

# Understanding Tongues...

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## Ministry Biography

Dr. Donald F. Walker Jr. gave his life to Jesus in August of 2000 at 19 years old shortly after joining the United States Air Force, marking the beginning of a lifelong commitment to sharing the Gospel. In January 2001, Don and a friend led his basic training flight of 60 Airmen to Christ—an early sign of the evangelism that would define his life. Since October 2020, Don Walker and his ministry team have helped lead more than 26,100 people to the Lord, demonstrating his unwavering passion for soul-winning.

### Early Ministry Formation

Dr. Walker began formal ministry training in 2003 at Victory Christian Ministries International (VCMI) in Suitland, Maryland. There he faithfully served in the Usher Ministry and on the Fishers of Men evangelism team. In 2006, he was consecrated as a minister. While stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi as an Air Force sergeant, he receiving prayer and a commissioning at Covenant Church (Jesse Duplantis Ministries), he received the fire of God and stepped boldly into urban evangelism in the Gulfport–Biloxi region. Partnering with Youth 4 Christ, he used rap music and preaching to reach incarcerated juveniles and people from all walks of life with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His music was played on the radio and YouTube in 3 nations. Don did not tally the thousands of people saved from April of 2001 to September of 2020.

### Marriage, Missions, and Community Impact

In 2007, Don met a nonprofit attorney Khiedrae Walker, and the two were married in 2008. Together they founded a nonprofit and after-school program and were commissioned as lay ministers and missionaries through Refuge Temple Church of God in Christ in Gulfport, Mississippi. There they served local youth through Bible teaching, tutoring, mentorship, and hot meals.

Later, the Walkers joined Living The Word International (LTWI) in Slidell, Louisiana, where they served in multiple capacities—including media, new members' orientation teaching, and directing the Fire Starters Teen Ministry. They also facilitated CHOSEN, a teen purity program. At LTWI, they were encouraged to launch **The A.T.O. Outreach**, a global-humanitarian, evangelism and suicide-prevention ministry. In 2013, their youth campaign contributed to a 3-year freeze in teen suicides across St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

### Leadership, Ordination, and Pastoral Ministry

When the Air Force reassigned the Walker family to Woodbridge, Virginia in 2014, Don and Khiedrae reconnected with VCMI Church. They led the Chrisma Teen Ministry, helped organize three teen conferences, served in children's ministry, and were ordained first as ministers and later as pastors under TCBM (Apostles Tony and Cynthia Brazelton Ministries).

In 2018, following the final military relocation—this time to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa Bay—the Walkers served as leaders of the Prayer and Altar Ministry at Reach City Church (Assemblies of God). For nearly two years, they interceded faithfully for revival three times each week.

In the summer of 2020 after praying for revival, the Holy Spirit led Don to a farm in Plant City, Florida. At the farm he met Dr. Eric Gonyon of Revival Ministries International. Six months later in January 2021, the U.S. Air Force approved a six-month Outreach Ministry Internship (Skills Bridge Pastoral Training Program) at River University, where both Don and Khiedrae were later licensed and ordained under Drs. Rodney and Adonica Howard-Browne.

## Global Ministry and Apostolic Work

After 20 ½ years of honorable military service—including deployments to Uzbekistan, Jordan, and Kuwait—Dr. Walker retired from the U.S. Air Force in July of 2021. For three years, he and Khiedrae pastored Revival Center, an urban mission church in St. Petersburg, Florida. They were nominated for a Pinellas County humanitarian award for community service. Together they founded **Don Walker Ministries** ([www.DonWalkerMin.com](http://www.DonWalkerMin.com)), spreading the Gospel internationally through global evangelism, training, and missions. Their ministry has impacted nations such as Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, and India.

In Kenya alone, Dr. Walker's evangelism training has helped plant 20 churches in the Kisumu region, resulting in more than 7,000 new believers and church members. The Walkers continue to train bishops, pastors, and hundreds of parishioners worldwide.

## Education and Professional Background

Khiedrae Walker is a seasoned attorney, graduating from Tougaloo College in 2001 and Cooley Law School at Western Michigan University in 2007. She has served in both nonprofit and government roles. She has founded Tightly Knitted ([www.TightlyKnitted.org](http://www.TightlyKnitted.org)), a Florida nonprofit dedicated to strengthening marriages and families.

Dr. Don Walker Jr. holds:

- **Bachelor's in Pastoral Studies** from Southwestern College
- **Master's and Doctorate in Biblical Studies** from Kingdom Life University
- **Post-doctoral Ph.Ds. in Theology** with his wife at Kingdom Life University (minor concentration in Kingdom Business)
- **Associate Degrees** in Human Resources and Fire Science from the Comm. College of the Air Force
- **U.S. Air Force Humanitarian Service Medal**, 1,000 volunteer hours, post Hurricane Katrina
- **Project Management and Project Leadership Certificates** from Cornell University
- **Outreach Ministry / Pastoral Internship** through the USAF Skills Bridge Program at River University
- **Doctoral Apprenticeship completion (2025)** with Kingdom Life University President

As an online professor with KLU University has authored four graduate-level courses, three academic textbooks, and multiple books on Christian theological doctrine.

