



Scriptures and Doctrine :: Tongues

**Tongues - posted by pritybeta, on: 2008/7/26 16:05**

know if anyone has had a post already on tongues.

I was wondering what everyones thoughts were about wether or not tongues still happen today or not.

I for one do not believe the Lord still uses the gift today. I will explain my view latter in this thread. Right now I was just wondering who thought what on the topic.

**Re: Tongues - posted by logan\_trky, on: 2008/7/26 21:30**

Yes. It is for today. It is said that the promise of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to your children, and your children's children in Acts 2:39.

Acts 2:4;10:44-46;19:1-7

There is no evidence that it is not for today. A better explanation is that the "Baptism with the Holy Spirit" is for today. The only scripture that one would have a crutch for is 1 Corinthians 13:8

"Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."

This, however, is speaking of the perfect age to come. Read down a little further in verse 9 and 10.

"For we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when that which is PERFECT is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."

For this verse to come remotely close to being justification for belief that tongues are done away with for TODAY, the following things would have to occur:

- 1. Prophecies shall fail..
- 2. Knowledge has vanished away.

Now, considering you are not Pentecostal/Charismatic, I am sure that you believe that prophecy is not for today. However, knowledge has obviously NOT vanished away. When the perfect age comes, however, we will not need knowledge, prophecies, or tongues, because we will be in a perfect state. Paul himself said in 1 Corinthians 14:5 that he wants everyone to speak in tongues (To be Baptized with the Holy Spirit). When you were saved, you were Baptized into Christ. Christ then, baptizes you into the Holy Spirit, if you are willing to accept the gift.

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/7/26 21:46**

Quote:

-----Paul himself said in in 1 Corinthians 14:5 that he wants everyone to speak in tongues (To be Baptized with the Holy Spirit).  
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My Bible doesn't have those parenthesis at the end of the verse. There is no Biblical proof that tongues are the uniform and initial sign of Holy Spirit baptism - and indeed, church history proves otherwise. To legislate this is to discount roughly 2000 years of Spirit-filled ministry (prior to Charles Fox Parham's Topeka school in 1901) and all the Spirit-filled revivals God wrought in the church without exhibiting this particular sign.

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Incidentally, the man who coined the doctrine of tongues as the *uniform initial evidence* of being filled with the Spirit is the same man that proposed the British and American peoples were part of the "10 lost tribes" of Israel.

**Re: - posted by logan\_trky, on: 2008/7/26 21:51**

Every time someone was baptized in the Holy Spirit in Acts they DID speak in tongues. The only time it was not recorded was in chapter 9. However, it didn't need recorded! The evidence is already backed up by scripture after scripture. After Saul's conversion on the Damascus Road, a disciple named Ananias was sent that Saul might receive his sight and "be filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 9:17). The restoration of sight is described, but nothing further is said in Acts 9 about Saul's being filled with the Holy Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 14:18, however, Paul testified, "I speak with tongues more than ye all." Since Paul began speaking with tongues at some time, it is logical to assume he began when he was baptized in the Holy Spirit. This would be in perfect harmony with those events in which the details of the baptism in the Spirit are given.

Of the five instances in Acts which recount the experience of believers being baptized in the Spirit, three supply details. Speaking in tongues is the only one that occurs each time (Acts 2, 10, 19). In the Acts 10 account, tongues is specifically mentioned as proof that "the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues" (Acts 10:45, 46). In the two cases where details are not supplied, circumstances strongly imply that speaking with other tongues accompanied the experience. In Acts 8 Simon saw something (saw them speak in tongues) that prompted him to offer money for the power to impart such a gift.

I would also like to point out that tongues as the initial evidence was not "coined" by any man. It gives evidence of such in the Word of God.

As far as history of past revivals, John Wesley has reported people speaking in tongues in his meetings. However, I am not interested so much in history, as much as I am what the Word of God says.

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/7/26 22:05**

Quote:  
-----Every time someone was baptized in the Holy Spirit in Acts they DID speak in tongues. The only time it was not recorded was in chapter 9.  
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Acts 8 mention no tongues with the people from Samaria, no wind, no fire no tongues. With Saul's filling, the Holy Spirit is also conspicuously silent. And even if tongues were present, this proves nothing. It did not become a doctrine as we know it until 1901; before this, church history has absolutely no such record or teaching - not from the apostles, not from the early church fathers - and being such an important doctrine as it is, one might imagine it would be mentioned in a letter of Paul, but here again we find the Spirit of God curiously silent.

Do you really believe that no man had experienced the genuine Spirit Baptism until 1901 in Topeka, Kansas?

**Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2008/7/26 22:10**

I have no doubt that God did not use these preachers who never spoke in tongues.

I believe they were filled with the Holy Spirit for God to use them the way he did.

It is also very clear from the book of acts that the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit was the speaking in tongues.

People can deny it but they can never prove otherwise. The evidence is clear and the only ones who will try and prove otherwise are only those who have never experienced it.

I believe it was Smith Wigglesworth who promise a reward to any one who could prove a genuine baptism in the Holy Ghost without the evidence of speaking in tongues.

But I am also one who believes that many charismatics who have learn how to say a few words that they don't understand and think they have it don't really have the experience.

The real baptism in the Holy Ghost is powerful and God takes complete control and you are amazed at what God did through and in you and there is never a doubt about it because it is an awesome experience.

**Re: - posted by logan\_trky, on: 2008/7/26 22:13**

PaulWest, I just edited my previous post. I have just answered your questions in it.

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/7/26 22:22**

Quote:

-----I have just answered your questions in it.  
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Yes, I know you did, the best you know how. The occasions where the Spirit is silent you have extracted inferentially from scripture to make it fit Parham's teaching. We should just leave it where it is (it was the parenthesis you put at the end of the verse that enticed me).

**Re: - posted by logan\_trky, on: 2008/7/26 22:24**

How much evidence do you need?? I still have not seen where you have scripturally proven your point. I would be interested to know your SCRIPTURAL point of view, and not the historical point of view. Actually, I see no Scripture quoted in all of your posts.

**Re: - posted by DelightedInU (), on: 2008/7/26 22:24**

God is the same yesterday, today and forever. If the Apostles were given the gift of tongues, then we too are available to the same gifts.

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/7/26 22:35**

Quote:

-----I still have not seen where you have scripturally proven your point. I would be interested to know your SCRIPTURAL point of view, and not the historical point of view.  
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Friend, I have not seen you prove tongues as the uniform initial by scripture either; I have seen you infer evidence where the Spirit is silent, and this is not proof. There is no conclusive, absolute teaching, otherwise the early church fathers would have been unanimous and we would not be debating it today. The truth is, scripture never presents tongues at Spirit Baptism as didactic, and God is conspicuously silent about tongues in more than one area in His Word where people are filled in the NT. I believe in the gift of tongues (I speak and pray in tongues), and I also believe that tongues can be a sign under the sovereign choosing of the holy Spirit, but I dare not legislate a doctrine *on how God must act* based on inferential material taken from historical instances in Acts.

Scripture is blatantly inconclusive on this doctrine, this is obvious, and the fact of it is substantiated by church history which I further appeal to to make my point. In your case, church history repudiates your stance and only proves your error from which the scriptures you appeal to never conclusively supported in the first place.

**Re: - posted by logan\_trky, on: 2008/7/26 22:44**

I still see no scripture. I choose to make the Word of God the authority. This is just willful ignorance. Scripture plainly shows that one speaks in tongues when Baptized with the Spirit. Scripture shows tongues as the evidence 3 TIMES. That looks like a majority more than a minority. It seems that you look to the history of the church more than you do what the Word says. God is continuously shedding more light on his Scripture. The early church fathers were used by God mightily, but they were also walking in all the light they knew at that time. Many DID speak in tongues if you study church revival meetings in the seventeen and eighteen hundreds.

**Re: Tongues - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2008/7/26 22:51**

Quote:

-----I was wondering what everyones thoughts were about wether or not tongues still happen today or not.  
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I see lots of people using tongues. Too bad that most don't know how to control it.

I've learned that it's better to control the tongue I've got rather than seek to speak in other tongues.

(By the way, I say this while I also believe that God still gives this gift.)

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/7/26 22:56**

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Friend, I didn't know a "3 time majority" was the determinant. At least now you're not saying someone spoke in tongues on each occasion like you did at the onset. There are some excellent teachings on the subject by Zac Poonen, Finney, Moody, Murray, Keith Daniel, Nee.

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This is a shameful assumption, for you do not know me, or how much I have meditated on this topic.

**Re: - posted by logan\_trky, on: 2008/7/26 23:06**

Quote:

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Yes, I do believe that EVERY person did speak in tongues. Even if the Scripture does not say on those two incidents in Acts, the evidence IS there in other verses, so it doesn't have to say.

Quote:

-----This is just willful ignorance

That is shameful statement, for you do not know me, or how much I have studied this topic. I do not agree with your convictions, that is all.

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This is not meant to sound harsh, but I think that this subject is very clear.

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Quote:

-----There are some excellent teachings on the subject by Zac Poonen, Finney, Moody, Murray, Keith Daniel, Nee.  
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I'm not necessarily concerned with what these men say on the subject. This is definitely not to say that these men are not men of God. I am rather saying that I base my beliefs on the Word of God, not on what history or preachers tell me.

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/7/26 23:21**

Quote:

-----I am rather saying that I base my beliefs on the Word of God, not on what history or preachers tell me.  
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I base mine as well from the Word of God, and I am convinced it doesn't conclusively put forth tongues as a doctrine that must always uniformly happen at Spirit Baptism. Unlike you, I have church history *and* the Word of God to substantiate this, you have nothing but the inferential treatment of Scripture and personal experience to base your convictions upon - an experience, by the way, that I don't reject. I do reject, however, the Parham doctrine of uniform evidence both by what the Bible *doesn't* say and what history *does* say.

What is so hard to understand about this? We know for a fact there have been men mightily used by God in the miraculous, the supernatural, explosive soul winning and manifestations unprecedented, men through whom the Holy Spirit performed manifold signs and wonders with all the evidences of a genuine Spirit-Baptized ministry and who never once spoke in a tongue, or wrote of speaking at tongues at their filling (yet they could all write of the day when they were Spirit-Baptized). Might this explain why Scripture is curiously silent in certain places...places where you are grasping at straws to make it fit a universal doctrine that was never delineated in scripture?

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/7/26 23:48**

Dear brother, there are weightier things at hand here, and God knew the controversy tongues would generate in the 20th century. I had a heart-to-heart with my Pastor earlier this year over this very topic (I relinquished my credentials back to the AG over this very thing, not to mention the doctrine on compulsory tithing and the ordination of female pastors). Tithing and consenting to tongues as the initial are non-negotiable tenants. I don't want to go back over it here; the poster of this thread inquired about tongues and he/she deserved to hear the other side of a challenge.

Thank you for this discussion, thank you for your grace and not going very heavy with the assumptions (you could have went heavier, and I thank you for personal restraint). These topics can really excite feelings, emotions, flesh. I think I'm finished here and I wish you a very profitable stay at SI.

