

“The Spiritual Gift of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues”



1Corinthians 12:7-11, 14:1-40

The more we learn and understand about the Holy Spirit and His Gifts the more effective we can become in these last days.

There are different spiritual gifts that have been distributed by the Holy Spirit to each member of the Body of Christ.

1. Apostle Paul list Nine Spiritual Gifts in (1Corinthians 12:7-10)
2. Apostle Paul list Seven more Spiritual Gifts in (Romans 12:3-8)
- **Purpose:** To teach us the importance of each spiritual gifts and how the Holy Spirit uses each of them to benefit the Body of Christ as a whole.
- **Goal:** To mature us in our understanding of spiritual gifts so that our lives can be useful for the Kingdom of God.
- **Spiritual Principles:** Authority, Agreement, Stewardship, Obedience, Faith, Grace, Prayer

Review The Spiritual Gifts in the (1st) Category: (1Corinthians 12:8-10, Colossians 2:1-4)

1. **Revelation Gifts** – “To Know.” (1Corinthians 12:8, 10)
- **The Word of Wisdom** – The supernatural revelation or insight manifested by the Holy Spirit to a believer of how to apply that knowledge. The Holy Spirit reveals part and not the entire wisdom, knowledge, revelation and counsel of God to a believer.
- **The Word of Knowledge** – The supernatural revelation, insight, or knowledge by the Holy Spirit that is being manifested through a believer. The Holy Spirit reveals part, not the entire knowledge or counsel of God.
- **The Discerning of spirits** – The supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit that gives a believer insight and ability to see or hear into the spirit realm or spirit world through the inner work of the Holy Spirit.

Review The Spiritual Gifts in the (2nd) Category: (1Corinthians 12:7-10, Romans 12:6-8)

2. **Demonstration Gifts or Power Gifts** – “To Do.” (1Corinthians 12:8-10)
- **The Gifts of Healings** – The supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit divinely operating through a believer’s life to heal the sick and all manner of diseases.
 - **The Gift of Miracles** – The acts of the Holy Spirit supernatural power, mighty force, or wonderful works divinely operating and manifesting through a believer life.

Today we will continue discussing and examining the **Spiritual Gifts in the (3rd) Category:** (1Corinthians 12:10-11, 27-31, 1Corinthians 14:1-40)

3. **Inspirational Gifts or Vocal Gifts** – “To Speak.”
- **The Gift of Prophecy** – The supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit which enables a believer to speak an inspired word, message or prophetic revelation to the church (a gathering of believers) or to an individual.
 - The Gift of Tongues or Different kinds of Tongues
 - The Interpretation of Tongues

There has been many arguments and disagreements among believers on the subject of “**Speaking in Tongues**”.

1. Some believe that speaking in tongues is not of God, but of the devil.
2. Some believe that it’s only for a chosen select or specific religious group.
3. Some believe that it went out with the last Apostles in the Bible.
4. Some believe that it serves no purpose at all either privately or publicly.

Through the study and examination of the Spiritual Gift of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues and Speaking in Tongues, we will learn how needful and beneficial it is to both public ministry and private devotion. (1Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-40)

Breakdown of the Spiritual Gift of Tongues (**Publicly**) and Speaking in Tongues (**Privately**):

- **Purpose** – “The reason God gave us this gift.”
- **Problem** – “Misunderstanding and abuse of the gift.”
- **Principle** – “How the gift is used by the Holy Spirit.”

Statements About the Spiritual Gift of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues. (1Corinthians 14:1-40)

1. **The Spiritual Gift of Tongues** is supernaturally manifested by the Holy Spirit that enables and empowers believers to speak, pray, or sing in unknown language or tongue. (1Corinthians 14:2-5, 13-15)
2. **The Spiritual Gift of Tongues** is a supernatural utterance from the Holy Spirit that flows through the voice of a believer, but without the assistance of their mind, emotions or intellect.
3. **The Interpretation of Tongues** is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit operating through a believer's life empowering them to interpret what was spoken through the Gift of tongues, so that the church (gathering of believers) can be edified with a direct message from God. (1Corinthians 14:26-28)
4. **The Spiritual Gift of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues** is not a language that is known to man. It cannot be obtained from human ability, natural knowledge, or human influence through some type of learning or studying gained through education.
 - **The Galileans and many Jews** witnessed a wonderful work of God (Acts 2:5-13). The Holy Spirit manifesting Himself supernaturally and empowering them to speak in a foreign language in which they never studied or gained through learning. No human translator was needed.
5. The joy is that every born-again believer has the privilege of speaking in tongues, praying in tongues or praying in a heavenly language which is the most perfect prayer, due to the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Examples in the New Testament of the Holy Spirit with the Evidence of Speaking in Tongues.

1. During Jesus earthly ministry, He spoke to His disciples about the Holy Spirit whom those believing would receive. (John 7:37-39, 14:15-18, 25-27, 16:5-15)
2. After Jesus resurrection, He appeared among His disciples to commission them and fill them with the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-22)
3. After Jesus resurrection, He appears before His disciples with clear instructions to wait in Jerusalem until they are endued with power from on High. (Luke 24:44-49)

4. Jesus presented Himself alive to His Apostles for forty days and speaking of the things of the Kingdom of God and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:1-8)
5. The Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were with one accord in prayer and supplication in one place when they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1-4)
6. Ananias laid hands on Saul (known as Paul), he received his sight and was filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17-18). Paul in his letter to the church at Corinth where he wrote about his personal experience of speaking in tongues (1Corinthians 14:18).
7. Peter preached the gospel to Cornelius (Gentiles) and his household, they believed and saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke with tongues and were water baptized. (Acts 10:44-48)
8. Paul during his travel came to Ephesus and there comes across some disciples who had not heard about the Holy Spirit. (Acts 19:1-7)

There are (7) Seven Important things we should understand about Speaking in Tongues.

1. It is a supernatural act of the Holy Spirit.
2. It is still beneficial for the life of every believer whether privately or publicly.
3. It is one of the signs that follows believers. (Mark 16:15-18)
4. It is one of the initial evidences of the Infilling Presence or Baptism of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life. (Acts 2:1-4)
5. It is the perfect prayer, because the Holy Spirit is praying through our spirit. (1Corinthians 14:14)
6. It is an inspired utterance from the Holy Spirit where believers can speak in a language that they have never learned.
7. It is not a sign that a believer does not have the infilling presence of the Holy Spirit in their life.