## A Family Committed to the Gospel

With a steadfast heart for ministry and a powerful global vision, Dr. Don Walker continues to preach, teach, and advance the Kingdom of God with his wife, Khiedrae, and their missionary daughters, Gabriella and Alexandria. Together, the Walker family remains dedicated to leading, inspiring, and transforming lives through the love and power of Jesus Christ.

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## Journal Study-Guide

### *How it works:*

This Journal-Study Guide is designed to educate the reader on biblical concepts. This Journal-Study Guide series is part of "Understanding The Apostles' Doctrine" and provides 21 days of study for each subject. There is also space for you to record your ideas and research as you gather the information that is given to you within each day of study. Please Note: Each day, you will read a section entitled "In Depth". The "In Depth" section will contain the day's study material and scripture references to support the study. To read the full scripture, read the section directly above "In Depth" entitled "Scripture." Scriptures are italicized. For accuracy, I will only pull definitions of Hebrew and Greek words from Strong's Concordance and Lexicons. Both the Strong's and the Lexicons contain references from the original scrolls and manuscripts. Each day, will uncover a different topic or a unique perspective. For approximately 20 to 30 minutes a day for 21 days, you will become a Subject Matter Expert! You are encouraged to read the topic and write the answer to each question provided to you.

While reading each scripture, feel free to open your Bible and read it in context. There will only be studies from the bible in the King James with definitions from the original Greek or the Hebrew-Aramaic. We will never present teachings from any denominational teachings, theological norms, or dispensational world views. Everything will be taught in context with scripture and the cultural norms of the 1<sup>st</sup> century church and the Old Testament prophets. We have entered a day in age when the masses will not believe the truth of the Bible's teachings. 2 Timothy 4:3 states, "*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine...*" When your studies are complete, you will no longer fall for false doctrine. You will be armed with the truth.

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## **Understanding Spiritual Authority... in 21 Days**

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## Day 1: Introduction to Tongues

Scripture:

- *Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
- *Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. But he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.*
- *Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*

**In Depth:** Speaking in Tongues is a very controversial topic in the Western Christian world. When it comes to discovering the truth about this topic, I have a unique advantage. Besides a few years of church attendance as an elementary school student on a military base in Italy, I had no reference to religious theology. I had never seen anyone speak in tongues before, and I had my own personal experience. When I joined the Air Force at 20 years old, a practicing witch from the Wiccan cult was transferred or recycled into my flight of 61 airmen. My goal at the time was to convert each graduating Airman to Jesus Christ, including a Muslim Airman. This witch boldly proclaimed that Christianity was a false religion and used his vast knowledge of the Bible to share perceived contradictions. I came against his goal by praying for him with my eyes closed, and as I closed my eyes to pray, he kissed me on my forehead. I instantly became sick. I was so ill that I was rushed to the hospital with nearly a 103-degree fever. Only two individuals from my flight of Airmen

joined the witch's side and began to mock God because I became sick. This was my introduction to spiritual warfare. I began praying to the Lord with an IV in my arm; my body regained strength and normal temperature by 11 pm that night. When I returned to my flight dorm the next morning, I felt overwhelmed, confused, and over-matched. I went to the only place of isolation I could find in a basic training dorm, locked behind a bathroom stall. I began to pray aloud to the Lord. "LORD, I NEED YOUR HELP; I NEED HELP!" Something amazing happened as the atmosphere shifted. A mighty wind came into the room, and I began to pray in an unknown tongue, words I could not comprehend while turning like a drunken man. However, I was not as drunk as you suppose. I received help and the power that Jesus spoke about in Acts 1:8. The results... all graduating Airman left basic training saved and praying to Jesus, even the former Muslim. There were only two individuals who were converted to witchcraft, the two men who mocked God earlier. Unfortunately, right before graduation, these two men were both disqualified from basic training graduation. Everyone who graduated was saved except one person, the Wiccan witch. His goal was to convert all graduating Christians into witches, but it was subverted by a higher power. Jesus is the baptizer of the Holy Ghost and fire, just as Matthew 3:11 states.

#### Prophecy Relevance:

Do you believe Jesus is alive? Does Jesus still hold the ability to give His believers supernatural abilities?

Are we still in the Last Days? Did the Last Days end when the Apostles' died over a millennium ago?