The Lord bless you,

Brother Paul

**Re: - posted by logan\_trky, on: 2008/7/27 0:08**

Bless you, Paul...I enjoyed the discussion as well.

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2008/7/27 9:32**

I found a very good bible study online that addresses many of these questions on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the many questions concerning tongues being the initial evidence.

Below is the website that the bible study is on, as well as a excerpt from the bible study.

In His Love,  
Mike

<http://www.christcenteredmall.com/teachings/holy-spirit-baptism.htm>

#### Evidences of Holy Spirit Baptism

In the book of Acts, the most common sign of Holy Spirit baptism was the expression of unknown tongues. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4; also see Mark 16:17; Acts 10:44-48, 19:6). Why was the sign of tongues the most common evidence of Holy Spirit baptism? Well, probably because a person's tongue is the most unruly member of the body (see James 3:2-10), so when the tongue is brought under the inspiration and influence of the Holy Spirit, there can be no doubt that the whole person has been immersed in the Holy Spirit.

Some churches teach that speaking in tongues is the sole evidence of being filled with the Spirit, but this is not altogether true. The biblical examples indicate that in addition to tongues, evidences of being filled with the Spirit include prophecy (Luke 1:41, Acts 19:6), boldness (Acts 4:31), miraculous healings (Acts 5:15-16), spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19), wisdom (Acts 6:3), faith (Acts 6:8), and joy (Acts 13:52). Tongues were the common sign, but it was not recorded in every instance (see Acts 8:15-17 and 9:17-19). Also, some believers received the Holy Spirit infilling after water baptism (see Acts 10:5-6); others received it before water baptism (see Acts 10:44-48). Man often likes to put God in a box and predict the move of God's Spirit with restrictive formulas, but the Holy Spirit works best with repentant, humble hearts that are yielded to Him and are willing to go with the flow. Like a heavenly wind, the Spirit comes and goes in perfect agreement with the will of the Father (see John 3:8).

Paul taught that the sign of tongues was meant for prayer and personal edification, for building up the Body of Christ, and as a sign to unbelievers (see I Corinthians 12:4-11, 14:4-5,22). Paul said, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all" and "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues" (I Corinthians 14:18,39). Although tongues are beneficial, speaking in tongues should not be the focus of Holy Spirit baptism but rather fully yielding oneself in worship to Jesus. A language of the Spirit will often come spontaneously when the heart is so full of the Spirit that common words are insufficient for expression. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26). The Old Testament prophet Jeremiah experienced this kind of fullness, like a fire within: "But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay" (Jeremiah 20:9). What did Jeremiah do? He prophesied with boldness to the people of Judah as the Spirit gave him the words to say.

The apostle Paul said that every member in the Body of Christ is necessary, and not all will speak in tongues. "Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? (I Corinthians 12:30). There are, in fact, nine gifts or manifestations of the Spirit and "diverse tongues" is just one of them. "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will" (I Corinthians 12:7-11). Each of these nine gifts is a different manifestation of the same Spirit.

Every believer has at least one spiritual gift, distributed by God as it pleases Him (I Corinthians 12:11). The gifts are given to edify the Body of Christ in love. "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love"

(Ephesians 4:16). A believer must exercise faith in using his or her gift, because the gifts are initially undeveloped and must be exercised to grow and become fully mature over time. The goal, however, is not for us to be self-focused on our spiritual gifts, but to honor Jesus Christ and walk in His footsteps of humility and servanthood.

#### Conclusion

The oil of the Holy Spirit consecrates us and lights our spiritual lamps, while the fire of the Holy Spirit purges sin (a process called sanctification) and ignites a flame of passion (love for Jesus) in our hearts. As believers in Christ, we are responsible for keeping our vessels pure and the oil full like the five wise virgins in Jesus' parable (see Matthew 25:4) so that the light of Christ may shine brightly within us (see Matthew 5:14-16).

Those of you who have been filled with the Holy Spirit in the past but have let the oil run out of your spiritual lamps, we encourage you to go to the Lord and ask for a fresh infilling of the Spirit. The Bible says, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (Hebrews 2:1). The Greek wording of this verse could be translated "lest at any time we should run out as leaking vessels."

You, dearly beloved ones in Christ, are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Your spiritual light is completely dependent upon the oil and flame of the Spirit of God. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (II Corinthians 4:6-7).

This Christian Bible teaching was written by David Holt Boshart, Jr. and his wife Shari Boshart.

#### Re: Tongues - posted by reformer, on: 2008/7/27 16:54

I would say search the scriptures and see what it says. We all can be susceptible to others views. I would encourage you to seek what the Word of God says, pour and dive into the scriptures. The Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth.

Blessings and grace,

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#### Re: Tongues - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2008/7/27 19:42

Hi Pritybeta,

Here's a link for an awesome article on speaking in tongues.

(<http://www.cfcindia.com/web/mainpages/articles.php?displayarticle07>) The Truth About Speaking in Tongues by Zac Poonen

Jordan

#### Re: - posted by Zionshield (), on: 2008/7/27 21:06

An interesting explanation for the three (perhaps 4) occurrences of tongues accompanying the baptism of the Holy Spirit is for the unity of the church.

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

"8:16 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." (the commentator believes they occurred here as well, though unrecorded) the Samaritans

"10:45 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." the Gentiles



"19:4 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." followers of John

Eph. 4:3 "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

Reading this chapter and thinking of Jesus' prayer in John 17:21, "that they all may be one"...perhaps it deserves consideration.

**Re: - posted by Zionshield (), on: 2008/7/27 21:34**

I Cor.12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. (a theme of unity keeps popping up doesn't it?)

Eph.4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

There is only one baptism of the Holy Spirit and we all who are in Christ have had this baptism.

I Cor.12:29 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?

The answer to this rhetorical question is no...not all speak in tongues.

I appreciate the mentioning of the baptism in Acts as the baptising into the body of Christ. Is this not what the whole of Scripture necessitates? We are not commanded to be baptised in the Holy Spirit, but rather to be filled with the Holy Spirit...which as you may know is a continuous thing (be ye being filled). We have received the seal of the promised Holy Spirit and become partakers of the divine nature. As such we cannot have anymore than we have already. The stipulation that at the command in Eph.5:18 makes is that we must be filled many times in life willingly yielding to Him. Romans 8 and Gal. 5 concur with this...that we must choose that which pleases the Spirit so that He can produce His fruit. Our beloved Lord makes this apparent also in John 15...we must abide in Him for Him to produce His fruit.

I do believe there can be a crisis in a follower's life where the old man is severely crippled so that he lives a fuller life in Christ (I would use Jacob as an example) Nonetheless we must still die daily.

I am looking forward to that time in my life.

**Re: - posted by logan\_trky, on: 2008/7/28 23:05**

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This verse is concerning the "gift of tongues". These gifts were given to edify the church. Even though someone is baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, they do not necessarily have the "gift of tongues" which is used in the church to give a message from the Lord. Giving a message in the church, and your personal prayer language are very different.

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The apostles were definitely commanded to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Notice in Acts 1 that the Lord commanded the Apostles to stay in Jerusalem to wait for the Promise. They were not to preach or teach until they received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Quote:

-----As such we cannot have anymore than we have already.  
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This statement is a little tricky. There is always more that the Lord can give to us. As far as a newly saved person, you have many things that you can receive from the Lord. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is one of many. Paul asked in Acts 19:2, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

**Re: - posted by Zionshield (), on: 2008/7/30 21:24**

hi Logan,

That is a good observation about a possible difference in the gift and the display shown by the ones 1st baptized in the Spirit. We can agree that the tongues in Acts 2 were known languages of course. In fact, it fulfilled the the following quoted in I Cor. 14 vs 21

"21In the Law it is written:

"Through men of strange tongues  
and through the lips of foreigners  
I will speak to this people,  
but even then they will not listen to me," says the Lord."

It appears to me that the event in Acts 2 and the gift have the same purpose considering the following verses:

22Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is for believers, not for unbelievers. 23So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and some who do not understand or some unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? 24But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in while everybody is prophesying, he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, 25and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

The following verse would appear to contradict your statement that tongues is for the edification of the church.

"4He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church."

I don't see any evidence concerning a personal prayer language though. 14:22 states the purpose for tongues is as a sign to unbelievers. I imagine someone is thinking about 13:1

" 1If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal." Paul also said in the same context that even if he were to "surrender my body to the flames". We know that he did not give his body to be burned. It all has to be seen together in the same light- as hypothetical language. Well...its family time so I must get back to this later. I was looking at 14:2 next. I will answer the other two points you made, Logan, tomorrow if the Lord lets me.

Thanks for "sparring" with me. Its good for me, I hope its good for you. Godspeed and good night.

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2008/7/31 0:30**

In 1 Corinthians 12, the apostle Paul is instructing the Corinthian believers on the gifts of the Spirit. All of the gifts of the Spirit are for the building up of the Body of Christ. This includes the gift of tongues. Paul does say that this gift of tongues should not be exercised in the Church unless there is someone who has the gift of the interpretation of tongues. Paul did not discourage the personal praying in tongues between the believer and God. He said that he himself prayed in tongues, and that when we pray in tongues to God we are edifying ourselves. This is also confirmed by the scripture in Jude 1:20. ("Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost")

**Re: Tongues - posted by pritybetta, on: 2008/8/1 13:47**

First off, the tongues were not an unknown language, they were known languages but unknown to the one speaking them. I also believe that when the Bible speaks of an unknown tongue it is speaking of a language that is unknown to those listening, not unknown to any man. The gift of tongues from the Lord is what I believe to be known tongues but it is unknown to the person it is given to, he did not learn the language beforehand. I do not believe the Lord grants that gift any more.

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

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

Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Act 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

Act 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

Act 2:8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Act 2:9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

Act 2:10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

Act 2:11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

Here we see that the multitude that heard them speaking was hearing them speak in their own tongue and not some unknown tongue that no one knows except the Lord himself.

Here is another passage in Acts that states that someone spoke in tongues:

Act 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Act 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Act 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Act 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Act 10:48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Here it does not say that the ones of the circumcision spoke in tongues but only the Gentiles who also was given the gift of the Holy Ghost. Those of the circumcision knew the Gentiles were given the Holy Ghost because they understood that they were magnifying God, thus letting us know that the tongues was their own language.

The Third time tongues is mentioned in Acts nothing was written to say whether or not it was an unknown tongue. However, we know that the two times before it is not an unknown tongue but rather unknown to the ones speaking it.

Act 19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

Act 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Act 19:3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Act 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Act 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Act 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Act 19:7 And all the men were about twelve.

In 1Co. 12 Paul is telling us what gifts there are that is given. One of those gifts is tongues, but not the 'unknown' tongue, he says "divers kinds of tongues", meaning different languages. He also explains that it is given to 'some' not all.

1Co 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1Co 12:5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

1Co 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

1Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

1Co 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

1Co 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

1Co 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

1Co 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

1Co 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

Where most people think tongues is a language that is not known by any man is in 1Co 13:1 where Paul says he speaks with the tongues of men and of angels. The word 'angels' is also translated as 'messengers', this would indicate he speaks with many languages as messengers do. Meaning he did not speak an unknown language but rather many known languages and was able to do so because the Lord has granted him that gift, he did not learn them.

