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Why Speak In Tongues?

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Introduction

This condensed Book contains the same information that is in Three Mini-Books, “**Why Tongues?**” Parts One, Two, and Three.

Why speak in tongues? Simply, because, God wants to speak to His Children without the Devil knowing what God is saying. God also wants His Children to speak to Him without the Devil knowing what His Children are saying.

God loves those who are His Children and does not want the Devil controlling what His Children are doing. It is interesting to know and understand what God is doing in these last days.

God does not do things the way the world does things. When we learn how God does things, then we will know what is of God and what is not of God?

Let me give an example of how God does things? Many years ago, a brother in the LORD told of how he got started into the full-time ministry. At about the age of thirty, he and his wife made a decision, he had to answer the call of God in his life. He quit his job and partitioned off a small room in a building they had rented to hold church services. That small room he used as his “prayer closet.”

Every day he spent at least eight hours “praying in the Spirit.” He said, if he could work eight hours a day for the world, he could spend eight hours a day working for the LORD, “praying in the Spirit.”

For months he was faithful to spend at least eight hours a day, “praying in the Spirit.” Everything you can imagine came against his mind. Everything you can think of concerning what he should be doing to provide for his family came at him. The thoughts in his mind were constantly coming against him as he was continuing to pray in the Spirit eight hours a day. He continued praying in the Spirit for many months.

Then one day, a woman whom he knew came and invited him to attend a meeting of her denomination. Now, her denomination didn’t believe in “speaking in tongues,” but it seemed to him, to be a chance for him to get out of the prayer closet for a short time. He decided he would go to the meetings.

While at the meeting, he sat in the back of the room. He had gotten to the meeting a little late, and did not notice the elderly woman sitting next to him came in using a crutch to walk with.

During the meeting, he looked over toward the elderly woman sitting next to him, and it was as though he had x-ray vision. He saw, as it was her hip socket. It had a dark substance around the ball joint, extending three or four inches down the leg.

As he saw this, he started to pray, “*Oh God, Oh God, what is this? Do You want me to pray for this woman? God, what in the world do You want me to do?*” God did not respond.

After a while he said to the woman, “*Ma’am, you have trouble with your hip!*” She turned and looked at him, and all of a sudden the word “*arthritis*” came out of his mouth. Then he said, “*It’s arthritis in your hip!*” She said, “*That’s what the doctor tells me, young man!*” Excited, he said, “*God wants to heal you. Ma’am, may I pray for you?*” The woman was thinking he must mean when he gets home, so she said to him, “*Yes, you may pray for me!*”

As soon as she said that, he leaped out of his chair, laid hands upon her and prayed. The LORD healed her instantly, and she leaped up shouting and praising the LORD for what God had done. The whole assembly got up in wonder. They had never seen a miracle and healing like that in their church.

Following that meeting, people were healed, and baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. The LORD opened up this brother’s full-time ministry that day. This Brother in the LORD has been flowing in “the gifts of the Spirit” ever since; healing and miracles happen wherever he goes.

Even today, with more than thirty-five years of being in the full time ministry, this Brother in the LORD continues to “pray in the Spirit” for many hours, every day. He knows that the anointing he needs to do the work of the ministry is dependent upon Him continually “praying in the Spirit,” every day.

God loves those who are His Children and does not want the Devil controlling what His Children are doing. God also wants His Children to **“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding...In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths”** (Prov. 3:5,6).

God is love. True Love always prefers others before themselves. The Devil is a devil. He has no love in him.

The Devil wants to control people. From the beginning, the Devil wanted to be like God. In Isaiah 14:12-14 it tells us about the Devil, who was first created as Lucifer, an arch angel in the heavens. It says, **“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!...For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north...I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”**

God has a better plan for His Children here on earth. God’s plans go way beyond this earth, into eternity with God. Eternity forever with God is what God has planned for those who choose to do His will, and not their own will. Jesus said, **“...I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me”** (John 5:30). This is God’s plan for our lives also. To follow Jesus, doing things the same way Jesus did them.

One thing that God does not want His Children doing, is the same thing that Lucifer did. God does not want His Children *“exalting themselves above God.”* God does not want His Children *“walking in pride and controlling others.”*

In James 4:6,7 it says, **“...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble...Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”** This is what Jesus did in His lifetime here on earth. Jesus submitted Himself to God and resisted the Devil. God wants His Children to become like Jesus in everything they do.

In heaven, God the Father is in control of everything that happens. The Father loves His Son, whom we call Jesus Christ. The Father loves those who are His Children “in Christ.” Because God is love, He uses “tongues” to speak to His Children. God also uses “tongues” for His Children to speak to Him.

Spoken words control spirits. When we speak the Word of God, spirits must obey. God uses our tongues to speak His will. That is one way His will is being done in our lives.

Have you ever considered what true prophecy is? True prophecy is **“God using people to speak His Word, by the unction of the Holy Spirit.”** What an honor it is to be chosen by God, to speak His Word by the unction of the Holy Spirit from within us.

Speaking in tongues is the same as true prophecy. When we are speaking in tongues, the words we are speaking come by the help of the Holy Spirit, working in us and through us to do the will of God in our lives.

When we are speaking in tongues, the Devil does not know what we are saying. The Devil does not understand “tongues.” The Devil does not have any control over what we say, when we speak in “tongues.”

True prophecy always comes to pass. It cannot fail, for it is the Holy Spirit giving us the words to speak. Tongues are the same. What we speak in tongues will surely come to pass. When we speak in tongues, God’s will is being done in our lives according to what we speak in tongues.

The Devil hates it when Christians speak in tongues. He does not know what they are saying.

But one thing for sure is that, the will of God is being done in our lives when we speak in tongues. Look at what it says in Romans 8:26,27. It says, **“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...And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”**

When we pray in tongues, we are praying the perfect will of God for our lives. God’s perfect will is being done in our lives when we pray in the Spirit. The words we speak while praying in tongues will cause things to happen in the spiritual realm that the Devil cannot stop.

It is interesting to know and understand what God is doing in these last days when we speak in tongues. God does not do things the way the world does things. When we learn how God does things, then we will know what is of God and what is not of God? Many times we will see the results of what we wanted to pray for, but did not know how to pray.