### Practical Relevance to Life:

It is taught in some Christian circles that the miraculous powers of the Holy Spirit died off with the Apostles. However, in Acts 2:17, the Apostle Peter states, "In the last days God will pour out his spirit..." Peter went on to proclaim that God was pouring out his spirit in Acts chapter 2. If God promised to pour out his spirit and power in the last days, wouldn't we have access to this power today? Why did the last days stop 2,000 years ago? There would be a contradiction in scripture if God were to stop pouring out His Spirit. Please Note: With thousands of years of world history, the book of Acts is identified as the beginning of the Last Days, and it continues today!

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## Day 2: Tongues in Prophecy I

Scripture:

- *Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.*

### **In Depth: Prophecy and Speaking in Tongues**

1. Introduction to Prophecy in Relation to Speaking in Tongues
  - Overview of the role of prophecy in the Old Testament
  - Prophecies that preluded the phenomenon of speaking in tongues
  - Jesus' mention of "new tongues" as a prophecy (Mark 16:17)
2. Jesus' Perspective on Speaking in Tongues
  - Jesus' direct statement to disciples about "new tongues"
  - Jesus' qualification for speaking in tongues: belief, not education or position
  - Jesus' inclusivity: All believers are eligible, not just apostles or pastors
3. Western Christianity's Education Requirements
  - Contrast between Jesus' qualifications and Western Christian theological standards
  - Modern theological requirements (e.g., Master's degree in theology) vs. Jesus' simpler qualifications
  - Example of denominational limitations on who can perform certain spiritual acts (e.g., casting out devils, speaking in tongues)
4. Historical Context: Catholic Church Influence

- Catholic Church's original theological requirements for exorcism and scripture interpretation
- Introduction of the term "Exorcists" in the Catholic Church
- How Protestant Reformation inherited some of these traditions

5. Theological Policy in Modern Denominations

- The persistence of "no speaking in tongues" policies in many denominations
- Theological education prioritization over the teachings of Jesus in certain denominations
- Jesus' teaching: Believers, not education, qualify individuals to cast out devils and speak in new tongues

6. Interpretation of "New Tongues"

- Common belief: "New tongues" refers to speaking in a different language
- Context: Hebrews in the 1st century spoke Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek
- Question: Why would "new tongues" be miraculous if multiple languages were already common?

7. Possibility of a Supernatural Ability

- Similarity between speaking in tongues and casting out devils: both require supernatural power
- Hypothesis: "New tongues" may refer to a supernatural ability that only Jesus can provide

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## Day 3: Tongues in Prophecy II

Scripture:

- *Amos 3:7 ...the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he reveals his secret unto his servants the prophets.*
- *Isaiah 28:11-12 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 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.*

### In Depth: Prophecy and Speaking in Tongues

1. Foreknowledge of God and Prophecy
  - The principle that anything in the New Testament is foreseen in the Old Testament through prophecy
  - Reference to Amos 3:7: God does nothing without revealing it to his prophets
2. Speaking in Tongues and Prophecy
  - Speaking in tongues as an exception to the rule of prophecy
  - Jesus' role in fulfilling prophecies about speaking in tongues
3. Messianic Prophecy
  - Definition: Prophecies directly connected to the life and ministry of the Messiah, Jesus Christ
  - The Prophet Isaiah's unique role in chronicling over two dozen Messianic prophecies
4. Isaiah's Prophecy on Speaking in Tongues
  - Isaiah 28:11-12: Prophecy about how God will minister to people through a stammering lip or tongue

- The prophecy's indication that this event will occur in the future and will bring rest and refreshment

## 5. The Response to the Prophecy

- Isaiah's prophecy: Some will listen to this tongue that God will speak to his people, while others will not hear it
- Modern-day Pentecostal movement: Some claim God speaks through them in tongues, while others, from differing denominations, may not hear it or believe it is fake

## 6. Connection to Isaiah's Prophecy

- The alignment between Isaiah's prophecy and the present-day situation where some hear and understand speaking in tongues, while others do not

### Prophecy Relevance:

If I learn another language and speak to a foreigner, would it be me speaking or God speaking? Over a long history of oppression, the Hebrew people spoke with Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Romans and more. Why would simply learning new languages be a supernatural gift foretold by prophets when the Hebrew culture was used to speaking multiple languages? Does it make sense to say that learning and speaking another language would fulfill the prophecy of stammering lips?

### Practical Relevance to Life:

Anyone who has learned another language would tell you the time it takes to learn to perfect another language would not be considered "rest ." In fact, learning a new language would be

considered toil. The prophecy in Isaiah 28:11-12 states the process of speaking another language would bring rest. This would conclude that whatever way God chooses to speak through people would not be earned or learned. It would be a tongue that is a supernatural ability or gift.

Prayer of Guidance: "Lord, I surrender my life to you! I give you permission to guide me and lead me in every area of my personal life. I know you have been there watching over me and now I choose to live for you and follow you, In Jesus name Amen!"