1Co 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

1Co 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

Prophecies here is talking about someone professing to what the Lord has taught. When someone teaches the Bible, they are professing. When these verses were written, the Bible was not available for full professing of the Word, so when someone did prophecy they were doing it in part there for it failed because they could not prove it. Also, knowledge (knowledge of the Word) was given by the Lord piece by piece and directly from the Lord. The Bible was not available to them in order to find out so the Lord had to give them the knowledge. Once the Bible was written, the Lord stopped giving the gift, there for it vanished away. Likewise, the gift of tongues ceased when the Bible was written.

1Co 13:10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

1Co 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

1Co 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

In 1Co 13:10, what is the word 'perfect' referring to? We see in the next two verses that nothing is perfect until it is complete, that would indicate that the 'perfect' thing has to be complete first. Then it says that faith, hope and charity would abide after the 'perfect' comes. The 'perfect' here can not be referring to Christ because Christ is already complete and after Christ comes we would not need faith nor hope.

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Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Mar 13:22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

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Pritybeta

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2008/8/1 19:18**

"The gift of tongues from the Lord is what I believe to be known tongues but it is unknown to the person it is given to, he did not learn the language beforehand. I do not believe the Lord grants that gift anymore." (pritybeta)

Could you please show me in the Word scripture that backs up your belief that the Lord does not grant the gift of tongues any more?

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This is a very dangerous assumption to make that a gift from God as stated in 1 Cor. 12 which has never been taken away from the church is either faked or is of the devil. Yes there are counterfeit tongues. The devil counterfeits that which is true, but all of gifts of the Spirit are for today, and are for the church. The Holy Spirit has also given us discernment and we have the Word so that we will know what is from God and what is of the enemy.

**Re: - posted by logan\_trky, on: 2008/8/2 11:23**

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That is also boarderline blasphemy.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2008/8/2 16:52

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I agree with everything you say except "that which is perfect comes". We know that there is only One that is perfect. We know that anything we have, even in the gifts of the Spirit are in part, because the Spirit has to work through our soul-mind, which is being made perfect by the Word of God Himself and the teaching of the Holy Spirit our Comforter and Teacher. "That which is Perfect is come", is the Spirit of Christ that we are rebirthed with, for our spirit is now the Spirit of Christ, which scripture makes clear, "if we don't have the Spirit of Christ in us we are none of His". Ro 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

((((Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.)))

Ro 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

This is, "that which comes is perfect comes". For our spirit is perfect, made perfect by the Spirit of Christ that dwells in us. The soul-mind is being conformed to this image, and the body has been quickened to contain this mystery that Paul speaks of in all his writings, "Christ in you the Hope of Glory.

This formula is in: Ephesians 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

We are totally saved in Spirit because it is the Spirit of Christ that dwells in us, which is perfect. We are being saved in our soul-mind by the renewing to the Mind of Christ. We will be saved in body on the day of resurrection of the Body of Christ, His Church.

2 Corinthians 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us ;

The teaching is pertaining to all that Paul taught the Corinthians; 2 Corinthians 1:17-24 When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be ye a yea, and nay nay? But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth. Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

It was not Paul's yes or no, but the Lord's Yes.

"By faith we stand", which is in that which is Perfect, even Jesus Christ who is our Life, our Word, our Righteousness and our all in all.

So, the Word is Perfect which is "Christ in you the hope of Glory", The Spirit is perfect and He is that which has come in our rebirthed spirit, Satan out, Christ in, our new creature status, which is now, "son's of God", in our standing before God Perfect in Christ, being made perfect in our soul-minds by the Christ that is in us and the sealed perfection of the Holy Spirit that teaches us these truths, and will be made perfect, when we receive that completion of our salvation, our new heavenly bodies, just like His.

That which is Perfect is the Word, who is Christ and He is come in the body of this clay pot we live in, which contains thi

s treasure, even that perfection, Jesus Christ. Amen

Is He come?

Praise God, Colossians 1:27-28 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Our standing before God, even as He is in this world, so are we.

1 John 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2008/8/2 18:22**

Hi pritybeta,

You have stated the following.

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First of all you don't know what you are saying here about making the bible more perfect than Jesus Himself. When Jesus (who will bring perfection) comes sister we will not know in part any more because we (one's truly born of God) will be like Him for we will see Him as He is and will not need the gifts any more because we will be in perfect Love.

I must say that I do not agree with all the charismatics on TV and elsewhere because of so many of their incorrect teachings. I believe because of a lot of confusing going on in many of the tongues movement, is the main reason you have stated what you have, and come to believe what you have said concerning tongues. I do pray that God will forgive you and open your eyes to the truth.

Even though what you have said is very condemning to the body of Christ who has received this gift from Christ, you have not offended me at all for your lack of understanding.

Your lack of understanding is evident and unless God opens your eyes to the truth you will continue to shut yourself off from many in the body of Christ.

There is an 86 year old man presently at this time going to places where few people would ever go. He is filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking tongues just like the bible says. He started a Pentecostal school in Russia in 1992 and now that school is in over 160 countries. He has been to Iraq and many other dangerous places.

I don't know if you know it or not but in the underground church in China there are many more Christians than there is in the USA. There is multi- millions of Christians in China and other places in the world that are being persecuted for their belief. While many in America are living comfortably, they are being tortured and persecuted for Jesus Christ. There are millions in the body of Christ who have experienced the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

On July 21st 2006, I had been praying and seeking the Lord for several days about some people in our church who were sick and one spirit filled brother had recently died at 39 Years old. I just wanted to get closer to God and wanted God to use me. It was between 11 and 12 that night when I knelt down to pray. I remember so vividly the very words I was saying to God before it happened.

I was on my knees praying - Father I come to thee in the only name I know how to come, in the name of Jesus Christ your Son and I don't come because I've been a good boy but on the ground of the blood of Jesus. That was the last thing I remember saying as I looked back on what had happened. All of a sudden I found myself standing with my hands stretched out as far as I could and I was hollering so loud, and a thought came to me-Lord I'm going to wake everybody up hollering like this. The next thing I look down at my feet and legs and they were moving at a rapid rate of speed and the next though I had was to listen to myself and I was speaking fluently in a Language that wasn't English and I can't tell you what I said only God knows. I had the most awesome feeling I have ever had in my Life.

There is a lot more I could tell you and a lot has happened since then but I have never doubted that there is a baptism (infilling/running over of the Holy Spirit) of God with the evidence of speaking in another language.

The only people who can talk like you have is the people who have never experienced it and frankly ignorant to the ways of God. Sister God is not limited in others because of your understanding, maybe in you if you refuse to believe His word and enjoy your own understanding better than His. I could say more but maybe others who have experience the evidence of tongues can say something more.

I only hope you don't leave this world judging what God has done in people's lives as being of the devil. May God help you!

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Blessings in the powerful name of Jesus.

**Re: - posted by Zionshield (), on: 2008/8/3 16:27**

Quote:  
-----The apostles were definitely commanded to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Notice in Acts 1 that the Lord commanded the Apostles to stay in Jerusalem to wait for the Promise. They were not to preach or teach until they received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit  
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Yes they were.

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

The promised Holy Spirit had not come yet. That is not the case with us. We are not instructed in any epistle to seek a baptism of the Holy Spirit. We are instructed to be filled with the Spirit, to walk in the Spirit, to walk according to the Spirit.



Eph.4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

We are sealed at the new birth, correct?..as well as the following?

Rom. 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Gal. 4:5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of **God through Christ.**

**Look at what it says to the carnal Corinthians:**

**1 Cor.6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?**

**We must start with the Word and then try to understand our experience rather than taking our experience to scripture to interpret it.**

**the scripture says there is one baptism...just one (i quoted this previously )Romans goes on to deal with this baptism also:**

**Rom.6:3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death ? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

Quote:  
-----This statement is a little tricky. There is always more that the Lord can give to us. As far as a newly saved person, you have many things that you can receive from the Lord. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is one of many. Paul asked in Acts 19:2, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"  
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Neither did the old testament saints have the indwelling Holy Spirit, but they believed and will be in heaven. I agree there is always more the Lord can give us, but concerning the indwelling Holy Spirit the question is how much He has of you.

**Re: - posted by Zionshield (), on: 2008/8/3 17:22**

Quote:  
-----He said that he himself prayed in tongues, and that when we pray in tongues to God we are edifying ourselves.  
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Did he say "praying" or speaking? That would be the distinction in our disagreement. I believe tongues was a sign to unbelievers as the verse I quoted earlier stated.

Quote:  
-----Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost)  
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I don't agree with the interpretation that praying in the Holy Ghost or praying in the spirit is praying in tongues...or perhaps you are just saying that its OK to edify yourself by using that verse?

I have not completed my study of tongues, so there are some things left for me before discussing further.

Have you noticed that he refers to a tongue and also to tongues? One interpretation is that tongue is used for the ecstatic

c speech that the pagans used picked up by some in the church...while tongues refers to languages like the ones used in Acts at Pentecost.

Separately: I believe that much is missed, misunderstood and misinterpreted when we don't take a close look and then when we find something that could be a deeper crack that needs to be looked into it is passed over. Experience cannot be the starting point either. In respect for you all, I dare not assume that you are wrong...but I cannot say that you are correct on this matter of praying in tongues.

Its not an important matter to me, thats why I've taken so many years to deal with it...it may take many more.

**Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2008/8/3 23:34**

Zionshield wrote:

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Hey brother I enjoy reading your posts and would also like to comment on the one baptism that eph. 4 mentions.

In Heb 6 it talks about leaving the doctrine of baptisms. We know the bible speaks of more than one baptism and it also mentions the Lord said unto my Lord.

It is obvious that the one Lord is the Lord Jesus Christ and the one faith is our belief in Him. The one baptism is our identification with him and it is clear that water baptism into Jesus Christ is the one outward sign that we are to practice.

The baptism into Christ can only be done by the Holy Spirit. The one baptism is the outward water baptism that we submit to and the spiritual baptism can only be done by God.

We also know that baptism in scripture also means immersion. The beginning of Acts in chapter 1 Jesus is telling His disciples that they were to be baptized in the Holy Ghost in a few days.

All through the book of acts every time people repented and believe in Jesus Christ they were to receive the one baptism in the name of Jesus Christ by water. It seems clear that these people were considered saved because the people in Samaria had great joy. We do know that all who were saved were regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

The ministers like Bro. Clendennon who talk about being baptized in the Holy Ghost are talking about being immersed in the Holy Spirit by Jesus and being endowed with Power from on High.

When the Apostles went to Samaria, they prayed for them to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit like they had received on the day of Pentecost.

The bible seems clear that there is salvation by the Holy Spirit placing one into Christ.

It also seems very clear that the ones baptized into Christ were to be baptized in the Holy Ghost for power to witness.

Jesus said in acts 1:8 and you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and you shall be my witnesses.

Brother I believe that this power is so lacking today in the majority of the assemblies today and is the very reason why so little is done for Christ today.

You believe we are to be filled with the Holy Spirit because that is true. We are to be filled continually with the Holy Spirit. Baptism in the Holy Ghost is greater than just a filling, it is that and more, it is an immersion with power from on high.

