please note that previously and all through Old Testament the prophets of old did not have the Holy Spirit dwell in them. What we see here is the confirmation and fulfillment of prophecy to continue the work of Christ on earth. **John 14.16** '**I will ask the Father and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth.**' The words '**filled**' **Acts 2.4**, '**received**' **Acts 8.17**, '**fell upon**' **Acts 10.44**, '**been poured**' **10.45** and '**came upon**' **Acts 19.6** are all the same as Jesus promised when He spoke about the baptism of the Holy Spirit in **Acts 1.5** In **Acts 8.14** we see that the apostles heard that the people of Samaria had received the Word of God. These had only been baptized in

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the name of the Lord Jesus and had not yet received the Holy Spirit. Prior to this we know that these people had a conversion experience by their water baptism. **Verse 12, 16** yet by the laying on of hands by the apostles they received the fullness of the Spirit. Now what is this power that we read of that was seen by Simon the sorcerer. There had to be some tangible evidence that Simon saw and wanted. Here is something very interesting, Peter tells Simon **'you have neither part nor portion in this matter,.....'** **verse 21** the Greek word for *matter* can also be translated as 'utterances' Is this the same as was witnessed in **Acts 2**? For Peter made it very clear that what the God fearing people were asking about at that time was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit by what they had seen and heard. When Peter stood up to speak in **Acts 2** there is no indication at all that the power was a demonstration of people being healed but this speaking in strange tongues. So can we therefore say that the experience of those in **Acts 8** after the laying of hands was the speaking of tongues? Is this what Simon the sorcerer wanted? I believe it is safe to do so.

Again we read in **Acts 9** Paul accepts the word

in other words he believes - '**who are you, Lord?**' **Acts 9.5** There must be an element of belief in these very words or at least he was having his conscience pricked. Yet the word goes on to say that he only received the infilling of the Holy Spirit after Ananias had prayed and laid hands on him. **Acts 9.18- 19**

'immediately, something like scales fell from Saul' eye, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized...' There is no mention here that Paul spoke immediately in tongues yet we do know that he spoke more than most. **1Cor 14.8** The argument therefore by many who use the scriptures in the book of **Acts** to argue the fact that all believers did not speak in tongues because of no mention of it, is futile.

Coming back to the gifts of tongues as mentioned in **1Cor.12** Paul makes it very clear that he who speaks in tongues before men must know the interpretation or must be so led by the Spirit that the speaker will know that an interpretation is available. The very reason being, that when the speaker speaks in a tongue he speaks for the edification of the rest of the believers present. '**.....He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks**

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in tongues unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified. ' 1Cor 14.5, this would happen in the proper manner if the Holy Spirit *is at work* in him who speaks. For when it comes to the *edification of the body the one with the gift will be led by the Spirit.* Therefore there will be an interpretation. *For the Spirit will not lead one to speak if there was no one to interpret.* Right here we must also take note that the will of the Spirit is under the control of the will of man and yes there are going to be times that people are sometimes just stubborn or scared to come forward to speak and or interpret.

Christianity is dead without evangelism, without the exercising of our faith we are nothing more than dry bones. The Apostle Paul rebuked the Church at Corinth for their need for self exaltation in placing their gift above their mission, tongues were prevalent yet so was lack of discipline and order. When the Apostle Paul speaks of tongues in **1Cor.12.10** we must understand that this ministry of the gifts that he is speaking of has only one manifestation. Elsewhere in the bible it is clear that this is for all Christians. **Mark 16.17; Acts 2.1-4; 10.44 – 46; 19.2-7; 1 Cor.14.5; 1Cor**

14.18; Eph. 6.18; Jude 20

In **Acts 2** after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit there rose great confusion among those who heard these 'strange' sounds. These were God fearing men, Jews from every nation under heaven. **Acts 2.5.** *what these God fearing people heard was not the gifting as given in 1Cor.12.* **'For all them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them'**. The tongues spoken of in **1Cor.12**, was and is not given to all but given as the Lord determines. *As a Spirit filled believer you are now the living tabernacle of the Lord. The Holy Spirit now dwells in you. Remember the gift of tongues spoken of in 1 Cor. 14 is given in certain situations as the Holy Spirit wills and therefore we will find that in a corporate gathering not all present will have the ability to exercise this special gift for edification.*

Please understand that tongues are not only foreign languages as found in **Acts 2** but can also be a heavenly language which is the language of angels as seen in **1 Cor. 13.1**

When are believers supposed to receive this gift in tongues?

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We need to understand that there exist differences as to when believers receive this gift. First of all we must know that when the believer receives Christ into his life he does not necessarily receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They are two separate acts which can happen simultaneously or not. Let's look at scripture to verify this. **Acts 1.5** says the following '**For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**' We can clearly see from this scripture that the believers were not yet filled with the Spirit. *Where these believers speaking in tongues? No.*

Acts 1.4 '**...but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.**'

Read **John 20.22** and **John 3.3**

Firstly we must understand that when we believe in our hearts that Jesus is the Son of God sent from above to prevent the perishing of man and give us everlasting life we are then called to move on. This could be the baptism of water and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. *These two are not either or but essential for the believer to stand in the midst of all trials.*

Remember that the word is clear that all who believe and want to live a Godly life in Christ will be persecuted, in other words they shall go through trials. **2Tim.3.12** says **'In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted'** The word persecuted could also mean, one who is 'wronged', 'mistreated', ill- treated or even one who is 'victimized'. It is important that we understand this. We know from scripture that the believers spoke in tongues immediately after the Holy Spirit came upon them **Acts 2.4**. The bible has no indication that the Apostle Paul spoke in tongues immediately after being filled yet he did. **1Cor. 14.18** **'I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.'** Yet we do know that the believers at Cornelius' house were speaking in tongues by the time Peter arrived yet were not baptized with water. **Acts 10.46**

How do I know this is from the Lord?

