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Introduction

This is Part 3 of **“Why Tongues?”** If you have not read Part 1 & 2 of **“Why Tongues?”** it would be very helpful if you would read them first. There is a lot of basic information concerning **“Tongues”** in Part 1 & 2, which will help you to receive knowledge and understanding of what is revealed in this Part 3, 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 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. 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. The Devil does not have any 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 beyond this earth, into eternity with God. Eternity forever with God is what God has planned for those who will do His will, and not their own will. Jesus is our example of what God expects of His Children. 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. We are 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.”*

Why Tongues?

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.

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 speak 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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