Notice in Acts chapter 4 they were refilled again.

Many men of God have recognized the need of the power of the Holy Ghost in witnessing Christ.

I realized that the ones in acts 19 may have not been baptized into Christ (having the new birth). But it is clear that Paul baptized them in the name of Jesus representing the baptism into Christ which clearly shows the new birth.

It is also clear that He laid hands on them after this to receive the Holy Ghost (an immersion) and they received power from on high and miraculously spoke by the Spirit.

It seems clear if we study the scriptures that one believes in Jesus Christ for salvation. No where in the bible do we find any disciple praying for a sinner to receive the Holy Ghost. Jesus said the world could not receive Him.

The regenerated person in Christ is the only one who can receive the immersion in the Holy Ghost with power to witness Jesus Christ.

People can say all they want to about how we can't have the power of the Holy Ghost to do miracles like the apostles did but Jesus never said that he wanted his church to not have this power. We need the Holy Ghost in demonstration just like they needed Him back then. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Jesus said these signs shall follow them that believe not just the original apostles.

The only thing that limits God in our life is our own unbelief.

Blessings to you my brother!

**Re: tongues - posted by Theophila (), on: 2008/8/4 9:33**

I have found, by reason of experience, when folks start 'controversial' topics on ANY Christian forum such as this, seldom does anything edifying come of it. Instead God's people engage in uncharitable behavior, all in the name of Scriptural debate.

Brethren who pray in tongues often call those who don't, 'ignorant and resistant to the move of the Holy Spirit'. They respond in kind by calling us 'deceived and unScriptural'

Enough already!!!

Is this any way for brethren to treat each other?

What? Do we mean we're incapable of disagreeing agreeably?

Let us all repent for formenting schism in Jesus' body and let the OP check their motive for starting this thread. Remember to Whom you must give account.

While we're at it, let the 'tongue-talkers' go pray that we all increase in our knowledge of Him, in holiness, in power and in boldness. Let the 'non-tongue talkers' go pray the same in their understanding.

As we continue to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

With much love.

**Re: Gifts of the Holy Spirit - posted by boG (), on: 2008/8/4 16:24**

It is obvious there is a great deal of confusion here about spiritual truths. It helps when we do not allow our carnal minds to grasp for spiritually discerned things; much less, argue about such truths from a theoretical perspective rather than an acceptable experiential one founded and confirmed in and by Scripture.

If you don't mind spending about 3 dollars (plus S&H), buy this book, "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit", by Harold Horton.

If you are not familiar with Harold Horton, definitely look him up. He is also known from another testimonial book, "Seven Pentecostal Pioneers", by Colin Whittaker (another recommended buy).

The entire focus of this book is on exactly what you are considering here, 1 Corinthians 12 - 13 - 14.

I guarantee you will not regret buying this book, unless, you believe the Gifts of the Spirit are myths. I have never read any Christian literature so precise and detailed on the function and order of the Gifts of the Spirit. It is truly written by a man who was not only diligent to the Bible but living in the midst of what he wrote - Pentecost.

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Who is Harold Horton; you may ask:

<http://pentecostalpioneers.org/HaroldHorton.html>

The book may also be found here:

[http://www.bookfinder.com/dir/i/Gifts\\_of\\_the\\_Spirit/0882435043/](http://www.bookfinder.com/dir/i/Gifts_of_the_Spirit/0882435043/)

Edit: I would also like to mention that "tongues" is not a peculiarity to Christianity alone. "Gibberish" has been a trait of many demonic spiritists and world religions throughout history; and in my opinion has been embraced by many modern churches. However, it should be noted that the Christian tongues, as given by utterance of the Holy Ghost, is the exact opposite of the incident of the Tower of Babel. Those who speak in tongues, not "gibberish", by utterance of the Holy Spirit, not of spirits or of psychological powers, are speaking in a factual language.

I could lay out the teachings of "unknown", or rather "unlearned", tongues very straight-forwardly but I shall digress (I am just a random person writing about spiritual things on the internet anyways :-P ).

Seriously, check out the book I mentioned.

And also, in a quick response to the difference between having the Holy Spirit, as given by the seed of the Word of God - "born-again", and being baptized by the Holy Ghost, receiving power from on high, I recommend a quick read of a chapter by good ol' Charles G. Finney.

Come on, its Charles Finney! You know it is good!

The chapter is taken from a book called, of all things, Power From on High. You can even find the whole book here on S I, although the chapters are out of order :-)

Power From On High - Intro, by Charles Finney

<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?view=article&aid=596>

Re: GLOSSA-ry, on: 2008/8/4 17:03

Below is a brief address of the subject of this thread.

Surely, it's not exhaustive, but it makes some good points.

I do not care to enter into any dialogue about this but thought that some may benefit by Gil's few words on the subject.

What About Tongues? by Gil Rugh

The first issue that has to be addressed on the topic of tongues is, "What is biblical tongues?" The major flaw in most discussions on the spiritual gift of speaking in tongues is the failure to consider what the Bible says about tongues and instead concentrating on people's experiences.

As an example, a television preacher published a pamphlet presenting the definition of tongues and the reasons for speaking in tongues. He taught that tongues is basically a "spirit language" in which you communicate directly with God. It "bypasses your mind," and you do not even understand it unless there is an interpretation given. But is that an accurate description of biblical tongues?

A Biblical Definition

The word "tongue" is used frequently in the Bible. It refers most often to the physical tongue in the mouth, but it is also used to refer to a foreign language.

Revelation 5: 9 describes a scene in heaven with saints and angels singing to the Lamb:

"And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are You to take the book, and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.'"

Here the word "tongue" is obviously referring to language— every tribe and language and people and nation. People from all the various languages of the earth have been redeemed by Christ.

Revelation 7: 9 reads, "After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues." The word for "tongues," glossa, is used here as well. In English glossolalia is a form of the word, glossa, meaning to speak in tongues. In Revelation 7: 9 glossa is referring to languages. The nations, tribes, peoples, and languages of the earth are represented.

In Revelation 10: 11 John writes, "And they said to me, 'You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.' " Again in this context "tongues" obviously refers to the various earthly languages.

Tongues and the Holy Spirit

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#### Tongues As a Proof of Salvation

This was also the first occurrence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. If tongues refers to an earthly language in Acts 2, one would expect to see that pattern in other places as well. Is there a similar pattern elsewhere in Scripture?

Acts 10 records the salvation of Cornelius and his family who are Gentiles. As the Apostle Peter preaches to them, they believe the Gospel; they are saved; they are baptized with the Spirit; and they begin to speak in tongues.

"Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins. While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God" (Acts 10: 43–46).

These Gentiles began to speak in tongues upon the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Is this the same phenomenon as that recorded in Acts 2? Acts 11 provides proof.

In Acts 11, Peter defends his preaching to the Gentiles. The Jews in Jerusalem had questions about whether preaching to the Gentiles was the right thing to do. Peter tells them that God appeared to him in a vision and instructed him. Then in Acts 11: 15 Peter says, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us at the beginning" (emphasis added).

Would the Jews present with Peter at Cornelius's house have accepted mere babbling as valid evidence of the Spirit's coming? What happened to the Jews in Acts 2? They began to speak in other earthly languages. Peter said the same thing happened to them as happened to us. What would that require? It would require speaking in an earthly language that they had not learned or studied. An earthly language is being described in Acts 2 and in Acts 10.

#### Tongues As a Unifying Factor

To understand the appearance of tongues in the New Testament, it is important to understand the Book of Acts as a transition book. There are four occasions where tongues occurs in the Book of Acts: Acts 2, probably in Acts 8, Acts 10 and Acts 19.

In Acts 2, the Jews receive the Spirit and are brought into the Church. In Acts 8, the Samaritans believe, are saved, receive the Spirit and are brought into the Church. In Acts 10, the Gentiles believe, receive the Spirit and are brought into the Church. In Acts 19, the disciples of John the Baptist believe, receive the Spirit and are brought into the Church.

On each of these occasions the Spirit comes in a special way and manifests His coming by the speaking of tongues to a special group of people. It is always in the context of an apostle's ministry.

The presence of tongues in these instances served to unify the Church—it removed any question as to the validity of the conversion. The Jews from Acts 2 questioned whether the Gentiles should be viewed as part of the Church. However, any doubt was removed when Peter said, They have received the same gift as we have. From then on, there was no question that the Church would be comprised of Jews, Gentiles, Samaritans and followers of John the Baptist. It would be a unified Church under the leadership and authority of the apostles. Tongues served a very real purpose.

#### Tongues As a Sign of Judgment

The Apostle Paul refers to speaking in tongues as a sign: Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature. In the Law it is written, "BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME," says the Lord. So then tongues are for a sign (1 Cor. 14: 20-22).

The quote Paul uses is from the Book of Isaiah. In the passage, the Prophet Isaiah is foretelling the captivity of the Northern Kingdom of Israel:

"Indeed, He will speak to this people through stammering lips and a foreign tongue, He who said to them, 'Here is rest, give rest to the weary,' and, 'Here is repose,' but they would not listen" (Is. 28: 11,12).

Note the context of Isaiah 28: 11,12: "He will speak to this people with stammering lips," or as Paul puts it, "Through men of strange tongues." He is talking about the Assyrians. The Assyrians are going to come down and conquer Israel. The very presence of the foreign language of the Assyrians being spoken among the Israelites will be a testimony to them that they have been judged by God.

In the context of 1 Corinthians 14, the idea of a babble (a non-earthly language) is totally foreign. The verse Paul quotes from the Book of Isaiah identifies the word "tongue" as a language. The presence of a foreign language in Israel is a testimony of God's judgment upon them because He had brought the foreigners in to conquer them. In 1 Corinthians the presence of a foreign language being spoken among the Jews is a testimony to them by God that they are being judged for their unbelief and rejection of the Messiah.

Deuteronomy 28 promised this as well if Israel disobeyed God: "The Lord will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand, a nation of fierce countenance who shall have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young" (Deut. 28:49,50).

In Deuteronomy God tells Israel if they disobey Him, a nation whose language they do not understand will be brought to conquer them. In Isaiah God tells Israel that they have disobeyed Him. He is going to bring a nation (Assyria) upon them whose language they do not understand. Then in 1 Corinthians 14, Paul reminds Israel that this principle of judgment is still being evidenced. The presence of these foreign languages among the Jews are again God's testimony: "You have been judged by Me, and now blessing is brought to the Gentiles." In Scripture, biblical tongues consistently refers to actual earthly languages.

There is one more word to look at in this discussion of biblical tongues. In 1 Corinthians 12: 10, as he talks about the various gifts, Paul writes:

"To another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues."

The word translated "kinds" in this verse is literally, *genos*. It means "nationality," "race," or "kindred of people." Therefore, 1 Corinthians 12: 10 says there are "various kinds of languages," or "various nationalities of tongues." The very use of the word "kinds" identifies "tongues" as an earthly language.

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### The Consequences of Unsifted Theology



If one refuses to examine a practice in light of the specific criteria of Scripture, there is a loss of basis for testing it. To accept it because of some people's experience poses another problem. The practice of babbling is not unique to Christianity—or even to the modern Charismatic Movement!

