

Tongues & Interpretation

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1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

Given....

Who 1. To Each one

What 2. Manifestation of the Spirit

Why 3. Comon Good

10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another **speaking in different kinds of tongues**, and to still another the **interpretation of tongues**. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:10-11

1 Cor 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels,
but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a
clanging cymbal.

1 COR 13:1

Tongues of men:

The ability to spontaneously speak a foreign language without
first having learned it. or even exposed to it.

Term is Xenoglossia:

Xenos = foreign or foreigner

glossai = tongues or languages

Tongues of angels:

Unrecognizable to the human ear. My spirit to God

Term is Glossolalia:

glossai = tongues or languages

lalien = to speak

I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified. 6 Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you and speak in tongues, what good will I be to you, unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or word of instruction?

1 CORINTHIANS 14:5-6

7 Even in the case of lifeless things that make sounds, such as the pipe or harp, how will anyone know what tune is being played unless there is a distinction in the notes? 8 Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle? 9 So it is with you. Unless you speak intelligible words with your tongue, how will anyone know what you are saying? You will just be speaking into the air.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:7-9

10 Undoubtedly there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning. 11 If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker is a foreigner to me. 12 So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:10-12

13 For this reason the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. 15 So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:13-15

16 Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying? 17 You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:16-17

18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. 19 But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:18-19

What are tongues for?

1. As a sign from God

WHAT ARE TONGUES FOR

God chose tongues to launch His church

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

ACTS 2:1-3

4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

ACTS 2:4-6

7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

ACTS 2:7-9

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

ACTS 2:10-12

**God used tongues to show gentiles are to be
included in this Grace of Jesus**

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said,

ACTS 10:44-46

47 "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ

ACTS 10:47-48

God used tongues to show believers the need for Holy Spirits empowerment

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied.

ACTS 19:1-3

4 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

ACTS 19:4-6

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ACTS 19:7-9

2. To make manifest the heart and will of God

WHAT ARE TONGUES FOR

Tongues are a sign, given to make the Holy Spirit's presence apparent, to exhibit His power.

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They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

JOHN 2: 9-10 "WATER INTO WINE"

1 Cor 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.. . . .

1 Cor 14:22 Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers;

**3. To edify (build up) the person
speaking**

WHAT ARE TONGUES FOR

1 Cor 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

Jude 1:20 But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 14:2 For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.

1 Cor 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. 15 So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

**4. With Interpretation it reveals
the mind of God**

WHAT ARE TONGUES FOR

Interpretation of Tongues

**is stirred when someone speaks in a tongue
and someone catches the heart of what is
being conveyed. it gleans a word or an
instruction or an encouragement**

Interpretation vs Translation

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1 COR 14:13

Can all speak in Tongues?

1 Cor 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Cor 14:5 I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy.

1 Corinthians 12: 6 There are different kinds of working, but
in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1 Cor 14:23 So if the whole church comes together and
everyone speaks in tongues....

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