The Lord has placed many gifts within the local church. Make sure to join a local church that believes in the whole Bible. Not just parts of the Bible. This is where you will find sound mentorship, love, and accountability.

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## Day 4: Tongues in Prophecy III

Scripture:

- *Acts 2:3-4 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*
- *Acts 2:15-17 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
- *Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*
- *1 Corinthians 13:8-10 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.*
- *Acts 1:14-15 These all continued with on accord in prayer and supplications, with the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus and with the brethren.; ...the number of names together were about 120).*

### **In Depth: The Upper Room Experience and the Continuation of Tongues and Prophecy**

#### 1. Introduction to Speaking in Tongues in the New Testament

- First recorded occurrence in Acts chapter 2: The Upper Room Experience
- 120 believers praying in the upper room for 6 to 7 days

2. The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:3-4)

- The Holy Spirit fills the believers, and they begin speaking with other tongues
- This speaking in tongues is not learned through study but happens "as the Spirit gave them utterance"

3. Witnesses' Reactions

- People from various countries hear the gospel in their own languages
- Some people perceive the tongues as drunken gibberish
- Peter defends the disciples in Acts 2:15, stating they are not drunk

4. Modern Denominational Responses

- Denominational leaders today declare Holy Spirit-filled believers are "out of order" and claim "God would not operate like this"
- The misinterpretation of scripture: The need to read scripture literally instead of allegorically

5. Peter's Explanation and the Role of Women

- Peter's defense of the believers in Acts 2:15-17
- God pours out His Spirit on both sons and daughters (including women, as shown in Acts 1:14-15)

6. Connection to Salvation

- Acts 2:41: About 3,000 souls are saved and baptized because of this event
- Fulfillment of the Prophet Joel's prophecy

7. Debate on the Continuation of Tongues and Prophecy

- Some pastors claim tongues and prophecy have ceased, quoting 1 Corinthians 13:8-

- Context of 1 Corinthians 13:10: "When that which is perfect is come" (Jesus is perfect, and when He returns, prophecy and tongues will cease)
- Tongues and prophecy will only vanish with the return of Jesus Christ

## 8. Conclusion

- Prophecy and speaking in tongues will remain until the second coming of Christ
- Understanding that tongues and prophecy will cease when Jesus returns, as per scripture

### Prophecy Relevance:

Peter showed how it was important to understand prophecy. Peter's response in defending the drunk-acting disciples was to quote prophecy in the scriptures.

### Practical Relevance to Life:

Some individuals were not able to comprehend what was happening as this miracle unfolded in Acts chapter 2? Peter needed to explain. The same thing is happening today as religious leaders with advanced degrees in theology and biblical studies still can't wrap their heads around prophecy unfolding.

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## Day 5: Tongues in Prophecy IV

Scripture:

- *Joel 2:28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward (in the last days), that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also, upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*
- *Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered:*
- *1 John 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.*

### **In Depth: The Prophet Joel and the Outpouring of God's Spirit**

1. The Prophet Joel and His Vision
  - Joel's name in Hebrew means "The Lord is God"
  - Joel's writings were originally inscribed between 835 and 800 B.C.
  - Joel encountered a prophetic vision about the future
2. The End-Time Army
  - Joel's vision of an end-time army for the Lord
  - This army is not a physical military force, but a spiritual one
  - Armed with the Spirit of God poured upon them
3. The Role of Men and Women in Ministry
  - Joel saw both young men and young women having the Spirit of God upon them
  - Specific mention of women's involvement in ministry (servants and handmaids)
  - Reference to Joel 2:28-29: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh"

#### 4. Spiritual Gifts and Prophecy

- Both men and women receive spiritual gifts, such as the ability to prophesy
- The outpouring of God's Spirit is connected to salvation in the world
- Joel 2:32: "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered"

#### 5. Peter's Confirmation of the Prophecy

- Over 800 years later, the Apostle Peter confirms the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy
- 3,000 people are saved and baptized in one day after the outpouring of the Spirit

#### 6. Connection Between Salvation, Tongues, and Holy Spirit Baptism

- The prophecy links salvation to tongues and the Holy Spirit Baptism
- Tongues provide spiritual insight or unction

#### 7. The Unction from the Lord

- 1 John 2:20: The unction comes from the Lord God
- This unction aids in soul winning and helps to solve problems
- Through praying in tongues, a believer receives unction to know mysteries

#### 8. The Prophetic Role of All Believers

- As you pray in tongues, you will begin to know unsearchable things, similar to a prophet
- God shares His knowledge with you through praying "in mysteries" (unknown tongue)
- Joel 2:28 emphasizes that both men and women will prophesy after God pours out His Spirit

#### 9. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- The outpouring of God's Spirit occurs when a person receives the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- In the Old Testament, the receiver would be called a Prophet
- In the New Testament, any believer with the Holy Ghost Baptism can prophesy.

