
FOUNDATION STONE 3B

THE HOLY SPIRIT & SPEAKING IN TONGUES

As we have studied the word of God, we have found that in order for one to be born again according to the word, there are three things that take place. One is repentance; the second is water baptism and third is the baptism in the Holy Spirit. In almost every denomination they teach that it is only necessary to repent by confessing your sins and receiving Jesus as your savior. In order to believe this teaching, you must leave out certain scriptures such as **Matthew 28:19-20** *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.* **Mark 16:15-18** *Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed (repented) and has been **baptized** shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with **NEW TONGUES** (not a different language or as some would say, we don’t curse or tell dirty jokes any more) **they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.** These are just two of the many scriptures stating how one is born-again. Is it any wonder that they would question whether or not speaking in tongues is the evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit? Let’s see what the word of God teaches us!!*

What is the Apostle Paul teaching in I Corinthians chapter 12?

Is he teaching about the Holy Spirit baptism or the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Most denominations confuse the issue by combing them together. It is at this point that we must **RIGHTLY DIVIDE THE WORD OF TRUTH!** Paul makes it very clear in verse 1 of chapter 12. *Now concerning spiritual **gifts, (plural)** brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. (meaning unlearned or ignorant)* Paul begins to teach about the nine gifts that are to be used by the believers in every church. Each of these gifts is given by the **Holy Spirit** that should dwell in every believer. Paul said in

verse 4-11 that *there is a **variety of gifts**, but the **same Spirit***. (Each of the nine gifts that Paul will mention is different, but the Spirit is the same.) *And there are a variety of ministries and the same Lord. There are a variety of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one **(EVERYBODY)** is given the **manifestation (the Greek word phaneros, meaning to make visible, outwardly evident)** of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles and to another prophesy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues and to another the interpretations of tongues. **But one and the same Spirit works all these things, giving to each one individually as He wills.***

We must ask the question; what is this manifestation or outward evidence that was seen and heard at Pentecost? (tongues even though it was in a foreign language in this instance, it was not something they learned, it was an outward evidence). What was the manifestation or outward evidence in Acts 19:6 when Paul laid hands on those who repented? (tongues & prophesying) Not a foreign language as at Pentecost, but an unknown language. When one is baptized in the Holy Spirit, you will receive the manifestation with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Please read and study foundation stone number 3A; the baptism in the Holy Spirit. It answers the question; do all those who receive the Holy Spirit speak in tongues?

These nine gifts are given to the churches for the edification of the believers and should be in operation for the glory of God. They are to be in operation as directed by the Holy Spirit. Each believer may be used at any time the Holy Spirit gives them the urging. He may urge you to give a word of wisdom or a word of knowledge to bring encouragement or even correction to the body of Christ. Always know that the Holy Spirit is a gentleman and will not disrupt the Spirit in the service but in most cases will enhance the service. The Holy Spirit may direct you to give a message in the gift of tongues. This will not be your personal prayer language (tongues) but the gift. It will even sound different from your personal prayer language (tongues) that you use daily. If you give a message in tongues it must always be interpreted by someone in whom the Holy Spirit has given the

gift of interpretations. If no one has the interpretation of the message given in tongues you must pray that God gives you the interpretation so that all will understand the message. Since at this time, we are not teaching on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but are trying to bring an understanding of the difference between the Gift of tongues verses the manifestation (tongues) of the Holy Spirit when one receives the baptism in the Holy Spirit we will look at the following scriptures.

Do you as a believer always know how to pray as you should? The answer, if we are honest will be no! Then how should we pray? In the Spirit!! The Holy Spirit always knows the will of the Father.

Romans 8:26

In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groaning (TONGUES) too deep for words; (Meaning we do not have the words to express how we should be praying so we pray in tongues.) and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (So when I pray in tongues, I am praying the will of God because the Spirit is interceding for me.) I am not using the gift of tongues that Paul was teaching in I Corinthians chapter 12.

Do you as a believer ever need to be strengthened or edified?

I Corinthians 14:4

One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself. (Remember this is not speaking of the gift of tongues in I Corinthians chapter 12).

Jude 20

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. (Again this is not the gift of tongues in I Corinthians chapter 12).

Ephesians 6:18

With all prayer and petition pray at ALL TIMES IN THE SPIRIT (tongues) and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints;

Tongues as a sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit!

I Corinthians 14:21-22

In the law it is written, "By men of strange tongues and by the lips of strangers I will speak to this people, and they will not listen to Me" says the Lord. So then TONGUES are for a sign not for those who believe but to the unbelievers;

As long as there are unbelievers in the world, tongues will always be a sign to them that the Holy Spirit is still indwelling in the lives of the born again believers.

We should begin to understand why it is so necessary for the believer to speak in tongues daily. Do you as a believer feel the need to be strengthened daily? Then you need to speak in tongues daily. Even the Apostle Paul said he was glad that he spoke in tongues (he was speaking about his prayer language "tongues" not the gift of tongues) more than anyone. Why? Because he needed to be strengthened to preach the word of God Accurately.

Do not confuse the gift of tongues with our evidence of tongues as the baptism of the Holy Spirits indwelling. There will always be those who will oppose tongues as necessary to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul calls those who oppose this, either unbeliever or unlearned. (I Corinthians 14:23) *Therefore if the whole church assembles together and the unlearned or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad?*

Remember we must not just read the word, but study His word and remember never to make a doctrine of just one or two verses of scripture. Allow the whole word of God to interpret itself.

