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Revelation 12:11; *“11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”*

This scripture references the Christians who are in the 7-year tribulation who have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, some quote this scripture but leave out the part about, not loving their lives unto death, but in order to overcome in the tribulation, many will have to lay their lives down.

If you notice while reading the Book of Acts and the Azusa Papers, there is a common theme, and that is that they have to overcome opposition from not only the secular authorities, but also the religious authorities, who in reality, are persecuting them because they do not have authority over them as a church body.

The reality is, is that the secular and religious leaders fail to accept the Deity of Christ as being Lord of all creation in heaven and on earth, and this is why today they are trying to create a one world religion (an amalgamation of all religions leading to one God), and a one world government run by the World Economic Forum, that everyone will be expected to submit to as final authority in their lives.

Colossians 1:16-18; *“16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or [a]principalities or [b]powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.”*

This is a good scripture to quote when your church is coming under persecution from religious and secular authorities. It's very important to establish Jesus as the only Lord over your life and stand firm when persecuted for refusing to bow the knee and compromise His deity as Lord of all creation, and that the only way to Heaven is thru Him alone.

John 14:1-6; *“1 Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many [a]mansions; if it were not so, [b]I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.” 5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

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“THE SAME OLD WAY.

It has been said of the work in Los Angeles that He was "born in a manger and resurrected in a barn." Many are praising God for the old barn-like building on Azusa Street, and the plain old plank beside which they kneeled in the sawdust when God saved, sanctified and baptized them with the Holy Ghost. Those who know God feel His presence as soon as they cross the threshold. "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" "Come and see." This is the Nazareth of Los Angeles. Some have come from long distances to this spot, directed of the Lord, and the humble have always been greatly blest. The work began among the colored people. God baptized several sanctified wash women with the Holy Ghost, who have been much used of Him. The first white woman to receive the Pentecost and gift of tongues in Los Angeles was Mrs. Evans who is now in the work in

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Oakland. Since then multitudes have come. God makes no difference in nationality, Ethiopians, Chinese, Indians, Mexicans, and other nationalities worship together.”

This sounds familiar to the following scripture in **Acts 2: 1-13**; “*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all [a]with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them [b]divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own [c]language in which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and [d]Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?” 13 Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”*”

This was an example of God using tongues to speak to many different nationalities at one time, and He did the same at the Azusa meetings, and He is still speaking today at Pentecostal Church meetings all around the world.

Acts 2:14-21 continues to say this in Peter’s sermon; “*14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only [e]the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. 21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.’”*”

It's no wonder that religious authorities both then and now try desperately to shut down the operation of tongues in the Churches, because it is a supernatural voice of the Lord that speaks the wonderful works of God to individuals in their own languages.

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A young lady who came into the meeting unsaved, went to the altar during the sermon, under deep conviction, and was saved in about five minutes. Before that evening was over, she was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and had the gift of the Chinese tongue and was singing in Chinese in the Spirit. Her mother followed her to the altar and has also been saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and healed of asthma and heart trouble, which the doctors said was incurable.

The gift of languages is given with the commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The Lord has given languages to the unlearned, Greek, Latin, Hebrew, French, German, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Zulu and languages of Africa, Hindu and Bengali and dialects of India, Chippewa and other languages of the Indians, Esquimaux, the deaf-mute language and, in fact the Holy Ghost speaks all the languages of the world through His children.

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On Aug. 11th, a man from the central part of Mexico, an Indian, was present in the meeting and heard a German sister speaking in his tongue which the Lord had given her. He understood, and through the message that God gave him through her, he was most happily converted so that he could hardly contain his joy. All the English he knew was Jesus Christ and Hallelujah. He testified in his native language, which was interpreted by a man who had been among that tribe of Indians. This rough Indian, under the power of the Spirit was led to go and lay his hands on a woman in the congregation who was suffering from consumption, and she was instantly healed and arose and testified.”

There are Christians today that teach that tongues ceased with apostles and are no more in operation, with their presumed evidence being what Paul wrote in **1 Corinthians 13:8-12**; “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.”