### Prophecy Relevance

Do you believe the Bible's prophecies are still being fulfilled today? Is this your first-time studying prophecy? Are you interested in being able to decipher if a prophecy has already been fulfilled?

### Practical Relevance to Life:

In the book of Joel, the Hebrew word for prophecy is *naba'*; to speak or sing by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Also, to cause to bubble forth, to pour forth words abundantly, and to declare the words of God to men. Biblically, this was done in 3 ways. (1) Declaring words from a prophetic unction, meaning to speak future events by the foreknowledge of God. (2) Declaring words from a song, meaning not a normal song but a prophetic song, similar to the song of Moses or songs in Revelation sung prophetically. (3) Finally, declaring words from the Word of God with Revelation to other men means teaching the Word of God with Revelation. NOTE: This is the literal meaning of prophecy in the Bible, and it includes women by the Spirit of God. For accuracy, I will only pull definitions of Hebrew and Greek words from Strong's Concordance and Lexicons. Both the Strong's and the Lexicon contain references from the original scrolls and manuscripts.

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## Day 6: Tongues in Prophecy V

Scripture:

- *Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
- *Acts 2:3-4 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*
- *Acts 2:21 ...it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*
- *Acts 2:15-16 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel.*

### In Depth: The Upper Room Experience and Holy Ghost Baptism

1. Jesus' Instructions Before the Upper Room Experience
  - Jesus' command to the disciples not to preach the gospel to other cities until they receive power (Acts 1:8)
  - The promise from God that they would receive power
2. The Promise Fulfilled: The Baptism of the Holy Ghost
  - The fulfillment of the promise in Acts 2:3-4: Cloven tongues of fire appeared upon the 120 disciples
  - The disciples began speaking with other tongues
  - Distinction: This was a baptism of cloven tongues of fire, not a baptism of water

### 3. The Role of Speaking in Tongues

- Disciples speaking in tongues while many heard the gospel in their own languages
- The response of some witnesses: thinking the disciples were drunk at 9:00 am (the 3rd hour of the day)

### 4. The Comparison to Drunken Behavior

- Observations of how a drunk person might act (running, jumping, speech unintelligible)
- Similarities to the behavior seen in the disciples: irrational speech and actions
- This behavior being likened to a modern-day revival service

### 5. Criticism of Revival Movements

- Critics accusing participants of speaking gibberish and acting irrationally
- Many organized churches moving away from the Holy Spirit's moves due to fear of fraudulence
- The fear of man as a factor in denying the move of God

### 6. The Fear of Man and Denial of the Holy Ghost

- Some ministers being embarrassed by the Holy Ghost and the moves of God
- Fear of man as a type of sin that leads ministers to deny the move of God to please others

### 7. The Uncontrollable Fire of God

- The fire of God cannot be controlled
- Testimonies of people who were filled with the Holy Ghost, experiencing healings and accurate prophetic words

### 8. Peter's Defense and Explanation

- In Acts 2:15-16, Peter defends the disciples, explaining they are not drunk
- Peter confirms that tongues and Holy Ghost baptism have been fulfilled according to prophecy

#### Prophecy Relevance:

Why was it so important for the disciples to wait for the Holy Ghost Baptism before bringing the gospel message to other cities and the world? If you believe in Jesus and are saved, did you know you can become baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire AFTER salvation?!

#### Practical Relevance to Life:

Acts 2:21 shows the results of God empowering his believers not only with the power of the Holy Ghost but also with tongues. Jesus told them this power would give them the ability to become witnesses. Three thousand new believers now called on the name of the Lord, became saved and baptized. There were many things to note in the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy in Acts 2. (1) They obeyed Jesus by staying in Jerusalem. (2) 120 disciples prayed with one accord for 7 days until the baptism of the Holy Ghost. (3) God chose the moment to appear as prayer and obedience led to a great move of God!

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## Day 7: Salvation vs. Holy Spirit Baptism I

Scripture:

- *Acts 1:4 He (Jesus) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father...*
- *John 20:19-22 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*
- *Acts 2:1-2 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind...*
- *Luke 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he (Jesus) shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:*

### In Depth: The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

1. Jesus' Command to the Disciples
  - Jesus' instructions in Acts 1:4: Stay in Jerusalem until they receive the promise of the Father
  - Jesus was preparing to release something new upon the disciples
2. John the Baptist's Prophecy (Luke 3:16)

- John the Baptist's distinction between water baptism and the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire
  - Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire, unlike John's baptism of water

3. Difference Between Water Baptism and Holy Spirit Baptism

- The Bible makes a clear distinction between the two events
- Water baptism and the baptism of the Holy Spirit are separate occurrences