A man named William Samarian, a linguist, has written a book examining the phenomenon of tongues. He studied it in all different societies. The practice is not unique. Religious babbling does not even originate in the New Testament. This incoherent kind of speech has often been characteristic of unbiblical religions. Samarian shows that there are all kinds of pagan cultures that practice babbling.

The Mormons also practice babbling tongues. They experience it just like some Christians claim to experience it. How would someone know which phenomenon is true and genuine and which is not? How would someone know who really has the Spirit and who does not have the Spirit if the proof is not sifted through the Scriptures?

Another explanation that is offered for modern tongues is that what is spoken is an undiscovered language. John Sherrill, a Charismatic himself, has written a book on this. He went to the effort of examining many different tongues-speaking groups—taking linguists with him, taking tape recorders, recording everything that was said, then having the linguists sit down and analyze what was said. None of them found any trace of a language. They concluded that people basically tend to babble in the syllables that are native to them. There is no basic framework. Furthermore, there is no relationship to the sounds and the meaning given to them. In other words, you may have the same sounds uttered on four occasions, and you will have four different meanings given to those sounds in the interpretation that is provided in the meeting. So something is obviously wrong! That is not a normal language! The words have no meaning and are just sounds. That is all it is.

#### No Evidence of Modern Tongues

The modern day Charismatic Movement does not meet the criteria of New Testament tongues. The gift of tongues in the New Testament was the ability to speak in an earthly, foreign language that you had not learned or studied.

It is not uncommon to hear second and third-hand experiences that go something like "You know there was this case where this person did not know any Italian and all of a sudden he started speaking Italian, and the person there said, 'He y, have you ever studied Italian?' He said, 'No.' And he said, 'Well, you were just speaking in Italian!'"

That makes a wonderful story, but it is amazing that it never happens in firsthand experience. The people in the Charismatic Movement themselves, who run around with the tape recorders trying to find it, cannot find it. It always happened "over here" or "over there." The modern day tongues movement flunks the very first test.

It is apparent that the biblical gift of tongues is not being reproduced today. Nobody has been able to provide any concrete proof of it. Of course, the modern day Charismatic Movement is built on the premise that tongues is babbling, not a real language at all. However, this is a result of not carefully analyzing the Scripture to find out what biblical tongues were before accepting someone's experience.

Can God do the miraculous? Yes He can. Can God heal people? Yes He can. Does God heal people? Yes He does, but that does not necessarily imply that the gift of healing is present today. James says that if anyone is sick, let him call for the elders, let them pray for him. He does not say, "Call for somebody who has the gift of healing." Paul tells Timothy, even as his ministry has worn on, "Use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments." He does not say, "Here, Timothy, let me just heal you."

It is important to recognize what Scripture teaches about the "miracle gifts." It is appropriate to pray for healing. God heals; that is supernatural—miraculous. However, that does not imply that anyone has the gift of healing: walking in, laying their hands on and it is done. There is a lot of trickery going on, a lot of "hucksterism." What about Faith Healers? They are hucksters or frauds. Why? Because they cannot measure up to the biblical standard.

Then comes the question, "What is going on when people claim to be speaking in tongues?"

A variety of factors are often at work. There are books which describe how to begin speaking in tongues, you tilt your head back, close your eyes, open your mouth and you begin to make sounds, but you do not allow yourself to speak in your own language. You make a sound and just let yourself go. You can imagine what that would be like in a church setting,

with someone saying, "That is it! That is the Spirit. You have got it!" But that is not the biblical phenomenon, and if you are looking for something that is not biblical, the Devil will provide it.

Ultimately it goes back to the Devil. Gullible Christians who are not careful in sifting things through the Word tend to get drawn into these kinds of activities. Someone may say, "I know a lot of good that comes out of it." However, you have to measure it in light of the Word.

It is important to be very careful not to become subjective in the pursuit of the truth and not to refuse to allow the Word to be the standard and criteria for living the Christian life. Issues must be carefully examined through the Scripture. If an activity such as speaking in tongues is biblical, then a believer should embrace it, but if it is not biblical, then no thanks.

If any would be interested in an exhaustive treatment of this subject and those related to the Pentecostal experience, I'd highly recommend Frederick Dale Bruner's "A Theology Of The Holy Spirit - The Pentecostal Experience and the New Testament Witness."

Another book which is exhaustive which I'd highly recommend is Benjamin Warfield's, "Counterfeit Miracles". Just a small excerpt from the back cover of Warfield's book, "The present fascination with miracles, no longer restricted to the superstitions of the Roman Catholic Church-State, but now spread throughout the world by the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements, is not a sign of resurgent Christianity, as so many have said, but a sign of resurgent paganism. The sort of religion that pervaded ancient Rome and medieval Rome has returned, just as, and because, Christianity is fading from the modern mind."

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/8/4 18:42**

I believe it was Smith Wigglesworth who promise a reward to any one who could prove a genuine baptism in the Holy Ghost without the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Leonard Ravenhill definitely was baptized in the Holy Spirit, yet he never spoke in tongues.

**Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2008/8/4 18:52**

Just a thought! I wonder are there any Calvinists who have had a definite baptism in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

Just wondering because I have found that those who are deeper in a man's theology....

Just a thought because I hope that there is some who have the experience.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/8/4 18:54**

If the 'perfect' was referring to Christ then why would we need faith which is the evidence of things not seen when we would have seen Christ? Or why would we need hope if we have seen Christ if hope that is seen is not hope? Now the Word of God is perfect is it not? Therefore, the 'perfect' in 1Co 13:10 has to be referring to the Word of God, the Bible.

In the Bible we see Paul's theology anticipate a lot of things to come. Nowhere does the Bible state what you just said it does. This is reading one's theology back into the Scripture. Nowhere does Paul or the apostles ever think what you just said. Indeed, Philippians 3 makes it clear that the perfect thing Paul is awaiting for is the resurrection of the dead, which is associated with the second coming of Christ. Paul also says the ministry gifts of the Church would be needed and utilized (Ephesians 4:11-13) until we attain corporate maturity and unity as the body of Christ. If one of the gifts of the Spirit are available to the Church, then all are. It's all or nothing in Paul's theology of the gifts.

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A part of my testimony is this.

This happened one night in 1989. I did not go to church I had no interest in church. I was a violent man who did all types of wrong and but I was fed up being that way. I knew that only God alone could change me. As I lay on my bed all I asked was this "God I am fed up being this way change me".

As I lay there a wind started to leave me from my stomach and after it left another wind blew on me and into me. It blew right into my stomach and I could feel it all over my body. Once it had finished I sat up and spoke in a language that I had never spoke before. I did not understand the language it did not sound like a earthly language and wasn't a earthly language. At the time I thought to myself what was that and I knew the answer it was "tongues"

From that point on I changed, I was a different person.

I can see in the bible very clearly the gift that God has given me. It's the Holy Spirit with the evidence of talking in tongues.

Colin Robert Murray

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2008/8/7 11:23**

I appreciate this discussion of tongues among fellow believers without the usual strife and contention that usually takes place when this subject is brought up.

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Praying in tongues is of great benefit to the believer as well as the Body of Christ. Praying in the Spirit edifies the believer, and through the gift of tongues and interpretation, the Church is edified.

When we pray in tongues, it is our spirit man that is praying as moved on by the Holy Spirit.

There is a great value in praying in tongues in matters in which we do not know how or what to pray. The Spirit makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

This is why the devil hates tongues and he will fight it. We don't have to pray in tongues to be saved, and sometimes tongues are abused and counterfeited, but that doesn't take away from the fact that hundreds of thousands of people all over the world from the day of Pentecost to present have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, and speak in tongues. Now whether this is a foreign language or a tongue of angels, I don't know. I personally believe that it could be either one.

1st. Corinthians 14 answers a lot of questions on this subject.

In His Love,  
Mike

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Where does the Bible specifically say this?

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**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/8/7 22:30**

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Needed words of admonition indeed, brother Paul.

There was an incident where the tongue-speakers were found *cursing* God without even realizing it. While that "tongue" was a language unbeknownst to the speakers, however revealed by someone who happened to understand it in that congregation. All the while Satan was having a ball spreading this sort of tongues as wild fire.

Beware!

mamaluk

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2008/8/8 15:28**

Good post Paul, Thank you.

I always wondered why there is no mention of Jesus speaking in tongues. The Mind of Christ is One with the Father and all good things come down from the Father of Light. Jesus manifested all the other gifts and He is the only true Gifted One. All the Gifts that the Spirit distributes as He pleases are in Jesus. If Christ is in us and we have the Mind of Christ and we are to renew our mind to the Mind of Christ, where are we to be renewed, I don't see speaking in an unknown tongue as having anything to do with being conformed to the image of Christ. If the Holy Spirit did not speak to our understanding how would we learn anything that has to do with renewing our mind to the Mind of Christ?

The same for Paul, he said, "I would rather speak five words with understanding than 10,000 in an unknown tongue". Tongues have always been divisive, as Paul had to address it in Corinth, as it was being used for unprofitable understanding of the Word of God. Satan uses tongues to this day and loves it when he can get the renewing of our minds to the Mind of Christ by the Word of God, to the point of speaking in a heavenly language that prophets no one in The Word of God and The Gifted One Himself giving gifts by the Holy Spirit for upbuilding of the Body of Christ.

I have many Christian brothers and sisters who speak in an unknown tongue, in our prayers together. It seems that they use the unknown tongues to give them time to think about what they are going to pray. I think it would profit them more if they were just silent before God and ask the Holy Spirit to pray for things we don't know of what or how to pray and Him give us revelation truth in God's will. If we ask anything in the Name of Jesus Christ, He said, He would answer. The Holy Spirit will not give revelation in an unknown tongue, lest how would we understand the revelation, so why ask in an unknown tongue, ask in faith, knowing that revelation will come if we listen carefully. He won't give us a stone for bread.

I think it would be better if we prayed in our own understanding and receive approval or correction from the Holy Spirit with understanding that we may be profited for the upbuilding of the Body of Christ.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by boG (), on: 2008/8/8 20:26**

Quote:  
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HAHAHAHA!

That was a great statement.

Speaking in tongues at the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is an evidence for **OTHER PEOPLE!**

It is very simple. **If the Omnipotent Living Spirit of God is in you, how could you not know it?**

People are assuring THEMSELVES that they are baptised in the Holy Ghost because they hear THEMSELVES speak in tongues. Such foolishness.

Great post PaulWest.

**Re:HOLINESS AND TONGUES., on: 2008/8/9 4:48**

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The devil does not hate tongue's, the Devil hates fruit. When we walk in the Spirit, with our cross, we bear the fruit of God, which is the Love of God in Christ Jesus. The fruit of God in the Holy Spirit is the path to Maturity, and is the true mark of the true Christian. "They shall know you are My disciples by your Love one for another"...and, "You shall know them by their fruits...Can a fig tree bear thorns?"

