



SERMON NOTES

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Acts 2:1-4 (Rieu)

The Day of Pentecost came round, and they all met. Suddenly a sound like the roaring of a strong wind came from heaven and filled the whole house in which they were sitting. What seemed to be separate tongues of flame appeared and settled upon each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and under his inspiration began to speak in languages they did not know.

James 3:6 (NKJV)

⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

A tongue is either under the control of heaven or hell! It can be “set on fire by hell” or by the Holy Spirit.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--A new study by LifeWay Research on the use of private prayer language indicates that half of Southern Baptist pastors believe the Holy Spirit gives some people a special language to pray to God.

The study also indicates the majority of Protestant senior pastors (63 percent) and laity (51 percent) believe in the gift of a private prayer language.

James 1:17

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...”

Luke 11:13 (KJV)

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

To speak in a heavenly prayer language can be defined as “prayer or praise spoken in syllables not understood by the speaker.” The Greek word for “tongue” is glossa it means language. It is a heavenly prayer language.

For he who speaks in a ‘tongue’ addresses God, not men; no one understands him; he is talking of divine secrets in the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 14:2 (Mof)

When you use your prayer language your natural mind doesn’t comprehend it.

1 Corinthians 14:14

“For if I pray in a heavenly language, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.”

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Important Biblical Facts—

1. This is only one of 27 New Testament Biblical gifts.
2. You don't have to have this gift to get into heaven (*Ephesians 2:8:9*). Nor is this particular gift a requirement to be a member of this church or to be in leadership. Remember all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are to build up the church not to divide it.
3. Having this gift doesn't necessarily make you more spiritual. The Corinthians did not "lack in any spiritual gift" (*1 Corinthians 1:7*) yet they were a very carnal church (*1 Corinthians 3:3*).
4. This gift is mentioned 32 times in the New Testament.
These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; *Mark 16:17 (NJB)*
5. Having this prayer language enables you to pray the perfect will of God.
Romans 8:26 (NKJ) Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
6. We should seek this and other gifts.
Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts... *1 Corinthians 14:1 (GW)*.
7. Receiving your personal prayer language and then exercising it will build you up spiritually.
So a person "speaking in tongues" helps himself grow spiritually... (*1 Corinthians 14:4 Living*).

Jude 1:20 (MSG)

But you, dear friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit,

8. Paul possessed this gift.
1 Corinthians 14:18 (KJV)
I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

9. The gift should not be used in church unless it is accompanied with the gift of interpretation.
1 Corinthians 14:27-28 (NIV)

If anyone speaks in a tongue, two--or at the most three--should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and God.

Why shouldn't this gift be employed without an interpreter?

1 Corinthians 14:23 (NIV)

So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and some who do not understand or some unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind?

Truly there is beauty in balance. Paul's teaching promotes balance. We are not to neglect or abuse this gift.

1 Corinthians 14:39-40 (NJB)

So, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not suppress the gift of speaking in tongues. But make sure that everything is done in a proper and orderly fashion.

New Testament References to Speaking in a Heavenly Prayer Language

Mark 16:17 (NJB)

These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues;

Acts 2:4

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:11

Cretans and Arabs--we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

Acts 10:46

For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered,

Acts 19:6

And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied

Romans 8:26 (NIV)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

1 Corinthians 12:3

Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:10

to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:28

And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:30

Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

1 Corinthians 13:1

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

1 Corinthians 13:8

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

1 Corinthians 14:2

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries

1 Corinthians 14:4

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

1 Corinthians 14:5

I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

1 Corinthians 14:6

But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching?

1 Corinthians 14:9

So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.

1 Corinthians 14:13

Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

1 Corinthians 14:14

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

1 Corinthians 14:15

What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

1 Corinthians 14:16

Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say?

1 Corinthians 14:18

I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

1 Corinthians 14:19

yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

1 Corinthians 14:22

Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.

1 Corinthians 14:23

Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?

1 Corinthians 14:26

How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

1 Corinthians 14:27

If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret.

1 Corinthians 14:39

Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

Ephesians 5:19

speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Ephesians 6:18

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord

Jude 1:20

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,