There was a time when a sister in the LORD got into an automobile accident and the left side of her face was all cut up by flying glass. I met her in the hospital just after she came down from the emergency room. When the doctor came in with the x-rays, he examined her face very closely. He then said to her, *“There are no broken bones, but there is a lot of damage. Part of your eyelash is missing, and part of your eyebrow is missing. There is no place on your body where I can get eyebrows or eyelashes from at this time. All I can do is sew you up and after it is healed somewhat we can send you to another hospital about 100 miles away and they will be able to graft in some eyelashes and eyebrows.”*

After the doctor left the room she said to me, *“We are not going to accept that are we?”* I said *“No, let’s pray!”* I began to pray in the Spirit (*unknown* tongues). I must have prayed (in an *unknown* tongue) at least five minutes or more when she said to me, *“Is that all you are going to do is pray in the Spirit?”* I said to her, *“Let the Holy Spirit do what He wants to do,”* and I continued to pray in the Spirit (*unknown* tongues).

After praying in the Spirit for quite some time, words began to come out of my mouth in English. I began to say, *“In the name of Jesus I command the eyelashes to be there. In the name of Jesus I command the eyebrows to be there. In the name of Jesus I command the tear glands to be whole and working. In the name of Jesus I command the eye muscles to be working properly. In the name of Jesus I command 20 -20 vision in her eyes.”* Then, un-expectantly these words came out of my mouth *“And she will be in church on Sunday.”* When I heard myself say that, my mind stopped my spirit from praying. I could not believe in my mind that she would be in Church on Sunday. It was about 6:00 PM on Friday at that time.

Following the prayer, they took her up to surgery. About 11:00 PM the doctor came to me and said, *“Praise the LORD! The eyebrows and eyelashes were all there. The tear glands were fine. Everything was there, all I had to do was sew her up.”*

What I did not realize at the time was that when I started to “pray in the Spirit,” I thought it was my idea. I thought I was doing what I wanted to do, the way I thought it should be done. I was not sure what to pray, so I started by “praying in the Spirit” (Rom. 8:26,27).

As I was praying in the Spirit for quite some time, I started to command healing in the name of Jesus. In the natural, I knew that is what we were told to do in the Word. Therefore, I did not give it any thought as to what I was saying. To me it seemed to be normal for a Christian to command healing in the name of Jesus.

But, when I heard myself say *“And she will be in church on Sunday,”* my mind stopped my spirit from praying. I could not believe in my mind that she would be in Church on Sunday.

What I did not realize is that the Holy Spirit had shifted me over from my personal prayer language of “praying in the Spirit” to a ministry gift of “speaking in tongues.”

God wants to use Christians to speak His Word, so He can do His will here on earth. When we speak in tongues, we are giving God the authority to use our tongue to do His will here on earth. The Devil does not like it when we speak in tongues, because he cannot control what we are saying when we speak in tongues.

Let us do things God's way, not the Devil's way. Speaking in tongues is God's way of using us to do His will.

Why Tongues? Part One

There are many advantages to speaking in tongues. As Christians, we need to know the plan and purpose of God for our lives. We need to be taught by God, not by the world and certainly not by the Devil.

When we receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, we also receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit at the same time. Once we receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit, God can teach us all things.

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The desire for the anointing of the Holy Spirit within us should be the greatest desire in our lives. Why should Christians depend upon men to teach them, when God wants to teach us all things?

Any Christian, who wants God to teach them needs the anointing within them. This does not mean that God does not use Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers to teach within the churches.

A true Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, or Teacher, will teach “from his spirit,” under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, not “from his mind of the flesh.” God operates in and through man from man’s spirit. Whereas, the world operates through man from his mind.

It is “the anointing” within us that does the teaching. When we are taught by the anointing within us, the Devil is not able to stop us from learning the truth that can set us free of all the works of the Devil.

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Why Tongues? Part Three

Tongues are a way of speaking to God, and not to men. When we speak in tongues, no man understands what we are saying. Even the Devil does not know what we are saying, and therefore, he cannot control what we say.

God is our Father, and we should always keep up our relationship and fellowship with God. To keep up our fellowship with God we need to talk to God. Praying in the Spirit is talking to God.

Jesus set the example for us in His life here on earth. When Jesus had a need, He talked to God. When Jesus needed food to feed four and five thousand people, He prayed, talking to God and God answered His prayer. When Lazarus had died, and Jesus went to raise him from the dead, it says, **“And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me...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...And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth”** (John 11:41-43).

When Christians know how to pray, they will get answers to their prayers. It is knowing how to pray and “Who to pray to” that gets answers to our prayers.

Many times we face things in our lives that do not look good in the natural. If we do not do something about them, fear will come. Fear is a spirit that is not sent from God. In 2 Timothy 1:7 it says, **“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”** In 1 John 4:18 it says, **“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”**

There were many times that the weather forecasts were not good. There would be reports of tornados, high winds, heavy rains, flooding, and a lot of damage caused by the weather. Christians should not let the weather destroy what God has given us. Christians should take authority over the weather, and rebuke the Devil in his plans to destroy in our lives.

In January of 2008 there was an ice storm. It started way down in the south central states of the United States. I saw the reports on the Television news. I first saw the reports of ice forming on the trees, which were falling on the Electrical Power Lines, causing a loss of electricity and icy roads, causing many accidents. I noticed in the reports they were showing damage in Kentucky and Tennessee, and it was moving northward. The next day the same was happening in Missouri and southern Illinois. It kept coming north toward Wisconsin. The next day it was in northern Illinois and still coming toward Wisconsin.

All during this time we were getting some light snow. When I saw it was still coming toward Wisconsin I prayed, *“LORD, we do not want that ice here, we do not need trees down and power lines down. I thank You LORD! There will not be any ice storms here.”*

The next day it was snowing here where I live on the north side of Milwaukee. As I watched the weather reports on the Television, they said that the rain and ice came as far as Interstate I-94 from Madison to down town Milwaukee. North of Interstate I-94, until State Highway 190, all there was is some slippery streets. North of State Highway 190 all there was is snow, no rain and no ice.

On April 29th & 30th, 2010, there were weather reports of tornados, high winds, hail, and much destruction caused by weather in the southern states. In some states there were tornados and flooding, including some deaths reported. As it kept moving northward, the reports kept coming, expecting high winds, hail, lightening, thunder storms, and destruction in southeastern Wisconsin.