In modern Pentecost, the gift of tongues became the badge of Spirituality by the prideful, and the ticket to acceptance into the "Apostolic Gospel" for many. It became most bizarre, and as Paul West implied, odd. It seems that a gleeful ignorance overrode sensibility as this gift, often mimicked, and in itself divorced from God's Heart, was the endorsement of God Himself; and those who possessed it, real or contrived, surely wanted everyone to know it.

A certain and infamous tattooed evangelist of late intermingled most of his prayers with the "short burst", or "mini blast" of the "Mach II" canonization. Of course, this is not all...following behind is Katherine Kuhlman, Kenneth Hagin, the Pentecostal Healing Evangelists, Tammy Faye and Jim Bakker, CBN, TBN, and Kenny Copeland, Benny Hinn and a plethora of other aberrations of the meek and holy Heart of Jesus.

I believe it was all because of this one deception, that a gift validates you as authentic in God, and the prideful attitudes of Superiority attached to the possessor. This became the mark of God for many, and the only important thing. It was the SEAL, and all thereafter was but the blessing. It became the passport to brotherhood, and the foundation of the Priest Class. Godly Character and holy fruit sat in the back of the bus...way back.

So, in this sense, the devil has used tongues to divide and conquer the church. It, by the way was the tool he used to infiltrate the holy walls of doctrine that stood for 1900 years. He did this in one generation, as multitudes of Catholics entered into the true reformed and protestant fellowship via the Charismatic Ecumenical Renewal, in the 1960s.

And enter they did. The premise was the same mentioned above. They must have the Holy Spirit! They speak in tongues, **as evidence** of Jesus Baptism in the Holy Spirit! Bible Doctrine of repentance and faith was trumped by experience...TONGUES! Papal worshippers of Mary flocked in, rosaries in hand, and they were and are received. The Word of God, and Holy Character were downplayed, and the Charismatic era was upon us. I think of the abomination that makes desolate. It is not the Holy Gift; this is real...but the "Has God Said?" part that grieves me. Satan twisted a gift, as he does quite often, from under the confines of The Word of God, and Oh, the destruction he has brought to us!

We were almost made desolate by it, as a body. We became desperate, and were buried. Now we see better. Tongues are a gift, but Holiness is the only thing that will put you next to the Lamb; the crucified and risen One.



Re: - posted by Zionshield (), on: 2008/8/10 21:00

Hello rbanks,

I haven't had time to be in here, but I wanted to acknowledge your post and thank you for your compliment. God bless you.

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Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2008/8/12 7:31

Quote:

Christinyou wrote:

I always wondered why there is no mention of Jesus speaking in tongues. The Mind of Christ is One with the Father and all good things come down from the Father of Light. Jesus manifested all the other gifts and He is the only true Gifted One. All the Gifts that the Spirit distributes as He pleases are in Jesus. If Christ is in us and we have the Mind of Christ and we are to renew our mind to the Mind of Christ, where are we to be renewed, I don't see speaking in an unknown tongue as having anything to do with being conformed to the image of Christ.

Here is an example of Jesus groaning in the Spirit.

John 11:32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. 34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! 37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? 38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. 39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

Look at v33...Jesus groaned in the spirit.....

It looks very clear to me that there are examples of Jesus praying in a language that nobody could understand.

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered .

Tongues are only the starting point of a prayer life that can lead to deep groanings where you fight and wrestle in prayer with words that cannot be uttered.

Luke 22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground.

Praying earnestly until he was sweating drops of blood. What type of prayer is this?

Matt 26:37-38 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and sore troubled. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: abide ye here, and watch with me.

He began to be sorrowful do you think he sat crying like a kid. What was going on in his spirit that caused him to be exceedingly sorrowful even to the point of death.

Come on people do you think that Jesus was waiting quietly to know what he was going to say do please try and picture Jesus. Groaning and weeping and battling with what he had to face please try and imagine the fight he had on his hands at this point. Here we see Jesus going to levels in prayer that caused him to sweat great drops of blood to the point of death.

There are very clear verses in the bible where Jesus prayed sighs too deep for words; with groans that words cannot express he did not sit and wait quietly and some would have us do.

I ask you what image of Christ do you have?

**Re:, on: 2008/8/12 14:35**

There are many good posts in this thread, many of which I agree with about 95%.

I agree that a tree is known by its fruit, and not by the sound of the wind in the branches. If I speak in the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, it profits NOTHING. A man who has all the fruit of the Spirit but not tongues is filled with the Spirit (though not baptized), but a man who speaks in tongues but doesn't show forth the fruit is deceived into a counterfeit and doesn't have the Holy Spirit abiding within.

I believe tongues are the biblical evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost because that is the common manifestation in the book of Acts -where the Holy Spirit fell, believers spoke in tongues and magnified God.

I have yet to see a man *prove* that he is baptized in the Holy Ghost that has never spoken in tongues. There's no way to prove it. He may have an anointing, be a powerful preacher, etc. (just as John the Baptist) but not be baptized in the Spirit.

Tongues were reserved in the plan of God to be a peculiar New Covenant manifestation of receiving the new measure of the Spirit. They were not made manifest in Old Testament times -none of the prophets or saints of old spoke in tongues. But they did manifest ALL the other gifts of the Spirit (except tongues and interpretation):

- Miracles (Moses in Egypt and in the wilderness, Samson with his strength, Elijah calling down fire, etc.)
- Healing (Abraham prayed and healed a man, Israel in the wilderness in supernatural health, etc., Elisha cured Naaman the leper)
- Faith (Just read Hebrews 11)
- Word of Knowledge (Elisha knew what the enemy King whispered in his bed chamber)
- Word of Wisdom (Solomon had this gift)
- Prophecy (all the prophets prophesied)
- Discerning of spirits (Elisha prayed for his servant's eyes to be opened and he saw the chariots of Israel in the spirit)

BUT THERE ARE NONE WHO SPOKE IN TONGUES.

Being mighty in prayer can't be the evidence of the baptism, otherwise Elijah had it.

Preaching in extraordinary unction and anointing can't be the evidence, otherwise John Baptist had it.

Prophesying can't be the evidence, otherwise even King Saul had the baptism.

Miracles can't be the evidence, otherwise many O.T. saints had it.

But Jesus said it was reserved for His Church, to be a special endowment of the Spirit upon His people so they could be witnesses, and He reserved the speaking in tongues to be the evidence of this new endowment of the Spirit. Tongues are promised to all who believe:

Mar 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

A man doesn't need the "gift of tongues" to speak in tongues initially after receiving the baptism, and a man doesn't need "gifts of healing" to lay hands on the sick and pray the prayer of faith and see them healed, and a man doesn't need "discerning of spirits" in order to cast out demons in Christ's name. These signs are promised to ALL who BELIEVE.

A man is hard-pressed to prove he has the baptism without the New Covenant biblical evidence. He can have all the other gifts of the Spirit... just like Elisha... and not be baptized in the Spirit.

So my dear brethren who love the Lord, who have the anointing of the Holy One abiding within, who have seen evidence of the gifts of the Spirit in your life, but have never spoken in tongues or been consciously clothed with power from on high, I would encourage you to pray for the PROMISE of the SPIRIT by FAITH with the biblical evidence so you can KNOW you have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. You don't need to doubt whether you have it any more than you need to doubt whether Christ has saved you: when it happens you'll KNOW it. And don't just pray for the tongues. Pray for the baptism. When you get a new pair of shoes the tongues come with them. So it is with the baptism, I believe. You don't need to work it up, the Living Waters will flow from your belly and manifest in peculiar utterances of the Spirit when you get the baptism. You don't have to force it any more than you have to force a river to gush down a stream bed, when the river flows, the Living Water will gush forth.

Joh 7:38-39 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (39) (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

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Also of interest:  
<http://smithwigglesworth.com/life/bits.htm>

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**Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/8/12 16:26**

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Excellent "article" - thank you!

**Re: - posted by zenozac, on: 2008/8/12 17:14**

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Really Paul? Did you mean to say millions? For all I know you may be right, but how is it you have come to that conclusion? I am a pentacostal and know quite a few others. Some fit your description, some do not. I would say that in my experience that the description of people who think they are christians, but live a decidedly unchristian life covers all the denominations. (perhaps some more than others). But that is another discussion entirely. You seem to have quite the axe to grind with "pentacostals" in particular. Or does it just seem that way because this topic is on a "pentacostal issue"?

originally I was going to ask you whether you believe that the gift of tongues is for today or not. I believe that was the original question. And then I guess my question for those who say no, "is which other scriptures no longer apply to today's world?"

**Re: Zenozac: Tongues help by faith....but..., on: 2008/8/12 23:46**

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**Re: Evidence - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/8/13 0:04**

Evidence - I do not know that this is the criteria or the expectation, to frame it that way is to put forth an anticipation that may or may not come.

1Co 12:30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

Regardless if this is supposed to be at 'inception' or relegated to the realm of 'gifts' it is still the negation of this very idea. The rhetorical question is answered in it's stating; No. No, they do not all speak with tongues.

The argument is from silence just as much as it is from mention. Putting this idea to new believers or even old for that matter is very much the reason we have the soulish-manipulative imaginings, turned out as audible gibberish that we do. To be coached or taught something that is supposed to come without either is to teach a falsehood and foolishness.

1Co 14:21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

**1Co 14:21-25 -**

In this passage the apostle pursues the argument, and reasons from other topics; as,

I. Tongues, as the Corinthians used them, were rather a token of judgment from God than mercy to any people (1Co\_14:21): *In the law (that is, the Old Testament) it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak to this people; and yet for all this they will not hear me, saith the Lord, Isa\_28:11. Compare Deu\_28:46, Deu\_28:49. To both these passages, it is thought, the apostle refers. Both are delivered by way of threatening, and one is supposed to interpret the*

other. The meaning in this view is that it is an evidence that a people are abandoned of God when he gives them up to this sort of instruction, to the discipline of those who speak in another language. And surely the apostle's discourse implies, "You should not be fond of the tokens of divine displeasure. God can have no gracious regards to those who are left merely to this sort of instruction, and taught in language which they cannot understand. They can never be benefited by such teaching as this; and, when they are left to it, it is a sad sign that God gives them over as past cure." And should Christians covet to be in such a state, or to bring the churches into it? Yet thus did the Corinthian preachers in effect, who would always deliver their inspirations in an unknown tongue.

Mathew Henry

This excerpt is not a statement whatsoever, just a piece for consideration, all of the sections in 1 Cor 12 through 14 and all the others mentioning tongues ought to be read through from his commentary. And not just his, but others as well. This is not a simple matter and I recognize the various arguments - But at the same time the abuse and ... stupidity that is so prevalent in our day ... Coming from this construct and repeating it again redundantly here would be wearing. It is not one incident that would turn me sour but many. I have no issues whatsoever where it may be indeed true, but unfortunately that is the very area where the evidence is lacking.

**Martyrs - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/8/13 0:21**

Not to be in any way flippant, but it occurred to me ... Why might not martyrdom be the 'evidence' of being baptized in the Spirit? Seems to be quite a weight of evidence towards this ...

Just to get us thinking.

Incidents or precedents?

