

# FREEDOM NEWS

WHERE FAITH MEETS ACTION



**Message from Pastor Derek Heldreth**

## The Miracle of Tongues

The topic of speaking with tongues is a blessing that the Lord intends for all Christians to have. However, this is an area fraught with misconceptions and misinformation. The last words of Jesus before He ascended into heaven involved a commission to the church to speak in tongues.

**Acts 1:5** For John truly baptized with water: but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

After Jesus had risen on the third day, He spent the next 40 days appearing to His followers speaking to them things pertaining to the kingdom of God. He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem but to stay there to wait for what the Father had promised.

**Mark 16:15-17** Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe, In My Name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues.

Why? Jesus knew they needed power. We desperately need the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives to live a victorious Christian life. This is what Jesus was telling them would happen to them when they were to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. They would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them with the evidence of speaking in new tongues.

The power of the Holy Spirit enables us to be what God wants us to be.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and you shall be witnesses unto Me.

Notice that the people received power to "be" witnesses, not power to "do" witnessing. God wants us to become what He has in mind for us and then out of who we are we will begin to do what He wants us to do. As we invite the Lord to have His way in us and our life, we will experience an increase in the Holy Spirit's power. He wants to make you a witness!

We activate what God has placed in us, stir it up, build ourselves up through speaking in tongues. Tongues causes us to have a greater spiritual sensitivity, to hear the voice of God and to be activated in spiritual gifts. Jesus placed such importance on speaking in tongues that it was one of the last instructions to His followers. If ever there was a time we need to hear the voice of God and have power to live for Him and to be a witness to a very lost world it is now.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother's Day Cookout  
Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM

Women's Meeting & Lunch - Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon  
Invite your friends - RSVP by Thursday May 16th

Starting on Mother's Day - Marriage and Family Series

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