The weather reports continued to come. On Thursday afternoon I prayed, *“LORD, we do not need any destruction, or power outages here. I thank You LORD! We will not have any damage from the weather.”*

Friday the reports were still coming, speaking of hail, and possible tornados. It began to rain

on Friday evening, and for about ten minutes, there was lightening and thunder. Within about three hours it was all over, the rain had gone over Lake Michigan. We did not have any reports of damage in the Milwaukee area. Once we have prayed a short prayer like the ones above, we can then pray in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows what we are praying about, and He will get the answer we need.

Christians who try to work things out in their natural mind by their own ability, usually struggle with things for years. God has a better plan and a better way of working things together for our good.

Some Christians have been praying over situations in their lives for years. They keep praying and praying and see no results. In Luke 18:1 it says, **“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.”** We know that Jesus taught His disciples to pray.

In Luke 11:1 it says, **“And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”** Jesus then answered His disciples, saying, **“...When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth...Give us day by day our daily bread...And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil”** (Luke 11:2-4).

There were certain things that Jesus taught His disciples (things that they could do at that time—before the Holy Spirit was given). Keeping in mind that the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified (John 7:39). Therefore, Jesus was teaching His disciples “Faith,” which means **“how to live by faith”** (Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38; 11:6).

Prayer is very important in the lives of all Christians. But, prayer should be addressed to God. Therefore, Jesus said the first thing in praying is to look to God for all our answers to prayer. The next thing is keep God as the supply of all our daily needs. Thirdly, is to forgive us as we forgive others. Fourthly, is keep us from evil.

In Matthew, 6:7,8, Jesus said, **“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking...Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.”** When we understand that God knows what we have need of, even before we ask, we do not need to spend a lot of time telling God everything He already knows. We need to pray, and ask God, but do not tell God how to answer our prayer. God already knows what we need, He is waiting for us to ask Him. James tells us, “We have not, because we ask not...” (James 4:2).

Prayer is a very important part of a Christian’s life. Prayer is addressing our Father in heaven of our needs here on earth.

God is love (1 John 4:8). Love never forces anyone to do anything (1 Cor. 13:4-7). God will not force anyone to do anything. God will not go against our will.

God knows everything including every thought that enters our minds. God is waiting for us to pray so, He can answer our prayer. In Isaiah 65:24, it says, **“And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”**

What Jesus could not teach His disciples at that time, He sent the Holy Spirit to teach us. Jesus said in John 16:7, **“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”** Then in John 16:12,13, Jesus said, **“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now...Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”**

In the Old Testament the Children of Israel could not speak in tongues. The Holy Spirit was

not yet given. Speaking in tongues is a part of the New Covenant.

We have a better way, under a better covenant, to do what God desires for us to do. In Hebrews 8:6, it says, **“But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.”**

Speaking in tongues was a promise spoken of in the Old Testament (Isa. 28:9-11). The Apostle Paul made mention of this in 1 Corinthians 14:21, saying, **“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.”**

In Ephesians 6:18, it says, **“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...”** In Jude 1:20 it says, **“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.”**

Jesus taught that men ought always to pray (Luke 18:1). The Holy Spirit used the Apostle Paul to teach us to pray always in the Spirit. Jude taught us to build up our faith, praying in the Spirit.

Christians need to understand the New Covenant, and how to live in the Spirit and walk after the Spirit. In Romans 8:26-28 it tells us what to do and how to pray. It says, **“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...And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God...And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”**

When we pray, we can let God know what you are praying for, then pray in the Spirit and watch God change things for our good. If we “are not trying to do your own will of the flesh,” God will work it out for us. We need the help of the Holy Spirit to do the will of God.

God wants to help us in every need. God wants to work everything out for our good. What God calls good, He will do. He will give you the words to speak, and your spirit will do the praying for you. When your spirit does the praying for you, you will get the answer you need.

Many Spirit-filled Christians have found that when they pray in the Spirit over any situation in their lives, God works it out for them.

The Senior Pastor of one of the largest Christian Churches in the world, said that when He prays in his natural language, some of the smaller demons flee. But when He prays in the Spirit, the strongest demons flee. This Pastor knows the need for praying in the Spirit. He prays everyday, sometimes hours at a time.

God uses Tongues Part One

Speaking in other tongues is not something new. It was ordained from the foundation of the world. God always knew there would be a gift of the Spirit in operation following the resurrection of the LORD.

The knowledge of God is revealed in the written Word of God. Everything God does in this world was already declared as done before Adam was created. Of the nine gifts of the Spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, tongues and interpretation of tongues did not operate until after Jesus came into this world as “the Son of Man.” All throughout the Old Testament times, there is no indication that anyone spoke in other tongues. The first time we see “positive evidence” of people speaking in other tongues is in Acts 2:4, where it says, **“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”**

Everything that happens on this earth was already established from the foundation of the world (which is before the creation of man in Genesis 2:7). This is God’s creation, not the Devil’s creation. God is in control of His creation at all times.

Everything that happens comes about by “the Word of God and the Spirit of God working together.” The Word of God goes forth first, then the Holy Spirit causes the Word of God to manifest (Isa. 55:11).

God had a plan for this earth long before Genesis 1:2, when **“...the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”** When we “Search the Scriptures,” and “Study the Scriptures,” we will find the truth that is revealed in the Scriptures.

Why tongues? When the Scriptures speak of tongues, they are speaking of languages, that are used to communicate. People speak in different languages all over the world. This was not that way in the beginning. Even after the flood of Noah’s time, everyone spoke the same language. In Genesis 11:1, it says, **“And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.”**

Satan is **“the god of this world”** (2 Cor. 4:4). Satan wants to control everything that people do. For Satan to control what people do, he must blind the minds of those he uses, to get them to do what he wants them to do. Satan is a god, but he is also a created being. Created beings do not have power over God, who is the Creator of heaven and earth.

Satan works in the minds of people to get them to do what he wants them to do. Satan does not work directly with people. Satan has demons that carry out his operations here on earth. These demons work through other beings, by thoughts in the minds of whatever being they are using.

