



SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword.

Tongues -

Tongues are foreign languages, not gibberish.

Definition pre-canon gift of **TONGUES** – supernatural ability to speak in a foreign human language in order to be a sign to unbelievers and thus gain a hearing for the Gospel.

GLOSSA – (*plural*) indicating human language, not gibberish. When used in the singular it refers to a specific human language. Term is used as the physical tongue (**James**) or foreign language.

1 Cor. 12:10-14:29 - - main body of scripture dealing with tongues

James 3:5 Even so the **tongue** [*physical tongue*] is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and **tongue** [*dialect*], and people, and nation;

Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and **tongues** [*human languages*], stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Revelation 10:11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and **tongues** [*human languages*], and kings.

From the **Septuagint**:

Genesis 10:5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his **tongue**, after their families, in their nations.

Genesis 11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their **language**, that they may not understand one another's speech.

The gift of tongues in **Acts 2:1-11** is clearly foreign languages.

Acts 2:1-11 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared unto them cloven **tongues** like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other **tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. ⁶ Now when this was noised abroad, the

multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? ⁸ And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? ⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

If Charismatics were consistent, they would require certain phenomena today – “a sound of a mighty rushing wind” and “a visible appearance of fire.”

Historical events present at the inauguration of the Church Age are not designed to be perpetuated throughout the Church Age.

1 Corinthians 14:13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret [translate].

Acts 9:36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did.
NASB

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

Real	Hypothetical
Tongues of Men	Tongues of Angels
Prophecy	Know all mysteries All knowledge All faith
Give away all my possessions [Philippians 3:8]	Hand over my body to be burned

² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

Emphasis here is that your spiritual gift must function with love.

³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. *King James Version*

1 Corinthians 14:21 In the law it is written, with men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. [*Quote from Isaiah 28:11-12*]

Isaiah 28:8-12 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. ⁹ Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. ¹⁰ For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: ¹¹ For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. ¹² To whom he said, this is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear.

Restriction of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:11-13 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. ¹² For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one

body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs at the moment of faith alone in Christ alone.

Ministries of Holy Spirit at Salvation - -

- R** – Regeneration [*being born again*]
- I** - Indwelling
- B** – Baptism
- S** - Sealed

POD – The gift of tongues was not a gift to be sought after; it is given at the point of saving faith.

POD – Speaking in tongues is not a sign of spirituality.

POD – The gift of tongues is the least of all spiritual gifts. **1 Cor. 12:28**

1 Cor. 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first [*first in importance*] apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

POD – Not all believers speak in tongues **1 Cor. 12:29-30**

1 Cor. 12:29-30 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? ³⁰ Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

POD – Tongues is not an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

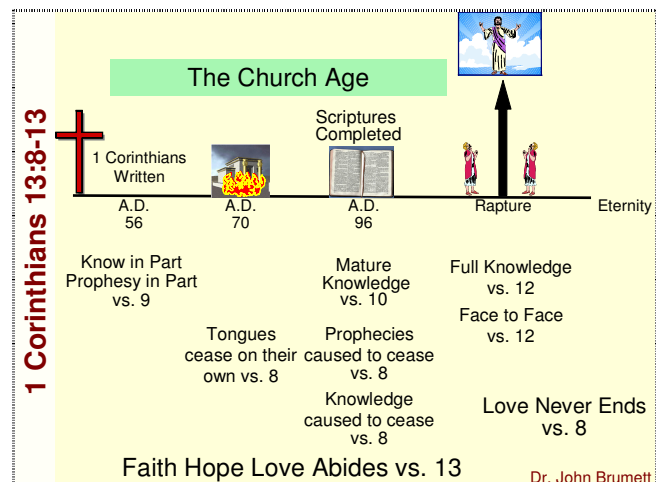
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POD – Tongues is not a spiritual gift.

1 Cor. 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease;

Spiritual gift	English word for its cessation	Greek Verb	Tense	Voice	Meaning
prophecy	fail	<i>katargéō</i>	future	passive	Sudden removal, abolish
tongues	cease	<i>paúō</i>	future	middle	Gradual passing away
knowledge	vanish away	<i>katargéō</i>	future	passive	Sudden removal, abolish



POD – Doctrinal teaching takes priority over the gift of tongues and it even did so in the early Church.

1 Cor. 14:3-4 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. ⁴ He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

1 Cor. 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

POD – Tongues when used in the assembly must have a translator.

1 Cor. 14:13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

POD – Tongues are a sign for unbelievers - not believers.

1 Cor. 14:22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not:

POD – Tongues are not to be spoken all at once in the assembly.

1 Cor. 14:23,27 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? ²⁷ If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

POD – Only three tongues speakers, at the most, in any service in the assembly are allowed to speak.

1 Cor. 14:27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

POD – If there is no one to translate then the tongues speaker is to keep absolutely silent.

1 Cor. 14:28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

The gift of tongues could always be kept under control!

POD – This proves that the tongues speaker is under control of the message.

POD – Women are not to speak in tongues in the assembly but are to keep absolutely silent.

1 Cor. 14:34-35 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. ³⁵ And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

The word of God places great responsibility on men to know Bible Doctrine.

POD – Everything is to be done in the assembly in a proper order.

1 Cor. 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

“Could ye not watch with me one hour?” Matt. 26:40

All Scriptures quoted are from King James Version unless otherwise noted.