You can't stop there though and bring it to a conclusion. Let's continue to read the following verses; “9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is [d]perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.”

The devil has lied to those who believe that tongues have ceased and have them cherry pick this scripture out, and taken it out of context without reading the full scripture.

The ASUZA PAPERS says this about this scripture; “Paul knew only in part, and prophesied in part, and spoke in tongues only in part; but when that which is perfect is come, then the knowledge, prophecy, and tongues of Paul shall be done away. If they are to be done away on that great and notable day of the Lord, they must be in existence when He shall come. Divine love never faileth. But when He comes these other things shall fail. God's promises must last till by God's own word they are withdrawn.”

You can sure see why it's important to read the text as a whole and not cherry pick scriptures in order to continue to walk in self-denial of what's written in the Bible about speaking in tongues. We have to keep in perspective that what took place in the Book of Acts also took place all throughout history prior to the Azusa revival.

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“At the beginning of the Eighteenth century, among the French Protestants, there were wonderful manifestations of the Spirit power accompanied by the Gift of Tongues. The early Quakers received the same powerful religious stimulus and had the Gift of Tongues. The Irvingite church, about 1830, had the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and spoke in other tongues. In the Swedish revival in 1841-43 there were the same manifestations of the Spirit and also the Gift of Tongues. In the Irish revival of 1859, there is the record of the power of the Spirit in winning souls and the speaking in tongues by Spirit filled men and women. (For the above facts, my authority is Bishop Hurst's History of the Christian Church, Vol.1). Bishop Taylor left the record that he took a young lady to labor among a certain tribe in Africa, and left her preaching through an interpreter; but returned two months later and found her preaching fluently in the native language, without having learned it.”

It all comes back down to one thing, and that is obeying Jesus' last command to His disciples, and if you are preaching that tongues ceased with the Apostles, it would be good for you to repent of that false teaching and

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obey Jesus' last command and receive the same baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

In **Acts 1:4-5**, we read about this command that Jesus gave to the disciples; *"4 And being assembled together with them, He **commanded** them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

Then it continues in **Acts 2:1-4** we read that the promise was fulfilled; *"1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all [a]with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them [b]divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."*

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"THE PROMISE STILL GOOD. The hundred and twenty on the day of Pentecost were baptized with the Holy Ghost according to promise. The converts of Philip in the Samaritan revival were baptized with the Holy Ghost, when Peter and John came from Jerusalem and preached the doctrine to them. The household of Cornelius received the same endowment of power, showing that the promise was also extended to the Gentiles. Again to the Corinthian church is the record given of the fulfillment of the promise. That the Apostolic church had wonderful power is evidenced by its remarkable growth, as well as by the record of the Word. We have the promise of the same power today. How about its fulfillment?"

So, what could possibly be motivating Christians to not obey Jesus' last command? If Christians are not led by the Holy Spirit, then who's leading them? By not obeying Jesus' last command, Christians are acting independent of what God requires of them, and in essence are rejecting His Lordship in their lives. It's easy to understand that breaking one of the Ten Commandments is sin, but what about Jesus' last command, which is the command that enables a Christian to keep the Ten Commandments, what would make us exempt from obeying this command? Could this be one of the contributions to the great falling away of the Churches throughout history from the Day of Pentecost till this present day?

James 2:10 says that; *"Whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it."*

Jesus died in order that the righteous requirements of the law could be fulfilled in you because, **Romans 8:3-4** says; *" 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. "*

Then He sent you the Helper, the Holy Spirit, to give you power to enable you to keep His law. So the very commandment that you're rejecting – the baptism in the Holy Spirit – is the very one you need to keep the Ten Commandments and to have authority over the devil.

Jesus expressly says in **John 14:15-17** for them to receive the Holy Spirit; *"15 If you love Me, [a]keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another [b]Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."*

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All of those commandments include the Ten Commandments. The very point that needs to be made is that you need not reject this command by Jesus to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the power from on high with the evidence of speaking in tongues. You're going to need it to keep the Ten Commandments. Christians will struggle keeping these commandments without the baptism in the Holy Spirit with tongues as it's evidence. We know you're not going to get into heaven just by keeping the Ten Commandments alone, as it's only through faith in Jesus. But Jesus is making a conditional statement here knowing that His disciples needed the baptism of the Holy Spirit to keep all His commandments. If you then reject His command, you'll find it difficult to keep His commands as you won't have the authority and power that you need to submit yourself unto God, to resist the devil and see him flee.