Notice something about Satan in Genesis, Chapter Three. Satan did not speak to Eve to get her to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Satan used a serpent to speak to Eve, to get her to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

In contrast to what Satan did, the LORD God Himself, spoke directly to Adam in Genesis, Chapter two. In Genesis 2:16,17, it says, **“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat...But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”**

The LORD God did not send a serpent to talk to Adam. The LORD God did the speaking, and He spoke to Adam Himself. This was always God’s plan from the foundation of the world. God always wanted a “one on one,” relationship and fellowship with man. God never planned for anyone to come between God and man, other than His Son, Jesus Christ. In 1 Timothy 2:5 it says, **“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”**

When the LORD God created man in the beginning, He created man’s body of the dust of the earth. Then the LORD God breathed into the nostrils of man, the breath of life, and man became

a living soul (Gen. 2:7). This was the beginning of the creation of man. It was by the breath of the LORD God that man became a living soul. Had it not been for the breath of the LORD God, man would not have been created. Had it not been for the breath of the LORD God, man would not have become a living soul.

Once man was formed of the dust of the earth, by the breath of the LORD God, man also received “a spirit” within him. The Hebrew word for “spirit.” is “ruwach,” meaning “wind,” (by resemblance; breath).

In Job 32:8 it says, **“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”** The LORD God put a spirit **“in man,”** so that God could help man understand God **“by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.”**

Why did the LORD God put a spirit in man? Mainly, because the LORD God wants to have fellowship with man. The LORD God loves man, whom He created to be in His likeness and image.

God had a plan for man from the foundation of the world. God’s plan for man was to have “in heaven” multitudes of people, in the likeness and image of His Son, “Jesus Christ.” Knowing the works of the Devil, God created man and put a spirit in man, so He could have fellowship with man.

By God having a spirit in man, He could help man, without forcing man to do anything against man’s free will. God does not control people against their will.

The will of man is in man’s soul. The soul of man contains the mind, the reasoning, the intellect, etc. Every person born into this world has a living soul. Every person born into this world has a body of flesh and bones. Every person born into this world has “a spirit within them.”

In the world, the natural man communicates with others by means of speaking in a language they understand. This language is sometimes called “tongues,” or simply “tongue,” in the Scriptures.

Satan always wanted to be like God. When men continued to follow the ways of Satan, “who himself wanted to be like God,” God changed the language of people. In Genesis 11:4 it says, **“And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”**

What man was doing at that time was not the plan of God for man in the beginning. God had a plan for man (to become like His Son, Jesus Christ). Jesus never tried to make a name for himself. Jesus always did the will of God the Father.

Look at what the descendants of Noah were doing at the time of Genesis 11:4. They said, **“...Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name...”** Now look at what Lucifer, now Satan the Devil, said in Isaiah 14:13,14. Speaking of Lucifer, it says, **“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north...I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”** Now, look at what God said to Lucifer in Isaiah 14:15, **“Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”** God never intended for Lucifer to become like God. God never intended for Lucifer to do his own will.

Being that man was continually following the ways of Lucifer, the Devil, Genesis 11:5 says, **“And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded...And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do...Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.”**

People communicate with each other by the language they speak. When they could no longer communicate with each other, they scattered throughout the earth, each group speaking in a language that only they could understand. Yet, there was still a condition whereas people continually followed the ways of the Devil, and did not seek to follow God’s plan for man.

Spoken words are a way of communicating with other beings. The Scriptures reveal to us that “words are spirit” (John 6:63). They are not spirits, like angels and demons. But they are operations of the spiritual realm. God speaks words, and they control what God says, according to what God said. What God says always comes to pass. In Genesis 1:3 it says, **“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”** What God spoke, happened. The words that God spoke were spirit, and they caused what God said to come to pass.

When we understand “words,” and the speaking of “words,” we will understand how everything happens in this world. Everything is controlled by “spoken words.”

God knew from the beginning that everything was controlled by “speaking words.” When the descendants of Noah, began speaking words in which everyone understood, they were able to control what everyone did.

Satan always knew that by the words that are spoken, things happening in the spiritual realm would cause things to happen in the natural realm. That is why Satan had the serpent speak to Eve in Genesis, Chapter three. Satan wanted Eve to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. So Satan had the serpent speak words to Eve. By the words the serpent spoke to Eve (in her mind, which is apart of her living soul), Satan was able to get Eve to consider the words spoken to her, so she would disobey the LORD God and eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Tongues, and languages are all about communication. When people understand each other by the language they speak, they can communicate with each other.

Satan has demons that understand every language spoken among people all over the world. If people speak English, there are demons in the spiritual realm that understand English, and can inject thoughts into the minds of those who speak English, by the words they speak.

But God had a plan from the foundation of the world, whereby Satan could not operate. God’s plan was an “unknown language,” that Satan does not know, and man does not know. God began to reveal this plan in Isaiah 28:9-11, where it says, **“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts...For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little...For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.”** Isaiah 28:9-13 is a prophetic word from the LORD. Isaiah was writing under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. What is written came by the inspiration of God.

In 2 Timothy 3:16 it tells us, **“All scripture is given by inspiration of God...”** How did Isaiah receive this information? Isaiah received what He wrote the same way it tells us in Job 32:8. It says, **“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”**

In Isaiah 55:11 it says, **“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”** Once the Word of God was spoken from the mouth of God (from the mouth of someone who was speaking by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit), it is established and it will come to pass.

Therefore, when it was written in Isaiah 28:11, **“For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people,”** it would surely come to pass. This did come to pass in Acts 2:4, when the disciples of Jesus began to speak with “other tongues.” Speaking in other tongues is an operation of God. It is the Holy Spirit giving us the ability to speak in other tongues. The main reason for speaking in other tongues is so that God can be in control of what is said, or spoken.

There are two types of tongues used in the New Covenant. There is what is normally called **“speaking in tongues,”** which is normally a ministry gift. Ministry gifts are used for ministering to others. They are for the building up and edifying of the Church, (which is the body of Christ).

Sometimes those speaking, will speak in another language which they have not learned. This

speaking is a supernatural operation of the Holy Spirit (using someone who does not know the language of the people they are speaking to), to speak to them in their own language, so they can understand what is said. The person may not know what they are saying, or they may know what they are saying, according to their understanding. In many of these cases, the person that does the speaking had never spoken in that language before. It was a supernatural ability given to them for that purpose.

