

BIBLE STUDY ON SPEAKING IN TONGUES (LANGUAGES)

A. Let us look at certain FACTS found in the word of God:

(1) 1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual [gifts], brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

(2) 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

(These verses tell us that man does not determine which gifts you will get but that it is by the Spirit that they are given as He (the Spirit) wills.

(3) 1 Corinthians 12:17-18 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

1 Corinthians 12:28-30 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

(4) 1 Corinthians 12:31 **But covet earnestly the best gifts:**

1 Corinthians 14:5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that **prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues**, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

(Here we find that prophesying is greater than speaking in tongues unless what is said is understood or interpreted. Why must it be understood?)

(5) 1 Corinthians 14:8-9 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

1 Corinthians 14:19 Yet in the **church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue**

(It is important to know that **the word tongue is defined in both Greek and English as "Language" and that the word**

language is defined as “discourse” which is defined as: preach, sermon, proclaim. The gift of tongues was given for the purpose of spreading the Gospel which needed to be understood.)

(6) Acts 2:3-11 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at

Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

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

And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues (languages) the wonderful works of God.

False teachers will sometimes skip the following text as a last resort, but please note the last three words of the text.

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

Finally, let us remember that there are false prophets and false teachings. We test the teaching by the word of God. LET US STUDY CAREFULLY WHAT GOD’S WORD TEACHES:

**IF THEY SPEAK NOT ACCORDING TO HIS WORD,
THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM. ISAIAH 8:20.**

WE ARE TO GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND TEACH THE GOSPEL. GOING TO ALL OF THE WORLD REQUIRES SPEAKING AND WRITING IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. MATT. 28. 19.20.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

3. **You have the Holy Spirit if you possess these qualities: Gal. 5: [22](#) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23](#)gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law....**