**Tongues**

*Acts 2:5-13*

**The Question**

What does tongues teach about the Holy Spirit?

**Passage Background and Context Information**

In chapter 1, Jesus’ disciples are in the city of Jerusalem as Jesus commanded them before his ascension to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would empower them to witness about Jesus to the world. The day of Pentecost arrives. Pentecost is a Jewish Festival that would have filled the streets of Jerusalem. While the disciples gather, sitting in a room, the Holy Spirit suddenly like a violent rushing wind filled the room and like a flickering flame rested upon one person and then separated and rested on another. The Holy Spirit empowered them to witness about Jesus but notice how.

**Bible Verse**

###### Acts 2:5-13 (CSB)

5 Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven.

6 When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

7 They were astounded and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?

8 How is it that each of us can hear them in our own native language?

9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts),

11 Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the magnificent acts of God in our own tongues.”

12 They were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

13 But some sneered and said, “They’re drunk on new wine.”

**1. Who was involved in the miracle of tongues? (5-13)**

* **Should all believers speak in tongues to evidence salvation today?**

**1 Corinthians 12:29-30** 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all do miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

* **Should any believer speak in tongues today?**

**Hebrews 2:4** “At the same time, God also testified by signs and wonders, various miracles, and distributions of gifts from the Holy Spirit according to his will.”

1. **\_\_\_\_ not tongues as evidence for salvation.**

**Galatians 5:22-23** 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.

1. **­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_ not tongues as a spiritual gift.**

**1 Corinthians 14:1** Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy.

**1 Corinthians 14:39** So then, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ uninterpreted tongues.**

**1 Corinthians 14:27-28** 27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, there are to be only two, or at the most three, each in turn, and let someone interpret. 28 But if there is no interpreter, that person is to keep silent in the church and speak to himself and God.

* **What is tongues?**

**1 Corinthians 13:1-3** 1 If I speak human or angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 And if I give away all my possessions, and if I give over my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

**1 Corinthians 14:23** If, therefore, the whole church assembles together and all are speaking in tongues and people who are outsiders or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your minds?

**Tongues is a gift of the Holy Spirit of speaking \_\_\_\_\_ languages not learned by the speaker.**

**Ephesians 5:18** And don’t get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit:

**What does tongues teach about the Holy Spirit?**

* **The Holy Spirit does not drive us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

**Pray**

The Holy Spirit relates only to those who repent of their sin and entrust themselves, their life, and eternity to Jesus.

“Jesus, I confess I am a sinner. I deserve Your judgment of death and hell. But I believe You love me, came down for me, lived a perfect life, and shed Your blood and died on the cross for my sins. I also believe that God raised You from the dead for the forgiveness of my sins, to change me, and grant me everlasting life. Please forgive me, help me, and give me eternal life. I believe You are my Forgiver and God. I give my life to love, obey, and make much of You! In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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Father, fill us with the Holy Spirit to reach other cultures around us even when we feel uncomfortable. Empower and embolden us to proclaim the good news of Jesus in love! In Jesus’ name, amen!