Another ministry gift is speaking in a heavenly language that no one understands but God. When this happens, there needs to be an interpretation of what is said, so people can understand what God was saying. That is when a second gift of the Spirit must also be in operation, which is called “interpretation of tongues” (1 Cor. 12:10).

There is another operation of tongues that is for personal use. This is most often called **“praying in the Spirit.”** Praying in the Spirit, is praying to God in a language that no man understands. When Christians “pray in the Spirit,” they are praying to God, and only God needs to know what they are saying. We could say this is private a communication between God and the person doing the praying.

Praying in the Spirit can at times be called speaking in tongues, because the words are not spoken in the natural language of the person doing the speaking. Actually, the words are not spoken in any natural language. Only God knows what is said when Christians “pray in the Spirit.” No man knows what is said. Therefore, Satan and the spirits of this world do not know what is said.

Satan hates it when Christians “pray in the Spirit.” Satan knows all the languages of the world, but he does not know the language of Christians who are praying in the Spirit. There are many languages spoken in the world. There are many languages spoken in the heavens. There are **“tongues of men and tongues of angels”** (1 Cor. 13:1). People do not understand the **“tongues of angels.”** People do not normally speak in the tongues of angels. But, there is a language called “tongues,” which is when people operate in the gift of “praying in the Spirit.” When Christians pray in the spirit, they speak only to God, not to men, and not to angels.

This is the most important operation of tongues that any Christian can get involved in. Praying in the Spirit is God’s way of operating in the lives of those who are His Children. It is mainly used by those who are doing God’s will in their lives. It is a personal (one on one), type of communication between God and His Children here on earth.

God is the Father of all His children here on earth. God is Love. God the Father wants to work in the lives of His children here on earth to help them do His will.

God’s desire is that all of His children do His will. Just as Jesus Christ did only the will of God the Father, God wants all His children to be like Jesus.

Through prayer, we speak to God. We can speak to God in our natural language. But, when we do that, Satan knows what we are saying. Satan tries to get Christians to pray in their natural language, so he can get them to speak words that will help him do what he wants to do.

When Christians pray, asking God to do their will of the flesh, they are actually praying contrary to the will of God. For we are told in the written Word, **“For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption...”** (Gal. 6:8).

Satan loves it when Christians sow to the flesh. That gives Satan a stronghold in their lives. When we sow to the flesh, we help Satan do his will in our lives.

When we “sow to the Spirit,” we will reap eternal life “which is the opposite of what Satan desires for us.” Satan hates it when Christians “sow to the Spirit.” Satan hates it when Christians “pray in the Spirit.” Satan cannot control what Christians say or speak, when they are “praying in the Spirit.”

God uses Tongues Part Two

There are two types of tongues that God uses among Christians. First there is a ministry gift of “tongues,” whereby God uses individuals to minister to others. Secondly there is a personal prayer language, sometimes called “speaking in tongues” or “praying in the Spirit.”

Concerning the ministry gifts, in the King James Version of the Bible, it says, “**...to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.**” (1 Cor. 12:10). We should not get confused by the King James Version, where it says “*divers kinds.*” The translators evidently did not understand what the Holy Spirit had inspired to be written in the Greek. The words “diverse” and “kinds” mean the same thing.

The ministry gift of tongues, has many “**kinds**” of operations, such as “speaking in another language” by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The person begins speaking (supernaturally) in another known language which they did not learn by their ability. Those to whom they are speaking understand what they are saying, but sometimes the one doing the speaking does not understand what he is saying.

I was at a meeting one time when the Evangelist conducting the meeting was going to pray for those attending that were not baptized in the Holy Spirit to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Before he prayed for them he said, he was going to “speak in tongues,” just so those who were there to receive would know what it sounds like when someone is “speaking in tongues.”

As he began speaking in tongues (so others could hear him speak in tongues), a lady came rushing up from the back of the room. She seemed to be in a hurry.

When she got up by the Evangelist, he stopped speaking to ask her why she came up in such a hurry? She said to him “*You were speaking in fluent Hebrew.*” She heard him say in Hebrew, “*You need to go up now and receive Jehoshua, this may be your last chance.*”

Afterwards she explained that her husband and son were with her at the meeting. All three of them spoke fluent Hebrew, but she was the only one of the three that heard him speak in Hebrew. Her husband and son only heard the tongues.

While this Evangelist thought he was just speaking so others would know what it sounds like, the Holy Spirit used him to speak specifically to that one individual person, that she would receive Jesus as her LORD and Savior.

This Evangelist never spoke in Hebrew in the natural. He does not understand Hebrew. This is one of the many “kinds of tongues” included in the ministry gift of tongues. In this situation, the Evangelist did not need an interpreter to speak to that Jewish woman. She did understand English. But the Holy Spirit used “the ministry gift of tongues” to minister to her individually.

Another time, I was at a Church where the Pastor was leading praise and worship. When he finished the praise and worship, he gave a tongue. After giving the tongue, he also gave the interpretation.

Following the service that Sunday, two women came to him and told him, the tongue and the interpretation were exact. They both told him, while he was speaking in tongues, they heard the interpretation in English. Then, when he gave the interpretation, it was exactly what they heard in English while he was giving the tongue.

What is interesting is that, there were about two hundred members of that Church in attendance that Sunday. They all spoke English. Why did the Holy Spirit use the operation of tongues and interpretation of tongues, to tell those attending what He wanted to say? The Holy Spirit could have used a word of prophecy to do the same thing.

What it really comes down to is that, God wants to do things His way, without our trying to get God to do things our way. God wants to be in control of what He does, not put others in control

of what He is doing.

These are learning experiences for those who desire to be “taught by God,” rather than by men. God was teaching that Pastor and that congregation that day, how He controls the gifts of the Spirit, not man. All the gifts of the Holy Spirit are as the Holy Spirit wills, not as man wills (1 Cor. 12:11).

Those who were in attendance at that Church service could learn from what the Holy Spirit did. They could learn to be “taught by God,” not by man. What happened in that Church service that day was told to me by the Pastor himself. That is how I knew what happened that day.

Jesus said in John 6:45, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** How many Christians today, want to be taught by God?

