

# Why Tongues – Lesson 3

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Last week we had talked about the Baptism with the Holy Spirit; the Spirit upon the believer. We are going to explore together the supernatural inspired utterance in an unknown tongue.

**Please Read:** Acts 2:1-21, 36-39

- Notice following the day of Pentecost, spirit filled believers led 3,000 people to Jesus

**Question:** Is Speaking in Tongues all there is to being baptized with the Holy Spirit?"

- No, but it is considered the initial evidence of one being filled

**Acts 2:4,** "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

- The initial evidence is speaking in other tongues, but that is just part of it
- Jesus had said in Acts 1:8 that they would receive power to be a witness for Him
- Opens the door for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit via spiritual gifts

**Acts 19:6,** "When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied."

- Not to mention boldness to speak God's Word in the face of persecution

**Please Read:** Acts 4:23-31

## What is speaking with other Tongues

Isaiah 28:11-12 NKJV, "For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, to whom He said, 'this is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest,' and, 'this is the refreshing'; Yet they would not hear."

- God had foretold under the Old Covenant, the time we are living in today
- Speaking with other tongues is an inspired utterance in an unknown language

- **Please Read: Acts 2:6-8**
- In the Greek, “Own Native Language” – *dialektos* - spoke in their precise dialect
- With the correct accent, figures of speech etc. for that specific region
- Therefore, a form of “other tongues” is to speak in a language unknown to the speaker
  - o 1 Corinthians 13:1, “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels...”

## Devotional Tongues

- **Please Read: 1 Corinthians 14:1-5**
- Chapter 14 of First Corinthians provides greater clarification for the use of tongues
- Verse 2- devotional tongues is a prayer and praise language between us and God
  - o We do this is private to build ourselves up in the faith

## Jude 20

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

- **Please Read: Ephesians 5:18-20**
  - o Vs 18- Greek for “Filled” continuous tense - “Be being filled” with the Spirit
  - o Don’t get drunk on wine, instead be drunk with the Spirit- remember **Acts 2:13**

**Question:** Why did the bystanders on the day of Pentecost think the believers were drunk?

- Vs 16 - 1 Corinthians 14:16 “If you are praising God with your spirit...”

**1 Corinthians 14:14-15**, “For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.”

## Ministry Tongues

- Prophecy is an inspired utterance in a known tongue
- A message in tongues along with an interpretation is equivalent to prophecy

**1 Corinthians 14:5**, “He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.”

In 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, are listed the nine manifestations of the Spirit. Two of which are tongues and interpretation of tongues for public ministry as the Spirit wills.

### **Please Read: Romans 8:22-28**

- Groaning, as in the pains of childbirth is intercessory prayer in other tongues
  - o It can be for spiritual warfare and for the protection for the saints
  - o It can also be a form of prayer for new believers

### **Galatians 4:19**

My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.

- Intercession also works in conjunction with revival and the lost coming to Jesus

**Isaiah 66:8**, “Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.”

Howard Carter said, “We must not forget that the speaking with other tongues is not only an initial evidence of the Holy Spirit’s indwelling, it is a continual experience for the rest of his/her life, to assist in the worship of God. It is a flowing stream that should never dry up, and that will enrich the life spiritually.”

## Receiving the Baptism With the Holy Spirit

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

When it comes to receiving the impartation, here are a few tips that will help in receiving:

- First, get a solid foundation from God’s Word on the whole subject
- Make sure your heart is free from any un-confessed sin- condemnation robs us of faith
- When hands are laid on you or when receiving privately, don’t talk in a known tongue
- The Spirit gives the utterance, but you do the speaking; simply give volume to the Holy Spirit’s utterance. He is a gentleman and won’t make you speak in tongues- yield to it
- Don’t let the sound throw you, it may sound like baby talk- who cares, just speak it out

Luke 11:13 tells us we can ask the Father for the Holy Spirit. Yes your mind and the devil will fight you on this, don’t be timid. Just move your tongue and speak it out by faith, give volume to what you sense coming up out of your spirit.