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When the believer speaks in tongues he is not just murmuring something foolish. *Many in the body who apply their faith initially to receive a new tongue often think so. It is important that when this thought comes to us that we cancel it immediately for this brings doubt and does not allow the flow of the Spirit.* For without faith it is impossible to please the Lord. Often the enemy will lie to you that you are speaking nonsense. The believer must *never* allow the enemy to be the judge of that and neither must you. *If this is not from the Lord, would not the Lord bring this to your attention? **2Cor.2.12*** ‘We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.’ In my own experience I recall praying in tongues long after my conversion and yet I had this nagging thought that this could not be of the Lord. I regret taking so long in bringing it to the Lord. For I battled with this for many days until one day I went to the Lord about this. The answer I received was sharp and spontaneous. *It was prompted in my Spirit that when I ask for bread God will not give me a stone. **Matt.7.9*** That settled it and I felt such a peace that came

over me. It has been many years since and I have never doubted praying in tongues ever since. There are many believers out there who experience the same. *Do not entertain that thought.* As a child of God filled with the Spirit you will not speak a language that is not of Him if you are faithful to him. Ask and it will be given to you. **Matt.7.7**

Scripture says a good tree produces good fruit. If the tongues are real, you will be guided by the Holy Spirit. Be reverent and humble with your gift, and do not abuse the gift for selfish purposes. Also, if you have asked sincerely, then you should expect to receive in faith what you have asked for. If you have acquired the tongues by an artificial means, somehow “learning” what to do, or made up something under pressure of others to please them, then the tongues most likely will not be real. You must go to God about this. God will resolve this. We must ask the Lord to fill us. Remember the Lord is no respecter of persons. You are sealed with His Spirit. Some may speak immediately whilst others may not. The problem is never with the Lord but the believer. We must learn to surrender our bodies to Christ. *The problem that many have when it comes to speaking in*

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tongues is surrender. Just as many have still to surrender their lives even after salvation so must we surrender our physical flesh, in this case our tongues. Though there may be sin present I still believe for most part it is simply *fear* that prevents this manifestation. I am an English speaking South African. I do understand Afrikaans well enough to reply to my wife when she does speak in her mother tongue. Yet I would not be able to do an entire radio interview in Afrikaans unless I am truly guided by the Holy Spirit and told to do so. So it is with speaking and praying in tongues, we need the Holy Spirit to overcome any fear. Again we must understand that our gifts are different from the manifestation of tongues for personal edification. If you are called to build a house, you may have knowledge of plumbing yet you may not have the expertise for plumbing, you may know how to lay bricks but you may not be a qualified bricklayer, you may have some knowledge of glass but not that of a glazier.

The argument that tongues is not for all in the body is based mostly on emotions and personal experiences rather than on the word of God. There is more evidence in the word of God, *for*

the speaking of tongues than against it. In fact there is no evidence from scripture that assures a believer that it is right for him not to speak in tongues. If this is for all believers as we have been advocating thus far, then those who are not speaking and praying in tongues must overcome this. The tongue has a huge purpose in the life of the believer and we can not allow the enemy to hinder us.

The promise is for you.

In **Acts 2:39** Peter says **'For the promise is for you and your children, and for all (emphasize mine) who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself.'**

We may be far off from the day of Pentecost but the promise is for us if we are willing to believe God has called us to Himself. What is "*the promise*"? It is the gift of the Holy Spirit **Acts 2:38**

'...And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.' (Luke 24:49). See also **Acts 1:4**. This is the promise recorded in **Joel 2:28-32** and **Acts 2:17-21**. **"And it shall be in the last days, God says, that I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all mankind; and your**

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**sons and your daughters shall
prophecy**

We must have a *desire* to experience more in God in order to be filled with the Spirit. The more intense our desire, the more powerful will our experience with the Holy Spirit be. We should never give up seeking God. Faith is born out of desire. Put your mind on Christ and get into position to receive this gift. Ask Jesus for what He promised and believe. Do not pray in your own language when desiring the gift of tongues which is for all believers. Be still and yield every bit of self to Him. Let your spirit fuse with His and He will grant you this fullness. The key is to yield to Him.

Conclusion

Desire the gift with all your heart. This is a gift which is given to all for service, intercession and prayer. It is meant to be a protected prayer language to avoid attack by dark spiritual forces, which can hear prayers and form plans against what they hear. It is also a humble experience, because one is usually kept from the interpretation, to show the person there is so much they do not know and only God does. In prayer, the Holy Spirit helps the person pray perfectly in God's will, so that his prayers will be answered.

There are times when the interpretation is made known, perhaps in part or completely. This is for the edification of the person. God is real and working today, and no one must let cynicism, or disbelief, keep them from receiving what God has for them. Ask in faith. Worship God. The Spirit comes as you actively pursue His presence. Do not be passive about it. Be patient though. The gift could come quickly, or after a time. *Open your mouth and speak in faith*. Just utter sounds, to show submission and willingness, and allow the Holy Spirit to convert these sounds into a prayer

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language. You will know the difference between your own sounds, and a change to another language that you have no control over. *Pray without ceasing.*

Prayer

Father God we come to You in humbleness. For You know all things and have given a special privilege to your sons and daughters the believers in knowing your secrets to the Kingdom. One of those is the speaking and praying in tongues. May we not take this for granted. And where we have much to learn I pray that You will open our spiritual eyes. Amen

I desire *you all* speak in tongues



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