God wants to be a personal God to everyone who will receive Him as God in their lives. When we receive Jesus as our LORD and Savior, we are authorizing God to be our God. If God is going to be our God, then we must submit to God’s way of doing things, and not lean unto our own understanding. We must make a firm decision in our lives, as to who will be in control of what we do, God or man?

There can only be one person in control at any one time in our lives. It will be either God or ourselves (or the spirits of this world)? When we think we are always in control, we are in great error. For Satan is “the god of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4). If God is not in control, then Satan is (Eph. 2:2,3). It is a matter of “who is in control of our lives” that will determine where we will spend eternity. If God is not in control, then we have a situation that could lead us right into hell with the Devil and his demons.

This is serious. Do not let the Devil use others to deceive you into thinking you can do your own will and still follow Jesus. Jesus told us, “It will not work...” You must decide if you want God in control or the Devil. It is only when God is in control that God will work in your life. If God is not working in your life, you have a problem you need to do something about before it is too late.

It is interesting what Jesus had to say about “who should be in control of your life?” In John 21:18, Jesus was speaking to Peter concerning what would happen after Jesus was gone to be with the Father. Jesus said to Peter, **“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.”** Then in John 21:19, it says, **“This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.”**

Christians need to understand how important it is that we give God total and complete authority to do whatsoever He desires in our lives. When we want to do our own will, we limit God as to what He can do in our lives. When we limit God in our lives, we give place for the Devil.

In John 3:8, Jesus said to Nicodemus, **“The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”** When we became born again into the family of God, we authorized God to use us wherever He desires. Born again Christians have made God their Father. God (being our Father), has the right to do things in our lives without first asking our permission or seeking our advice. As our Father, He knows more about life in the Spirit than we do. We have a lot to learn, and God wants to teach us Himself.

When God teaches us things in the Spirit, He does it His way, not our way. God teaches according to His understanding, not according to our understanding.

If we are not willing to let God teach us His ways, then we have a problem in which we need to make some changes in order to maintain our relationship and fellowship with God.

Our first commandment is, **“...thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first**

commandment” (Mark 12:30). If we obey this first commandment, then God will have total control in our lives. If God does not have total control in our lives, we are not keeping our first commandment.

Jesus knew that Peter understood, “God was going to be in control of what Peter did and where Peter went the rest of his life.” Therefore, in John 21:19, it says, **“This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.”** What Jesus was telling Peter was, “just as Jesus laid down His life for the world, and was put to death on the Cross for us, Peter should also be willing to lay down his life for the LORD.”

According to history, Peter did lay down his life for the LORD, just as it was spoken by the LORD in John 21:18,19. We are told that Peter was crucified also, just as Jesus was. What Jesus spoke concerning the way Peter would die did come to pass.

What about Christians today? Are they willing to let the Holy Spirit have complete control in their lives, even unto death? Satan wants Christians to believe they can get God to do their will, and they will still inherit eternity in heaven. I question that idea. I believe God wants Christians to let Him be in control of what they do here on earth. Then, when they leave this earth they will spend eternity with God forever.

We have a choice in what we will do while here on earth. We can do our own will, or we can let God have total control in our lives and do His will. I pray that Christians will come to understand what life is all about, and who is in control of what they do?

I love the way God teaches us all things. It is very interesting how God does things. It does not always work out the way we think it should. But, God the Father knows the best way to teach His Children, and we need to be taught by God, not by men. And, especially, not by the Devil.

The first thing that a Christian needs to learn is, “how to hear the voice of the LORD?” Jesus said in John 10:27, **“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”**

How can we follow Jesus, if we are not hearing His voice? How can we know if we are hearing the voice of the LORD or the voice of another? The key to knowing the voice of the LORD is in “being taught by God,” not by men. God wants to be a personal God in the lives of each person individually.

There are many in the Body of Christ today, trying to teach others what God’s will is for them. But, God wants to make His will known to each individual Himself.

God has plans for everyone born into this world. But, God’s plan for everyone is dependent upon what we do, according to His Word, not what man does according to what they think God wants them to do.

“Tongues,” is one of the keys to knowing the will of God, and receiving the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of what God’s will is for us individually. When we understand “Tongues,” we will begin to understand God. When we understand **“God,”** we will begin to understand God’s will for our lives.

There is a “great benefit” in speaking in tongues for Christians who will **“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding”** (Prov. 3:5). We do not understand what we are saying when we are praying in the Spirit.

At the same time, we know that one of the most important things in the life of a Christian is **“faith.”** Hebrews 10:38 says, **“Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”** God desires for us to “live by faith.” Yet, it seems we sometimes have a problem in building up our faith to believe God for healing, and other things that God has promised us in His Word. We need to build up our faith. God told us how by saying, **“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit”** (Jude 1:20, NKJV).

When God was teaching me to know the voice of the LORD from within my spirit, He taught

me by example. There was a time that I had a growth on my finger. It was there and growing for about two weeks. One day, I was *“praying in the Spirit”* while driving down the road, and out of my spirit came these words, *“Why don’t you curse the roots on that growth and command it to die and fall off?”* (it was not an audible voice. It was a knowing (beyond all doubt) that the words were coming from my spirit, not my head). Immediately, I cursed the roots “in Jesus’ name” and commanded the roots to die and the growth to fall off.

It seemed as though nothing happened when I prayed. The growth was still there. I could not see any change. For weeks I continued to change a band-aid I had been putting on it to protect it.

One thing I noticed after a week or so, was that it did not get any larger. It stayed about the same size. About a month later, as I was changing the band-aid, the growth fell off. It came off with the band-aid when I removed it to put on a new one.

The words I spoke that day while driving down the road caused the growth to die. It did fall off after about a month. There was not even a mark where it had been.

Praise the LORD, that I was baptized in the Holy Spirit and able to speak in tongues. If I had not been “praying in the Spirit” I may not have received healing from that growth.

My faith was built up by “praying in the Spirit.” Every day I spent time praying in the Spirit. I prayed in the Spirit even while I was working. Even while I was driving my vehicle. Whenever I had an opportunity to pray in the Spirit, I would pray in the Spirit.

I found that I could pray in the Spirit while I was doing other things. I even found that I could pray in the Spirit while I was reading my Bible.

