

SPEAKING IN TONGUES: A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE Pt. 2

* Working definition of tongues:

The God given ability to speak in a known, human, foreign language without the learning process.

I. BIBLICAL TEACHING ABOUT THE NATURE OF TONGUES

A. Views On The Nature Of Tongues

B. Acts 2:1-15

C. Acts 10:34-48; 11:15-18

D. 1 Corinthians 12-14

1. In this listing of spiritual gifts, we find mentioned “_____ of tongues” and the “_____ of tongues.” (1 Cor. 12:10)

2. Tongues are _____ of spiritual gifts or not included at all. (Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:8-10, 28-30; 14:5; Eph. 4:11)

3. Tongues are for a _____ to _____. (1 Cor. 14:21-22)
 - a. Purpose of Tongues toward GOD – tongues were to be used to _____ for His mighty works. (Acts 2:11; 10:46)

 - b. Purpose of Tongues toward ISRAEL – tongues were a means of _____ and persuasion to result in _____ or national judgment. (Acts 2)

 - c. Purpose of Tongues toward the CHURCH – Tongues were to _____ God’s message and messengers (Mark 16:15-20; 2Cor. 12:12) and for _____ in the Church when interpreted. (1Cor. 14:5, 12, 26-28).

 - d. Tongues were **NOT** a _____ prayer _____. (Rom. 8:26-27; 1Cor. 14:1-3)

 - e. Tongues were **NOT** for _____. (1Cor. 14:4-12; 12:7)

 - f. Tongues were **NOT** for corporate church _____ and _____. (1Cor. 14:13-19)

- g. Tongues were **NOT** a means of communicating _____ in a foreign language.
- h. Tongues were **NOT** a guaranteed sign of the _____ by the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 12:12-13, 28-30)

4. Scriptural Regulations and Restrictions for "Tongues" in the Local Church

- #1: No more than two or three people speaking in tongues during any church service. (1 Cor. 14:27)
- #2: Speaking in tongues was to be done one at a time in **succession** with an interpretation. (1 Cor. 14:27)
- #3: If no interpreter present at the service, there was to be no tongues-speaking. (1 Cor. 14:28)
- #4: No women tongues-speaking during church services. (1 Cor. 14:34-35)
- #5: While tongues were not to be forbidden (in 56 A.D.), all things were to be done decently and in order. (1 Cor. 14:39-40)

5. Tongues will cease. (1 Cor. 13:8)

- a. Tongues were _____ to cease. (1 Cor. 13:8)
- b. Tongues were given for a limited _____. (1 Cor. 14:20-22)
- c. Church _____ records that tongues were not used after the first century.
- d. Linguistics experts have determined that modern tongues are _____ a real _____.
- e. Godly believers over the centuries who have diligently studied the Scriptures _____ tongues and conclude that they have ceased.