4. Modern Debate on Speaking in Tongues

- Some religious circles argue that speaking in tongues is not required to receive the Holy Spirit
- Clarification: There is a difference between receiving the Holy Spirit at salvation and receiving the “Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire”

5. The Disciples' Salvation (John 20:19-22)

- The disciples received salvation 50 days earlier in John 20, when Jesus appeared to them after His resurrection
- Jesus showed His crucifixion scars and breathed on them, saying, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost”

6. Timing of Salvation and Holy Spirit Baptism

- The disciples received the Holy Spirit in their hearts at salvation (John 20:19)
- This event occurred on the first day of the week after Passover, the evening of Jesus' resurrection

7. The Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-2)

- About 49-50 days after Passover, the disciples received the “Holy Spirit Baptism” during the Hebrew holiday of Pentecost

- Pentecost marks the 50th day of Passover and the event where the disciples received the “Holy Spirit Baptism”

8. Distinction Between Salvation and Holy Spirit Baptism

- You can receive the Holy Spirit at salvation, but the "Holy Spirit Baptism" is a separate event
- The "Holy Spirit Baptism" is marked by speaking in tongues, whereas salvation is a separate event from both water baptism and the Holy Spirit Baptism

Prophecy Relevance:

Acts chapter 2 describes a prayer meeting where 120 people were filled and baptized with the Holy Ghost as a flame of cloven tongues of fire appeared. John the Baptist prophesied this event in Luke 3:16.

Practical Relevance to Life:

There was a Baptist pastor in North Georgia who was very skeptical until he saw a flame of fire appear above his baptismal pool. His master's degree in theology could not explain it. He prayed a special prayer and God gave him the Baptism of the Holy Ghost! Pray with me, the prayer that Baptist Pastor prayed. Father God, I want only the truth. I want only the perfect will of God for my life and my family's lives. I openly denounce all false doctrines. I denounce all false teachings. I denounce and reject every work of the devil! If there is anything you want for me to have give it to me today. Move any stumbling block or false teaching out of my life in Jesus name. I receive the Holy Spirit Baptism today!

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## Day 8: Salvation Vs. Holy Spirit

Scripture:

- *2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*
- *Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*
- *Hebrews 6:1-2 ... leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgement.*
- *Matthew 22:29 Jesus said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*
- *Acts 1:4-5 And, being assembled together with them, (Jesus) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

### **In Depth: Salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

1. Steps of Being Born Again
  - (1) Receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior
  - (2) Asking for forgiveness and repenting from sins

- (3) Believing in Jesus' death on the cross, His burial, and His resurrection on the 3rd day

2. Transformation at the Moment of Salvation

- Becoming a new creature (1 Corinthians 5:17)
- Old things pass away, all things become new

3. The Role of the Holy Spirit in Salvation

- Upon being born again, you have not yet received the “Holy Spirit Baptism”
- Romans 5:5: The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us
- Salvation qualifies you for heaven, but does not yet endue you with power for ministry

4. The Role of Denominations in Missions

- Many denominations do not seek the “Holy Spirit Baptism,” but still engage in missionary work
- Honorable efforts such as sending missionaries and raising funds for church buildings

5. The Power of Acts 1:8

- The power mentioned in Acts 1:8 is supernatural power that only comes from God
- After salvation, the Bible speaks of a baptism of water, then a baptism of fire

6. Foundations of Christian Doctrine (Hebrews 6:1-2)

- Hebrews 6:1-2 lists the foundational doctrines: repentance and faith in Christ

- These are the beginning steps in the Christian journey, just like laying the foundation of a house

## 7. The Importance of a Solid Foundation

- Salvation (accepting Christ and repenting) is the foundation
- Without a solid foundation, a house (or Christian life) cannot stand
- Hebrews 6:1-2: Beyond the foundation, the "house" includes other doctrines like baptisms, laying on of hands, and raising the dead

## 8. Plurality of Baptisms

- The term "baptisms" is used in the plural sense, signifying multiple baptisms
- The baptism of water is followed by the baptism of fire (Holy Spirit Baptism)
- God offers more beyond salvation—there is a deeper experience with Him

### Practical Relevance to Life:

Acts 1:8 Jesus said, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth”. When Jesus used the word “power” in Acts 1:8, it was the koine (street) Greek word for dynamis (δύναμις), meaning strength, ability, power (1) exerted upon their souls for performing miracles, (2) influence which belongs to riches and wealth, (3) consisting in or resting upon armies and (angelic) hosts, (4) moral power and excellence of soul deriving from the resurrection power of God. This is the power to do what is not humanly possible.

After being endowed with power the disciples began to speak in tongues. Jesus commanded them not to advance the gospel to other cities until they received the power and tongues, as stated in Acts 1:4-5.