Jesus kept the best for last, because He knew you'd need it to face the persecution of the world, the flesh, the devil, and the secular and religious authorities that want to shut you up. Why do they want to shut you up when you're speaking in tongues? Because you're testifying to the wonderful works of God in the languages of the hearers, you'll be interpreting tongues that only the Holy Spirit can give, you'll be operating in the supernatural. It's no wonder the worldly and religious authorities want to shut it down because that authority comes from heaven. The government or religious leaders can't give you the gift of speaking in tongues, it's a work of the Holy Spirit that you need when you're being persecuted by them, because you're not submitting unto them.

We're living in times right now where the anti-Christ spirit that's at work, wants to shut down any evidence of speaking in tongues, any kind of power, and any kind of thought of Jesus. And because you're not submitted to their (those operating in the anti-Christ lordship), they'll persecute you. But with the Holy Spirit and tongues, you'll enter into that rest and refreshing even in the midst of persecution.

When you speak in tongues, the Holy Spirit can also give you the interpretation of your tongues for your personal edification and for the edification of others. This is supernatural evidence manifesting in the natural. We're not even talking about the rest of the manifestations of the Spirit, we're just talking about tongues right now.

What this does is take the power out or knocks the wind out of just being religious. Speaking in tongues is powerful! Don't lean to your understanding, or concern yourself what anyone might think when you're speaking and praying in tongues. You may pray in a language that only the hearers know and the Holy Spirit is revealing truth to them. What an awesome gift!

You're going to need to speak in tongues to overcome opposition. There is a lot of authority in praying in tongues, the Holy Spirit is praying through you, does it get any better than that? Keep Jesus' Lordship in your life as a priority, don't give it to anyone else, religious or secular. If they come to try to take it away, just say, no, and it's okay to say that when opposition comes.

It's okay to say to your employer that you don't work on Sunday, the Lord's Day. It's ok to say, no, to the government when they want to impose unlawful restrictions on your church, because they are not the final authority over the church.

As we read at the beginning in **Colossians 1:16-18**; *"16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or [a]principalities or [b]powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence."*

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Why should we be afraid of what world authorities would do to us when Jesus has the last say in everything? Don't give up the pre-eminence of Jesus to anyone, keep Jesus Lord of your life in every area. If you give up anything to the adversary – the devil – he'll continue to plunder you. Just like leaven, it will continue to spread.

During this Christmas season, the anti-Christ spirit wants to rob you of the joy and peace that the Holy Spirit gives. Any symbolism of Christmas, whether it's a manger scene or anything to do with the birth of Jesus Christ, they (those yielding to the anti-Christ spirit), would like to see it removed. This evil spirit would like to see your life, especially now at Christmas, filled with anxiety, fear, stress, drama etc., to attack your joy in the Holy Spirit. But you can say, 'no, in Jesus name', and see it flee.

You don't have to bow down and worship this world, although they'd love to see you do it, trembling in fear before them. But like when Jesus declared to those who were coming to seize Him in the garden of Gethsemane that, 'I am He', they drew back and fell to the ground, so we're to speak Jesus' name with His authority and see the demonic flee.

Sometimes you might have to speak to the demonic principality who is tormenting or possessing someone and command them to come out, in Jesus' name. Be bold, in Jesus' name, now is not the time to be timid. Don't give the devil an inch. When someone is attacking you with words or actions, just start speaking in tongues and watch what Jesus does to deliver you, and them. Maybe instead of just lending an ear to someone, ask if you can pray for them, and start praying in tongues – and watch God work. The truth is, if the demonic starts manifesting in front of you, you have the authority to bind them, because that's the authority that Jesus has given you.

Be busy about establishing Jesus' Lordship in every area of your life, ministry and work today. Speak His word with power and authority. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak through you.

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