

“Tongues: Let’s Get Into It!”

1Corinthians 14:1-22

See 14:1-4... “tongue” is false (**vv. 4, 13, 14, 19**).

See 14:5-6... “tongues” is genuine (**vv. 5, 6, 18, 22**).

Even the true gift of “tongues,” pales in comparison to the gift of prophecy, which builds up the church.

The gift of “tongues,” was speaking known languages, not gibberish or private prayer language or god or angel language (**see Acts 2:2-8**).

See 14:9-10... Known languages, clearly understood.

See 14:11... A language not understood, is gibberish.

See 14:12-13... Genuine tongues-speaking was translated, otherwise it was not from God.

See 14:14-17... If a message isn’t understood it cannot benefit the listeners.

We grow and are transformed to serve by the renewing of our minds (**see Romans 12:1-2**).

See 14:18-20... “Grow up, quit acting like children.”

See 14:21-22... Tongues is a sign to unbelievers, prophecy is a sign for believers. (**see 1Corinthians 12:7-11; 14:1, 3-4, 5b**)

Tongues weren’t given in Hebrew, but were revealed through Gentile languages (**Acts 2, 10, 19**)..

Hebrew was thought to be the language of God and His people; but tongues forever changed all that (**Isaiah 28:11**), “With foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people.”

After the New Testament was completed, tongues were not practiced, preached, or promoted in the church.

In the 1900s, the Pentecostal movement performed a false and counterfeit demonstration of tongues.

Charles Spurgeon, John Wesley, Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, D. L. Moody, and many others, concluded that signs, wonders and miracles ceased when the New Testament was completed; for tongues purpose was to authenticate the Apostles as God’s spokesmen (**2Corinthians 12:12**), “The things that mark an apostle--signs, wonders and miracles.”

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Jesus didn't teach His Disciples to seek or to speak in tongues; neither did Paul instruct the church to seek or to speak in tongues.

1Corinthians 14:22, “Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is for believers, not for unbelievers.”

Tongues were a sign of judgment upon the Jews.
Prophecy was a blessing to all believers.

2Corinthians 9:8, “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2Timothy 3:16-17, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Colossians 1:10-12, “And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.”

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