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## Day 9: Salvation vs. Holy Spirit Baptism III

Scripture:

- *Acts 19:2-6 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied.*
- *Acts 8:14-17 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) After laying hands upon them, they received the Holy Ghost.*

### **In Depth: The Difference Between Salvation and Holy Spirit Baptism**

1. Introduction to the Difference Between Salvation and Holy Spirit Baptism
  - Instances in the New Testament showing the distinction between salvation and the Holy Spirit Baptism
2. The Example of the Disciples in Ephesus (Acts 19:2-6)
  - Apostle Paul encounters 12 men in Ephesus who identify as disciples
  - They are saved and believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior
  - Paul asks, "Unto what then were ye baptized?"

- They respond, "Unto John's baptism," indicating the type of baptism they had received
- Paul's question highlights the distinction between the two baptisms (salvation vs. Holy Spirit Baptism)
- Paul shares the prophecy of John the Baptist with them and they are ready to receive
- Paul lays hands on them and they receive the Holy Spirit Baptism of fire
- No mention of water baptism, indicating this baptism was of the Holy Spirit

3. The Example of Peter and John in Samaria (Acts 8:14-17)

- Apostles Peter and John are called from Jerusalem to Samaria
- They are called specifically to pray for people who are already saved, having received the word of God
- Acts 8:14-17 states that Peter and John came to pray for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Ghost
- Although saved, they had not yet received the Holy Spirit
- This demonstrates that one can be saved without yet being baptized in the Holy Spirit

Prophecy Relevance:

John baptized with water, but Jesus is the baptizer of the Holy Ghost and fire. Luke 3:16

### Practical Relevance to Life:

The key question Paul asked is, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" in Acts 19:2-6. This question was for someone other than the Apostles. This question was for regular disciples. These disciples were devout Christian believers but had not heard that they could become baptized in the Holy Spirit. Sounds like major denominations in the world today! However, when Paul laid hands upon them, and they were baptized in the Holy Ghost instead of in water, it proved that the Holy Ghost is for regular believers like you and me. Let's pray together:

**PRAYER FOR HOLY GHOST BAPTISM:** "Father God, in Jesus's name! Baptize me with the power of the Holy Spirit and with the promise that Jesus promised! I want to be used in a greater way! Fill me with the Holy Ghost and fire! From this moment on and for the rest of my life!"

If you read this normally, GO BACK and pray again with all your heart! Take notes of the change that occurs. Begin to write down what happens and email your testimony to [theatoooutreach@gmail.com](mailto:theatoooutreach@gmail.com)

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## Day 10: Do Not Forbid

Scripture:

- *1 Corinthians 14: 39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.*
- *2 Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*
- *Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
- *Acts 2:39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.*

### **In Depth: The Forbidding of Speaking in Tongues**

1. Introduction to the Issue of Forbidding Speaking in Tongues
  - Some religious leaders in America forbid their church members from speaking in tongues
  - This practice is against the Bible (1 Corinthians 14:39)
2. Paul's Command in 1 Corinthians 14:39
  - Paul explicitly commands not to forbid speaking in tongues
  - This instruction contradicts the practice of forbidding tongues in some churches
3. Reasons Why Religious Leaders Forbid Tongues
  - (1) Shift in Church Leadership Requirements
    - In the book of Acts, a prerequisite for church leadership was being baptized in the Holy Ghost

- Today, many churches require a master's degree in religious studies for leadership
- Many preachers in America have advanced degrees but lack the Holy Ghost Baptism or experience
- (2) Control of the Holy Spirit
  - The Holy Spirit cannot be controlled by religious leaders
  - Example: An 80-year-old woman may be prompted by the Holy Spirit to plan a gospel crusade, disregarding church leaders' control
  - Especially challenging if she is a woman, as some leaders may not want to empower her
- (3) Operating with the Bible but No Power
  - Many churches function with the Bible but without experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit
  - It is possible to have secret sins and no miraculous experiences while still operating under this norm
- (4) Criticizing Ministers Who Operate in the Holy Spirit
  - Ministers who are criticized for their beliefs about the Holy Spirit might be the very ones who could lay hands to receive the Holy Ghost
  - Admitting that their theology is wrong could be difficult for some leaders
- (5) Fear of Consequences
  - Admitting the power of God is still available today may result in losing credentials, friends, and financial support

- This fear prevents some from embracing the truth about the continued availability of the Holy Spirit

#### 4. Conclusion

- Churches may have a form of godliness but deny the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:5)
- The importance of not forbidding speaking in tongues as outlined in the Bible

#### Prophecy Relevance:

Jesus promised that we would receive power in Acts 1:8. Some denominations teach this statement meant it was only for the Apostles to receive power. How do we then explain the prophecy in the next chapter that says the gift of Holy Spirit Baptism and tongues is for not only their generation but "for your children that are far off" found in Acts 2:39? It also goes further to say, "for all whom the Lord our God will call." That means ALL OF US Christians! According to prophecy, the gift of the Holy Spirit Baptism with speaking in tongues is for all of us who believe.