**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2008/8/13 11:55**

Quote:

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PaulWest wrote:

Well, now, I don't think the devil is half concerned with tongues as he is with the Word of God. A more accurate statement, I think, would be to say the devil will do everything in his power to keep you from saturating yourself in the Word of God. Millions pray and speak in tongues each week, believing they are Spirit-filled, yet these same live wretched, defeated lives outside the church building all week long.

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Paul I ask how many more read their bible every week and don't know the Author. How much of them have wretched defeated lives.

Quote:  
-----A Christian immersed in the Word, however, gets blessed discernment, sobriety, wisdom, knowledge, light, patience, humility, charity; God begins to teach him that tongues are insignificant  
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What nonsense is this you don't get these things mentioned above because you're immersed in the Word.

Does it not say in the Word

1Cor 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law.

The things you mention are gifts and fruits of the Spirit. They are not because you read your bible they are there because of the Spirit of God that lives in you.

Quote:  
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Again you can look at the same about churches that have bibles but are dull, formal, blah, flat, humdrum, stale, tiresome, worn out, repetitious and dead. Being led by The Very Reverended I AM Jolly. Having no knowledge of God having never known Jesus.

Look at what the bible says about Elijah.

Jas 5:17 Elijah was a man of like passions with us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth for three years and six months.

Please notice it did not say Elijah a man who was immersed in the Torah.

No it said Elijah a man with the same passions as us prayed.

So you think that the Devil is not scared of a man who prays fervently in the Spirit or if I could put it this way a man who talks in tongues, groans, weeps and travails. I would say you are wrong and this is why the Devil sows so much division around this issue.

Jesus said "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"

Prayer is very important and the Devil and the Devil knows it.

That why there is so much division over the of talking in tongues he wants to hold people back.

Tongues are a weapon because the force behind tongues is the Holy Spirit and for this reason the Devil does not want you to use it.

Seeing prayer as a part of God's war arsenal can be difficult for some believers to grasp.

Tradition teaches us that our prayers only touch God and that in order to be holy we should be quiet and still. However, the Bible declares that effective fervent prayer releases God's power (James 5:16).

Colin Robert Murray

**Re: - posted by zenozac, on: 2008/8/13 14:48**

Thanks Colin, for your post. You are able to say more clearly what I was trying to say.

I would still like to hear from Paul West about the question of his anger towards "pentacostals".

I would also be interested to hear from those who say tongues is not for today. Please reveal to me which other scriptures and what other things Jesus said are not for today.

Brother Tom, I am in complete agreement with the list of names you present as people who have done much harm to the gospel. But we do not follow men, but Jesus Christ alone. How does their bad behavior affect our christianity? I am not quoting them. I am quoting Jesus.

Jesus said it in Mark 16:15-18

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Find no contradiction here?

Re: Zenozac: Tongues help by faith, but fruit and holiness matter., on: 2008/8/13 18:40

zenozac....My post was not about the bad character of those that I mentioned, My post was the fact that gifts are but a vehicle to allow you to bear Godly Character. There are no gifts in Heaven, but our fruit will follow us into Heaven, where it is exposed whether we love God, or not.

The people I mentioned simply act, or acted, upon the perversion of exalting a gift, primarily tongues, as an endorsement of being baptised in the Holy Spirit, while their lives deny him in their display of greed and overt selfishness. It was, and is a case in point.

Speaking in tongues is utterly useless, if the fruit of your life is carnal...for all to see. It proves nothing, except possibly in the annals of your own mind and those of your peers. 1st cor: 13.....sounding brass, clanging symbols..."it profits me nothing."

Those that do, enter into error, for their is pride in that reasoning...that the gift endorses you. It does not. "you shall know them by their FRUIT!", not tongues , or gifts of any sort. That is the point of 1Cor"13". Character and fruit matter.

I listed these icons and leaders to accentuate the bizzare nature of some who are received as leaders, and proudly speak in tongues, are pentecostal mostly, and yet have such an ungodly and greedy lifestyle.

For the reason of your inability to see that, I have my original post below:

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**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2008/8/13 19:07**

Mike,

But the fruit of immersion in the Word are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law.

In Gal 5:22-23 it does not say the above it says the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT are.

When Paul mentioned Word of God I took it to mean the bible. The bible is only words on paper they are powerless without the backing of the Holy Spirit.

Without the Spirit revealing God and his Son through the bible you will not understand them.

For Paul to say

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This is wrong because the same SPIRIT that brings life and revelation to the Bible also causes believers to talk in tongues.

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.

Why would the same Spirit that reveals the Word teach that Tongues are insignificant. When he is the one that also causes us to talk in tongues.

Is he saying maybe the Spirit is selective and will only reveal truth through the bible when we have hidden sin and will not operate in the tongue talking part.

I hope my point is clear know it's the Spirit behind everything that causes fruit, that brings revelation, that causes conviction of sin, that brings repentance, that causes us to love, that causes us to be patient, that allows to heal the sick, to cast out devils, to speak in tongues, that causes us to be Holy, sober, strong, disciplined, wise the list could go on and on.

But the Spirit will not teach tongues are insignificant in any circumstance. That would be a different spirit messing with you

our thoughts.

Colin Robert Murray

**why?, on: 2008/8/13 20:15**

why o why o why, must we continue to devour one another?

and for what?

to be "right"?

this very thread is a stench unto the Lord, and should be locked.

It is no longer a "discussion", but a religiostic mud slinging fest that brings no Glory to God.

If I was a "seeker", not knowing the Riches of Christ, and this was the first thing I read, in an internet quest to....investigate the church, and those who follow Jesus.....I don;t even want to complete that sentence.

Lord have mercy, please.

**Re: - posted by Zionshield (), on: 2008/8/14 0:37**

Col.3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Eph.5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

The Lord has helped us immensely by making it so that even a quick comparison of these text (you would need to read the entire context) reveals to us that letting the Word of Christ dwell within you richly has the identical effect as being filled with the Spirit.

In discussing these and any issues it is not the authority of a man that wins his hearer. It is only the careful scrutiny of truth by navigating through the Word of God, unbiased and willing to be wrong on any point. I say willing to be wrong, because he may very well be and will need the submission that is an evidence of being filled with the Spirit (see the above text in its entirety) It is coming to the table together to examine what He has said to us...us, eternal kinsmen that love each other and lay our lives down for each other.

Let me speak to a brother like this, for I know he loves God's Word and does not trust himself. He knows he can be deceived and must in the fear of God rightly divide the Word of truth. He dare not interpret scripture with his experiences. Any other conversation is worthless and uninviting.

**Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/8/14 1:20**

Just as the drinking of pure water cleanses the body of impurities - so does the drinking of the Word purify us spiritually - but only inasmuch that we have not partaken of so much of the world that our pores are clogged by it's pollutants. As we are cleansed, the beauty of His Son begins to shine through and we are led deeper and deeper into the meaning of all He has put before us. His Word unlocks the mysteries that have been contained throughout the ages. He is contained within the Word - but not constrained.

Re:, on: 2008/8/14 3:03

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Amen, brother Tom! While I believe that the "biblical" and "official" evidence of being baptized in the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues (I'm not sure if you do or not), I agree completely that the gifts are in the Church for a good reason: not to exalt "gifted" or "anointed" men, but to exalt Christ, edify the saints, and lead sinners to having a revelation of God and bring them to repentance. In other words, the gifts are not an end in themselves, but a *means* to an end, the end being the glory of God, the edification of saints, and the salvation of sinners. And among the saints they **MUST** bear fruit and increase the godliness of believers, or else they are vain. Speaking in tongues is but a clanging symbol if we have not love and walk in sanctification by faith.

Also, Paul West has said some very good things in this thread too, and I personally and heartily agree with most of what he said. I think some of the \*disagreements\* are a matter of semantics. Brothers Tom and Paul are **NOT** discrediting the gifts, they are putting them in proper perspective. There's been so much abuse in this area it is needful that we put these things in the right perspective...

but in doing so, let's keep it biblical -The Apostle Paul DID preach the gifts in 1 Cor. 12. "Now concerning spiritual gifts brethren I would not have you to be ignorant". We need to preach Christ and Him crucified, and not only crucified, but also glorified, and the baptism with the Holy Ghost is the proof of His glorification. There's a great need among the remnant of God in these last days to receive and administer the baptism and gifts of the HOLY Spirit among the Body of Christ to prepare the last days bride for the soon coming Bridegroom. The spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus, and all the saints need to walk in the spirit of prophecy as the last great apostasy and deception falls upon the earth like a thief in the night, or else without knowing their Master's voice they will fall and be destroyed (spiritually). These are perilous times and we need not only inward graces, but demonstrative power to tear down the strongholds of Satan and we need the real power of the Holy Spirit to withstand the wiles of the devil.

Re: Zion shield and Josef-Urban..tongues!, on: 2008/8/14 11:26

Wow! I was very impressed with the clarity and depth of both of your posts. It cuts through to the heart, and intent of God himself, and that is to "Bring many son's into perfection!"

"Earnestly desire the greater gifts, and especially that you may prophecy!" God gave us gifts, both for our individual edification.."he that speaks in tongues edifies himself", and for the body, which we are joined to as individual members in particular...."but he who prophesies edifies the BODY!"

In itself, without devotion to the Cross of Jesus, any gift may be squandered. Baalim was a real prophet, with a real gift. The angel of God appeared to him, and gave him a commission personally, and in spite of himself, He was used to destroy Balak and all of Canaan. when we demand that people line up with our perceptions of "Spirit Baptism", we get in to trouble. Let God do that. Let them seek God, and let God be the Giver.

Azusa street was built on this foundation, and sometimes people waited for YEARS...but when that happened..trust me, it was real.

I had a Finney type conversion. Waves of Presence flowed over me, and through me, like ocean waters....for days. I led many people to Christ immediately. Yet, I do not remember when I began to speak in tongues. Today, it is a very, very intimate thing with me...between me, and my God. This has been much more intimate than any relations I have ever had, say with my wife. I cannot pray like this in the presence of anyone. It is sacred to me. My spirit is bared, and I am naked, only clothed by Mercies from Jesus throne.

One of the great benefits I do possess from this gift, is that I can pray without ceasing...and all of you with the gift of tongues know what I mean. I pray silently, but I pray, wherever or whatever I do. I do not know how people get along without it...but obviously, as the Generals of faith I mentioned above, many have, and do quite well at it.

We must look at it this way, that you brothers have written, lest we bring division in our ignorance. I, as many here, have had the privilege to see many believe on Jesus, and repent, that never heard there was a Jesus before.

At the point of their acknowledgement of faith, I explained that I would lay hands on them, and the Holy Spirit would enter them, and dwell with them. This was done matter of fact-ly, and I did....right then and there. If you can receive it, I could see, as they passed from death, into life. Their faces became radiant, and they lifted their heads and hands to Heaven. Some manifested joy as described in Acts 2. They were genuinely saved, and were baptized later. I do not recall any bursting into tongues, but that was none of my business. I have seen that happen too, in other settings.

Just my input. I hope to be conformed into His living image, and surely have a long way to go. God loves me, and that's my biggest gift.

**Re: - posted by zenozac, on: 2008/8/14 15:18**

Sorry Brothertom, perhaps I should have said I am for the most part in agreement with your post. Instead of how I said it.

maybe the confusion here is over what I am posting about.

