

## WHY TONGUES?

Speaking, praying and the gift of tongues is one of the most argued points in the body of Christ, AND it is one of the strongest tools and weapons that you have against the enemy! Somebody who starts to use the tool of tongues is going to step into another level!

### Cool Facts!

- The Holy Spirit manifesting produces something seen & heard **Acts 2:32-33 NASB**

- Tongues are a sign of a believer **Mark 16:17 NASB**

*Tongues is a sign that will separate the people who believe and the people who don't!*

- 2 Different Giftings: Public Gift & Prayer Language

*The public gift, for public demonstration, is given to a few people that the Holy Spirit has desired to give, and to other people He gives other gifts. The gift of a prayer language is for every believer.*

- Manifestation of the Holy Spirit **1 Corinthians 12:7-11 KJV**

*"For us to say, 'I don't want that gift in operation' is to say 'Holy Spirit, I like You, but I don't want this side of You.' [Tongues] is not just a gift, it's the Holy Spirit Himself" Pastor Bryan Wright*

- Tongues plays a role in the local church **1 Corinthians 12:28 NASB**

Your relationship with Christ is public—and when the Holy Spirit moves on you, there are things that people can see AND hear because the Holy Spirit produces a boldness and a confidence that we walk in!

### Benefits of Tongues:

- Life Flows from Baptism of the Holy Spirit (**John 7:37-39 KJV**)

- Builds You Up! (**Jude 1:20 NASB**)

- Helps Our Weaknesses (**Romans 8:26-28 NASB**)

- Perfect Prayers (for ourselves & others) (**Ephesians 6:18-20 NASB**)

- Fans the Flames of God's Fire & BOLDNESS in You (**2 Timothy 1:6-7 NASB**)

- Gives Thanks Well (**1 Corinthians 14:16-17 NASB, Colossians 3:16 NASB**)

*The Holy Spirit searches the heart of God, searches our hearts, He knows the discrepancy between the two and He makes up the difference when we pray in the Spirit!*

### Commands Regarding Tongues:

- Be Filled **Ephesians 5:18- 21 NASB**: (18)And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

*"When He commands us to be filled with the Spirit, He's empowering us to live like Christ!" Pastor Bryan Wright*

- Don't Forbid Tongues **1 Corinthians 14:39 NASB**: (39)Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues.

- **Pray at all times in the Spirit Ephesians 6:18 NASB:** With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,
- **Pray with this in view (in mind) Ephesians 6:18 NASB:** With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,
- **All Tongues MUST operate through Love 1 Corinthians 13:1 NASB:** (1)If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- **Desire/Covet Tongues & Interpretation 1 Corinthians 14:1 NASB:** (1)Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

**TWO TYPES OF TONGUES:**

- 1) The *gift* of tongues (designed for public use)      2) A personal prayer language. (1 Corinthians 14)

Public Gift of Tongues	Personal Prayer Language
Needs Interpretation! Interpretation can be: Words, Revelation, Knowledge, Prophecy, or Teaching	Doesn't Need Interpretation: Groanings Too Deep for Words (or interpretation)
Speaks to men	Speaks to God
Speaks to edify people: builds up, encourages, & comforts	Speaks mysteries
Builds up the church	Builds yourself up
A gift from the Holy Spirit to certain people	Can be had by all
It's willed by the Holy Spirit when we obey	It's willed by you at any time
Can be given by 2 or 3 people (But you can have more than 2 or 3 words given.)	Can be worship & giving of thanks

**What is proper & orderly?**

**1 Corinthians 14:40 NASB:** "But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner."

*God defines decent and order. We've defined order by what's within our comfort zone!  
God's order is outside of our normal!*

**Acts 2:1-17 NASB** (1)When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. (2)And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. (3)And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. (5) Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. (6) And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language...

*We need to ask God, "Lord, what's decent and in order to You?"*

*Check out these other scriptures describing God's order!:(2 Chronicles 5:13-14 NASB, Acts 4:29-31 NASB, Acts 8:12-18 NASB, Acts 9:17-18 NASB, Acts 10:44-48 NASB, Acts 19:1-7 NASB)*