In 1 Corinthians 14:14 it says, **“For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.”** That means, what I am doing in my mind has nothing to do with what my spirit is doing. While my spirit is praying in the Spirit, my mind can be doing something else.

My mind is a part of my soul, which is where my intellect and understanding are. Praying in the spirit is when my spirit is doing the praying. My spirit is not in my mind, and my mind is not in my spirit. These are two different parts of my total being (spirit, soul, and body).

God has done a great work in our lives. God has given us a new spirit, wherein the Holy Spirit dwells. The Holy Spirit is our personal helper, guide, comforter, leader, and teacher. All of these operations of the Spirit operate from our spirit, while our mind is doing something else.

What a wonderful plan God has for those who love God. What a wonderful way to do the will of God, according to God’s plan for our lives. When we need to build up our faith to believe God’s Word, we can do it by praying in the Spirit.

No man could have ever come up with a better plan for doing the will of God. Just put God in control by “praying in the Spirit.” Just give God the opportunity to work for you, from your spirit, and you will see things happen for your own good.

There are so many things God wants to do in the lives of His Children that we have no idea of how God will ever be able to do what He wants to do. We know God loves us. But do we truly understand “how much God loves us?”

Religious spirits continue to lead Christians into deception, not knowing that they are going in the wrong direction. Oh, that Christians would learn to know the voice of the LORD, and follow Him. This should be our greatest desire in our lives here on earth.

We learn to know the voice of the LORD by praying in the Spirit. The more we pray in the Spirit the more God will teach us to know His voice (Isa. 28:9-11).

Doing the Will of God

God never intended for man to do his own will. God always wanted to be GOD in our lives. God's plans for man go way beyond this world. God's plans for man are far better than anything that man could think or imagine.

God only had one Son, whom we know as Jesus. God has a desire to have multitudes of Children in heaven with Him for all eternity. God is doing all He can to help, guide, comfort, lead, and teach us how to do His will.

Jesus always did the will of God the Father. That is the example of what God wants us to do. God wants us to be just like Jesus, "One spirit with God for all eternity." Us in Christ, Christ in God, forever in eternity. Colossians 3:2,3 says, "**Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth...For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.**"

"**God is love**" (1 John 4:8). God loves man, whom He created to be in the likeness and image of His Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore it tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:49, "**And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.**"

The image of someone is the way you see someone. The way we see Jesus "today," is by what we are told in the Scriptures concerning Jesus. To walk like Jesus walked, we must walk the way Jesus walked. To do the things Jesus did, we must also do them the same way Jesus did them.

Jesus made the following statements concerning Himself. In John 5:30, Jesus said, "**I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**" The first thing Jesus always did, was to be certain that He was doing the will of God the Father.

In John 4:34, "**Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.**" In John 5:19, it says, "**Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.**" Jesus first made sure He was doing the will of God the Father, by seeing what the Father did. By what Jesus saw the Father do, He did the same.

In John 8:26, Jesus said, "**I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.**" Jesus made sure that what He said, was what the Father wanted him to say.

When we see what Jesus did, we should know that, that is what we should also be doing. Jesus said in Luke 4:18,19, "**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised...To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**" Then in John 17:18, Jesus said, "**As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.**"

As Christians, and Children of God, it is very important that we bear the image of Jesus Christ. To bear the image of Jesus, we must do things the way Jesus did things. We must not do our own will of the flesh, but rather do the will of God from our spirit.

The best way to know what God wants us to do, is to speak to God in tongues, and let God teach us all things. God will teach us Himself, if we will do things God's way, and not man's way.

Satan will always come against speaking in tongues. Satan does not want to see people doing the will of God. Satan wants to be in control of what people do here on earth.

If we desire to spend eternity with God in heaven, we cannot follow the example of Lucifer, now called Satan, the Devil. Lucifer wanted to do his own will. Lucifer wanted to have total control of everything he did. Lucifer did not want to trust in God, but rather trust in his own ability, according to his understanding.

God made it clear in the Scriptures that if we want to spend eternity in heaven we must, **“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding...In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths”** (Prov. 3:5,6).

It is our desire to see God manifest in your life by working in you and through you. We love the LORD our God. He is love, and He will manifest His love in the lives of those who love Him.

The Anointing

Those that have been called of God are those who recognize the importance of the anointing. While Jesus was teaching (during His three and one-half years before His death and resurrection), He could not teach on how to be led by the Holy Spirit. All Jesus could teach His disciples was faith.

Without faith, no one can serve God. Without faith no one can please God (Heb. 10:38). Faith does not operate according to our natural mind. Our natural senses are opposed to faith. When we try to operate according to our understanding, faith will not work. Faith is an operation of God. Faith comes from God (Rom. 10:17, 12:3, 1 Cor. 12:9; Gal. 3:22,23, 5:22, Jude 1:3). All men do not have faith (2 Thes. 3:2).

Even though Jesus could not teach His disciples how to be led by the Holy Spirit, He did instruct them to receive the Holy Spirit before they went anywhere to do the work of the ministry. In Acts 1:4,5,8, it says, **“And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me...For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence...But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”**

Jesus also said to His disciples in Mark 16:16,17, **“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned...And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.”** By this, the disciples of Jesus knew that **“speaking in tongues”** was evidence of receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

To the Apostles (after the resurrection of Jesus), it was very important that every born again Christian would receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 6:3, 8:14,15,9:17, 19:2,6).

We can see the importance of speaking in tongues in the life of the Apostle Paul. The LORD used the Apostle Paul to write much of the New Testament. The LORD also used the Apostle Paul to teach us the importance of speaking in tongues.

In 1 Corinthians, Chapter Fourteen, the Apostle Paul addressed the importance of understanding the gifts of tongues and prophecy. In 1 Corinthians 14:4, Paul wrote, **“He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.”** In 1 Corinthians 14:18, the Apostle Paul said, **“I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all (anyone of you).”**

In Galatians 1:11,12, the Apostle Paul said, **“But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man...For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.”** The Apostle Paul was not taught by men. Paul received his revelation from the LORD.

The life of the Apostle Paul is evidence of what Jesus was speaking of when He said in John 6:45, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** The Apostle John wrote in 1 John 2:27, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”**

These Apostles knew the voice of the LORD. These Apostles knew the importance of speaking in tongues.