The original question is whether or not tongues are still for today. NOT about their importance or place in our spiritual lives. It has morphed into many other discussions which I was not intending to part in.

But you spent the majority of your post pointing out "pentacostal leaders" who have gone wrong. You were defending Paul's rant as I asked him why is he so angry at "pentacostals".

This is a part of your quote which again seems to be taking a shot at pentacostals;

"Speaking in tongues is utterly useless, if the fruit of your life is carnal...for all to see. It proves nothing, except possibly in the annals of your own mind and those of your peers. 1st cor: 13.....sounding brass, clanging symbols..."it profits me nothing."

I agree with the statement entirely except for the useless shot you seem to be taking at me. Do you know me and my peers? And did I say anything of the nature that tongues proves something? BUT, You single out speaking in tongues and there is a lot more to it than just that small part you chose to quote. Which of the other gifts of the spirit are useful if the fruit of your life is carnal?? Let me be clear speaking in tongues is but one gift of the same spirit. And pointing out people who have allowed the devil to take over and pervert their lives is something that is useless! Unless you are trying to imply, in any way, that one of GODS gifts is a cause of their bad behavior, which is outrageous!

I am certain we could put together a list of "non pentacostals" who have fallen. But what would be the point/

**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2008/8/14 22:14**

Quote:  
-----In 1Co 13:10, what is the word 'perfect' referring to? We see in the next two verses that nothing is perfect until it is complete, that would indicate that the 'perfect' thing has to be complete first. Then it says that faith, hope and charity would abide after the 'perfect' comes. The 'perfect' here can not be referring to Christ because Christ is already complete and after Christ comes we would not need faith nor hope.  
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1Co 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

1Co 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

1Co 13:10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

1Co 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

1Co 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Could it be that the 'perfect' which the apostle Paul was talking about in 1Cor 13:10 refers rather to our 'glorified being' which he also mentioned in 1Cor 15:50-53:

50Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

**Re: zanazac, on: 2008/8/15 7:31**

"Right now I was just wondering who thought what, on the topic? "Pattybetta", original post

1 The post is a general topic, znc, not just about the relevance of tongues today.

2 It is a thread, znc, which means that it develops like a conversation. You respond, not dictate. If you were not intending to be involved, why are you?

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As far as whether some believe that speaking in tongues "proves something", it is absolutely a correct statement. Many do, and if you read the thread, and considered what OTHER people said, we were talking about the "sign" of tongues, as EVIDENCE of being Baptized in the Spirit.

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Again, you missed the forest because of all those trees. I wasn't attacking Pentecostalism. I am a pentecostal, except that the word connotes a denominational affiliation today, and that, I am not. I would bet a nickel that I speak with tongues more than you all. I am a Spirit filled believer, who happens to have the graces of tongues, that God has given me, to better worship Him, in prayer, and in Praise. It is also a very personal and private thing, as our prayer life is commanded to be.

My contribution to this thread, and ideas, are that no gift is a validation of your status with God. By comparison, I ass

essed the obvious facts of Character, or lack there of, in gifted people, and showed and use Scripture, and Biblical example, to say that fruit matters....Love and merciful lives...not gifted ones. It so happens that tongues are the load stone of debate and validation on this issue. We are talking about tongues, remember?

Christians go to Heaven, ZNC, not denominations, and yes, there are wolves and deceivers, and carnal people in and out of every denomination. God looks at the Character of Himself in his sons, to receive them or, alas , to reject them as not being one of His own.

So, it is very, very important to realize this, and to live your life accordingly. Just because you speak in tongues, does NOT make you HOLY. It is simply a tool that may help. Bearing your cross, denying yourself, and following Jesus is the thing that creates a Holy life.

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Otherwise, you will be frustrated, and frustrate others, when you post. Listen, and try to understand, and be loving.

I have failed here, also, and am learning to drink my own medicine. brother Tom

**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2008/8/15 7:40**

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**Re: - posted by zenozac, on: 2008/8/15 12:54**

"You accused me of directing my posts at fallen Pentecostals. Perhaps 10% of the two were , to point out that character and holiness are paramount in our walk, not any gift."

No Tom, I responded to your reply to me. Where you did spent the majority of your post pointing out "pentacostal leaders" who had fallen. As you did for me, here is your reply post to me. Read this and tell me you did not spend the majority of this post, as I said, pointing out "pentacostals bad behavior".

All I said in response to you was that "Brother Tom, I am in complete agreement with the list of names you present as people who have done much harm to the gospel. But we do not follow men, but Jesus Christ alone. How does their bad behavior affect our christianity? I am not quoting them. I am quoting Jesus. Jesus said it in Mark 16:15-18"

"Paul has a point though. Because of TBN, and many high profile charismatic ministries over the last 30 years, the Pentecostals have been lumped together with them. The world in general holds these icons somewhere between a laughing stock and clownish caricatures of what the christian IS.

Kathryn Kuhlman , Jimmy Swaggart's debacle, "I have sinned!", and then more, and then "NO" to any correction, Tammy Faye's 50,000 dollar dog house, and those eyelashes, with 8 pounds of makeup and a Dolly Parton wig heaped high, while thieving millions....TBN's bizarre tuxedo's and candlelight hedonism bilking millions and millions, Benny Hinn, Cope land, Hagee, Creflo, Schuller, Hagin, Oral's plea for millions or else....he would die...and the neo-prophetic carnival of Bentley, the apostolic Alliance, Bob Jones, Paul Cain...and let us not forget the motivational humanists of the emerging church, and Olsteen, and 29 other mega-churches who embrace the Pagan prosperity gospel....but hold tongues up as the PROOF, that they are the ones, who hold the mighty Baptism in His holy Spirit. These are NATIONAL figures....ICONS of American Hedonism to most, masquerading in religious robes. Maybe this was the point that Paul West makes.

It is pointless to proceed. I could go on, and you know it. Of course, there are Pentecostals that are genuine , cross bearing and loving , fruit bearing disciples. I hope so, for I speak in tongues, in my private prayer life, every day of my life. The issue , I believe , is one of Godly character, and holiness....not the gifts. The gifts are given, SO that, we would bear Holy and Godly Fruit, not PROVE that we have attained a deeper experience with our Creator.

We are not to preach gifts, but Christ Crucified. It is not a badge of attainment. It is proof of nothing except you were graced with something you did not earn, that could help you attain intimacy and a holy relationship with your Maker. This is what Christ Jesus is pursuing in his Bride, and is attracted to; a Garment of white...of purity...of Holiness and Love emanating to Himself, His family, and a dying and dark world.

Tongues may help you on this journey; it may not...but the impression I get with many who focus upon it primarily, is that Pride has deceived them. "You shall know them by their fruits." Not Gifts, and especially a private, personal one like tongues, given to assist your Worship life. It is definitely not an endorsement of the Holy Spirit, proven by the Love in our lives alone."



In response to me here is one of the paragraphs you wrote "Speaking in tongues is utterly useless, if the fruit of your life is carnal...for all to see. It proves nothing, except possibly in the annals of your own mind and those of your peers. 1st cor: 13.....sounding brass, clanging symbols..."it profits me nothing."

" It proves nothing, except possibly in the annals of your own mind and those of your peers."

Thought I would copy this part twice so you would see it. I accept that you were not talking about me specifically because you said so. But when you say "you and your peers" you should expect someone to think you meant "them and their peers" So perhaps you should just lose the attitude.

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Thanks for the advise, but that is what I thought I was doing. I made a simple post and have only been responding to your replys.

I made a statement that IF you were pointing out these fallen leaders to make a point about tongues that that would be outrageous. I did not say anything of the nature that you were saying that, Again I did not understand yours or Pauls reasons for posts pointing out "fallen pentacostal tongue talkers". It seems obvious that there are fallen leaders across the board of christian beliefs.

It is you who has responded with offense in each of your replys. I did not mean to offend and have tried only to clarify my point. As it seemed you did not understand what I was trying to say. I am not a great writer and typing is difficult for me. So sometimes my point does not come through.

But here are some of your responses to me. And i really cannot take any offense from you as I do not even know you. And again on the type written post it is impossible to detect tone or truly discern emotion.

"For the reason of your inability to see that, I have my original post below:"

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This is good advice Brothertom, remove your plank and I will remove mine! I am unhappy we got to this point, but for the sake of all it needs to end. As you said I have also failed in this area. Hopefully we learn and do better next time, zen ozac

**Re: Murrclor....the standard, on: 2008/8/15 13:30**

I did not entirely understand the point of your post, though I agree with your assessment of the fact that we are all carnal to some degree.

If you are referring to my post, about tongues being useless, they in themselves, by claiming them, or operating in the gifting of them do not necessarily profit a man, if he does not love God, and bear his cross.

You left out one thing about the flesh, and the carnal, and that is that Paul also said that if you continue in these carnal ways, you would die. He also wrote a list of carnality that stated that Christian or not, that if you lived unrepentant in these carnal sins, you would not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

So tongues are not useless because you are carnal in nature...they are in fact valuable if in your prayers and relationship with the Father, and the use of tongues, they would help lead you into overcoming; and that is to overcome..

**the world, the Flesh, and the Devil.**

This is the "standard" that I set in the tone of my posts. I simply stated that some consider tongues the "end all", and a more spiritual level of Christianity, and that is not true. Some denominations make tongues the standard for admission, and consider those who speak in tongues the "higher level", and deeper Christian...IE..and endorsement of maturity or God's blessing. Some consider it as the only sign of the Baprtism of the Holy Spirit, and some believe that if you do not speak in tongues, you are not SAVED!

This is a lie. I pointed out some who speak in tongues, that are leaders in the charismatic world, with great followings, that are indeed heretics, and lead lavish and carnal lifestyles, and are greedy liars.

What good is that gift to them, or to you or I, if we end up in Hell?

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**Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2008/8/15 14:48**

The point of my post was to challenge the thought processes that brought about this statement.

Tongues are useless because of hidden sin(carnality)

If they use this standard on the matter of tongues then they must use this same standard when it comes to everything we do in our Christian life. One of them being when we pray in our natural language this would make your prayer time in any form useless.

Or we would be hypocrites.

We then have to look at ourselves and ask Lord is my hands clean is my heart pure. The answer would be no. We are not good enough not one of us.

We get on our high horse about the men and women mentioned on this thread. We look at them how wrong how bad they are. Yes their hearts are wicked but you know what our hearts are wicked to.

What would happen if they repented of what they were doing and started coming to the church you attend? Would you allow them in? Would you talk to them? Would there be any ill feeling in you?

Please be honest....

If God has given us a prayer language then let's use it. Tongues is a small part of the big picture. It's a gift that helps to pray when we don't know what to pray.

Don't throw the baby out with the bath water...

**Re:to Pritybetta - posted by zenozac, on: 2008/8/15 19:27**

I was hoping someone at some point would answer a question, but so far none have bothered. \Since you started this post and are obviously very read up on this subject, I will pose this simple question to you.

What other scriptures and what other quotes of Jesus are not for today? If we are throwing out Mark 16: 15-18 for one among others. What else?

**Tongues - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/8/15 21:51**

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