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Introduction

This is Part 2 of **“Why Tongues?”** If you have not read Part 1 of **“Why Tongues?”** it would be very helpful if you would read that part first. There is a lot of basic information concerning **“Tongues”** in Part 1, which will help you to receive knowledge and understanding of what is revealed in this Part 2, of **“Why Tongues?”**

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 God 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. 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?

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.

Jesus was quoting the Scriptures when He said in John 6:45, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** God has a way of teaching His Children. God teaches us by the anointing of the Holy Spirit within us. In 1 John 2:27 it says, **“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.”**

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 and religious spirits operate 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.

God uses Tongues

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).

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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