Satan will do everything he can to stop Christians from speaking in tongues. Satan knows the power of God that is released when Christians speak in tongues. Satan knows that when Christians speak in tongues he cannot control what they say.

God knows that when Christians are willing to let Him have complete control in their lives, then He can use them to do His will here on earth. Satan knows that when Christians walk by faith and are led by the Holy Spirit, he has no power over them. All of Satan's powers are broken "by the anointing of the Holy Spirit working in our lives." It is the anointing that destroys the works of the Devil. It is the anointing that works for us, in doing the will of God here on earth.

Without the anointing of the Holy Spirit, Christians do not have any power over the enemy. The power is in the anointing. Jesus said, "**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...**" (Acts 1:8). That means, until we receive the Holy Spirit, we do not have any power over the enemy.

Satan has blinded the minds of many Christians by keeping them from receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Even after they receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit, Satan still blinds their minds by the teachings of men, who want to do their own will.

When we understand the will of God for our life, then we can understand the importance of speaking in tongues. In the Old Testament, they were taught faith. In the New Testament it tells us, "**The just shall live by faith**" (Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11, Heb. 10:38).

In the New Covenant we are told, we must also be led by the Holy Spirit, and walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh (Rom. 8:1-8,13,14, Gal. 5:16,17,25, 6:7,8).

Christians need to know the difference between the flesh and the spirit. These are two different operations of man.

There are those who are still in the flesh. They are born of the flesh, but not of the Spirit. They are still natural people, without the life of God in them. They do not know that unless they are born again, they cannot inherit the kingdom of God (John 3:3,5,6).

Then there are those who are in the Spirit, but still walking after the flesh. They know about God, but truly do not know the importance of walking after the Spirit. They believe that because they are born again, they already have all that God desires for them. They believe they are doing the will of God because they are born again. They do not understand spiritual things. They have been blinded by the god of this world, who uses the teachings of men to keep them blinded to the plan and purpose of God for their lives.

Then there are those who have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, but still desire to walk after the flesh. They love the world and all that is in the world (1 John 2:15-17). They do not understand how that the god of this world blinds the minds of those who are not taught by God. They love the teachings of men more than the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We have been told over and over throughout the Scriptures, how that the Devil deceives many of those whom God has chosen and called. They start with a great anointing, and then the Devil tempts them with "**...the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful**" (Mark 4:19).

The more they love the world, and the things of this world, the deeper they fall into the snare of the Devil. Many who have started with a great anointing have been taken in the snare of the Devil, and now they are serving the god of this world and think they are serving the LORD Jesus Christ. They have been deceived, just like Adam and Eve were deceived. The Devil has not changed. He is still the Devil and always will be.

With all the warnings throughout the Scriptures, we need to follow Jesus, and not another spirit. We need to be led by the Holy Spirit in everything we do. We need the anointing working in our lives every day.

Words are Spirit

When we are speaking in tongues, it is our spirit that is speaking, our understanding has no knowledge of what we are saying. In 1 Corinthians 14:14 it says, **“For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.”** When our spirit is praying, God is in control of what we are saying. When God is in control of what we are saying, His Word is being spoken, according to His will.

Christians need a better understanding of what God is doing in our lives. If we do not agree with God, God cannot help us. We must come into agreement with God for God to work in our lives. In Amos 3:3 it asks this question, **“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”**

When we understand the importance of spoken words and thoughts, we will better understand why we need to be speaking in tongues. To understand tongues, we need to understand that we are not natural people, like the Children of Israel in the Old Testament time. We are born again of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God (John 3:6). We are new creatures in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17). We are not of this world, but born of God from above (John 17:16). We are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit (Rom. 8:9). We are not the old outward man of the flesh, but rather we are the new inward man of the Spirit (Eph. 4:22,24). We should no longer walk after the flesh but after the Spirit (Gal. 5:16,17).

Until we understand who we are “in Christ,” the Devil will still be in control of our lives. We must bring every thought into obedience to “Christ” who dwells in us (2 Cor. 10:5). We must speak “the Word only,” not the circumstances, and not the thoughts that Satan puts in our minds.

When Jesus spoke words to His disciples, He was very careful what He said to them. In John 6:36, Jesus said, **“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”** Jesus was saying to His disciples, “it is the Holy Spirit that manifests the Word of God in this world.” What is done in the flesh does not profit the spiritual man in any way. Therefore, the Words that Jesus speaks to His disciples “are spirit, and they produce eternal life” (spiritual life--the very life of God).

When Jesus said in John 6:54, **“Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day,”** He was not talking about eating His physical flesh, or drinking his liquid blood.

Jesus is the Word of God, which came in the flesh. Jesus remained the Word of God all the time He was here in this world in the flesh. Jesus gave His liquid blood and physical body, for the redemption of our living souls and healing of our physical bodies.

Two deaths came upon mankind in the garden of Eden, eternal death of the soul and physical death of the body. Jesus overcame both deaths for us, thereby redeeming us from the works of the Devil. Being redeemed by the blood and body of Jesus, we now have peace with God, and can become born again into the family of God, (which is a spiritual birth into the Body of Christ).

This new birth makes us a completely new creature in Christ Jesus. Now, if we will live after the Spirit, and not after the flesh, we will inherit our complete redemption when we leave this earth for our home in heaven.

In the meantime (here on earth), we must walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. The way to walk after the Spirit is to walk in total agreement with the written Word of God. Bring every thought into obedience to Christ, and every Word we speak into agreement with the inspired written Word.

This is what is happening in our lives when we are speaking in tongues. The Holy Spirit helps us, as our spirit does the speaking (from our spirit, not from our mind). Our spirit is in tune with God, being that we are one spirit with the LORD.

Our mind of the flesh still needs to be renewed on the written Word of God, that it does not

speaking words that do not agree with the inspired written Word (Rom. 12:2).

When Christians speak words that do not agree with the inspired written Word of God, they condemn themselves and hinder God from working in their lives. We need to be speaking words of Spirit and life, not words of the flesh and death. Jesus said in Matthew 12:37, **“For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”** When we speak in tongues, we will be justified in everything we say.

It is our desire to see God manifest in your life by working in you and through you. We love the LORD our God. God is love, and He will manifest His love in the lives of those who love Him.

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