



The Gifts of the Spirit

“Divers Kinds of Tongues”

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Introduction – We are continuing our series on the Gifts of the Spirit. The Lord impressed me, that as a Church, He wants us to have a **“Growing in God”** summer. We are to grow in the **Character and Charisma** of **Christ** this summer. The **Character of Christ** is grown in us by **The Fruit of God’s Spirit** and the **Charisma** (divine gratuity, spiritual endowment, free gift or miraculous faculty) is given through us by **The Gifts of His Spirit**.

1 Corinthians 12:1-3, 7-11 – 1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: 2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that **no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed** (banned or excommunicated), and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. 7 But the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given to each one **for the profit of all**: 8 for to one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another the **word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, 9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit, 10 to another the **working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **discerning of spirits**, to another **different kinds of tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues**. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, **distributing to each one individually as He wills**. NKJV

God said (in the first verse of this chapter), that He did not want us to be ignorant of spiritual gifts. Ignorance comes through a lack of knowledge and if we don't know about these gifts, how will we be able to desire (covet earnestly) and experience these gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:31 - But **earnestly desire the best gifts**. And yet I show you a more excellent way. NKJV

1 Corinthians 14:1 - Pursue love, and **desire spiritual gifts**, but especially that you may prophesy. NKJV

Here the Greek word for **"gifts"** is **"charisma"** and means gifts of grace.

“These nine gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifested through us by the grace of God, as The Holy Spirit wills. These gifts cannot be earned or owned by us. However, the Bible tells us that we are to desire spiritual gifts and grow in the grace of God.”

We are continuing our study on the **inspirational** gifts referred to in our text, last week we studied the first of these three gifts, The Gift of Prophecy. Tonight we are studying the second inspirational gift; Divers Kinds of **Tongues**. As we said last week Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues equals Prophecy.

The Bible says, “...greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret...” (1 Corinthians 14:5)

I. There are **Nine** Gifts that are divided into **three** categories

A. There are three **revelation** gifts, they **reveal** something

1. Word of **Wisdom**
2. Word of **Knowledge**
3. **Discerning** of Spirits

B. There are three **Power** Gifts, they **do** something

1. Gift of **Faith**
2. Gifts of **Healings**
3. Working of **Miracles**

C. There are three **Vocal** or Inspirational Gifts, they **say** something

1. Gift of **Prophecy**
2. Divers kinds of **Tongues**
3. Interpretation of **Tongues**

II. How are the Gifts of the Spirit are **Distributed**

A. According to the **Will** of God

B. **1 Corinthians 12:11** - But one and the same Spirit works all these things, **distributing to each one individually as He wills.** NKJV

C. To those who earnestly **Desire** them.

D. **1 Corinthians 12:31** - But **earnestly desire the best gifts.** And yet I show you a more excellent way.

III. The Gift of Divers Kinds of **Tongues**

A. Divers kinds of tongues is a **supernatural** utterance by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned by the speaker, nor understood by the speaker, nor necessarily always understood by the hearer. .

B. Remember, the Gifts of the Spirit are **supernatural**, not natural.

C. The Gift of **Tongues** has nothing whatsoever to do with **linguistic** ability.

D. The Gift of **Tongues** has nothing to do with the mind or the **intellect** of a person.

E. The Gift of **Tongues** is a vocal **miracle** of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:1-5, 39-40 - Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, **but especially that you may prophesy.** 2 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. 3 **But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.** 4 **He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself**, but **he who prophesies edifies the church.** 5 **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.**

39 Therefore, brethren, **desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.** 40 Let all things be done decently and in order. NKJV

IV. The Gift of Tongues

A. Of the three vocal or inspirational gifts; The Gift of Prophecy, The Gift of Tongues and the Interpretation of Tongues – the Gift of Tongues is the most prominent.

B. Why do Full Gospel/Charismatic People place such an emphasis on Tongues?

1. We don't, it just seems like we do because others normally bring it up therefore it becomes the topic of conversation.

2. Speaking in tongues is the initial physical evidence when people are baptized in the Holy Ghost.

3. Utterance in tongues in public assembly is the most frequent manifested gift of the spirit.

4. Tongues and Interpretation of tongues are distinctive to the Church Age. Therefore they are more in operation.

5. The Apostle Paul gave prominence to tongues, because then, just as now speaking in tongues was widely misunderstood.

C. The Gift of Tongues is unique to this dispensation.

V. The Baptism with The Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other Tongues

A. Five New Testament Instances of Disciples Being Baptized with the Holy Spirit

1. **Acts 2:4 - And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. NKJV**

2. **Acts 8:14-19 – 14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 **Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."** NKJV**

3. **Acts 9:17- 17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "**Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.**"** NKJV

4. **Acts 10:44-48 – 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, **the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.** 45 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. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God...** NKJV**

5. **Acts 19:1-7 – 1 ...And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, "**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." 4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And **when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.** NKJV**

B. Five Purposes of Speaking in Tongues

1. The First Initial **Evidence** of Receiving the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:4
2. Gives us the ability to speak **mysteries** supernaturally to God - I Corinthians 14:2
3. Speaking in Tongues **Magnifies** God – Acts 10:45-46
4. Speaking in Tongues **Edifies** Ourselves – I Corinthians 14:4, Jude 20
5. Speaking in Tongues gives us **Rest** and **Refreshing** - Isaiah 28:11-12

VI. The Gift of Tongues in **Public** Ministry

A. **1 Corinthians 12:27-31** - 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, after that **miracles**, then **gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues**. 29 **Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?** 31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. NKJV

B. Many people and **denominations** use this scripture to say that all don't speak with tongues. However, this passage is not referring to the Baptism with the Holy Spirit evidenced by speaking in tongues; this is referring to Ministry Gift and Gifts of the Spirit, we must rightly divide the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

C. **1 Corinthians 14:26-33, 39-40** - How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, **each of you** has a psalm, has a teaching, **has a tongue**, has a revelation, **has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.** 27 **If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret.** 28 But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God. 29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. 30 But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. 31 For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. 32 **And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.** 33 **For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.** 39 Therefore, brethren, **desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.** 40 Let all things be done decently and in order. NKJV

D. The Gift of Tongues is a Sign to **Unbelievers**

E. **1 Corinthians 14:22-25** - 22 Therefore **tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers**; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. 23 Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? 24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. 25 And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you. NKJV

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