#### Practical Relevance to Life:

2 Timothy chapter 3 speaks of the perilous times to come. The phrase "to come" shows a time in the future when a certain people will be unholy, unthankful, blasphemers, etc. Further reading shows that Paul was writing about the future state of the church. A future church with those who will deny the power of God. In Acts 1:8, Jesus says, "But ye shall receive power..." This power includes not only the miraculous but also speaking in tongues. When you hear a religious leader deny tongues or any modern-day miracles, please know this is the literal definition Paul gave to "deny the power of God" found in 2 Timothy 3:5.

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## Day 11: Armor of God

Scripture:

- *Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*
- *Ephesians 6:12 ...we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, ...the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*
- *Ephesians 6:14-18 having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness... feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace... taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked... helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,...*
- *Ephesians 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:2 "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries."*
- *1 Corinthians 14:13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.*

### In Depth: The Armor of God and Praying in the Spirit

#### 1. Introduction to the Armor of God

- Apostle Paul's time in prison and house arrest for preaching the Gospel
- Roman soldiers' uniforms and armor as a metaphor for spiritual warfare
- Paul explains the need for defensive and offensive spiritual weapons

2. Ephesians 6:11 - Putting on the Whole Armor of God

- Ephesians 6:11 instructs us to put on the whole armor of God
- Importance of not neglecting any part of the armor

3. The List of Armor in Ephesians 6:14-17

- Belt of Truth (Loins girt with truth)
- Breastplate of Righteousness
- Feet Prepared to Share the Gospel of Peace
- Shield of Faith
- Helmet of Salvation
- Sword of the Spirit
- Most teachers stop at Ephesians 6:17, but there is more to the Armor of God.

4. The Importance of Ephesians 6:18-19

- Ephesians 6:18: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit
- Ephesians 6:19: Paul asks God to give him utterance to make known the mystery of the gospel
- These verses continue the Armor of God and should not be neglected.

5. Praying in the Spirit: A Key Component of the Armor

- 1 Corinthians 14:2: Paul teaches about praying in an unknown tongue and how it speaks mysteries to God
- Praying in the Spirit refers to praying in the Holy Ghost or in tongues
- Praying in tongues is a vital part of the Armor of God, completing the spiritual defense.

6. The Significance of Praying in Tongues

- Neglecting to Pray in Tongues: Failing to pray in tongues means leaving out part of the Armor of God, rendering it incomplete
- Praying in the Spirit: Praying in tongues completes putting on the whole Armor of God.

#### Prophecy Relevance:

Let's quickly recap the Armor of God: truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, the Word of God, feet prepared to spread the Gospel, and praying in the Holy Spirit. These things together are the **WHOLE ARMOR** of God.

#### Practical Relevance to Life:

In the book of Ephesians chapter 6, Paul lists the order of an enemy greater than the Roman legions and Pharisees court who persecuted Jesus. Paul begins to list the principalities and wickedness in the spirit realm. Please Note: that physical armor cannot protect you from a spiritual fight.

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## Day 12: Prophecy over Tongues

Scripture:

- *Acts 2:11 We do hear them speak in our tongues (languages) the wonderful works of God.*
- *Romans 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*
- *1 Corinthians 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:5 I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret...*
- *1 Corinthians 14:13 ... him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.*
- *Acts 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel.*
- *2 Thessalonians 2:15 ...hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.*

### **In Depth: Prophecy and Speaking in Tongues**

1. Introduction to the Differences Between Prophecy and Speaking in Tongues (1 Corinthians 14)
  - Apostle Paul's teaching on prophecy and tongues in 1 Corinthians 14
2. Types of Tongues
  - Mystery Tongue: A tongue that no one understands (1 Corinthians 14:2)

- Diverse Tongue: A tongue that can be translated into a foreign language (example: Acts 2:11)
- Unknown Tongue Interpreted: A tongue that, when interpreted, becomes understandable in the native language.

### 3. Paul's View on Prophecy vs. Tongues

- Prophecy is greater than tongues (1 Corinthians 14:5)
- Romans 8:26-27: We do not know what to pray for as we ought, but when we pray in the Spirit, the Spirit makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered (alaletos – "expressed in words").
- Tongues are greater when interpreted (1 Corinthians 14:5).

### 4. Three Types of Tongues Explained

- Mysteries/Unknown Tongues: Tongues that are not understood by humans, and are used to pray the perfect will of God.
- Supernaturally Translated Tongues: Tongues that are translated into a foreign language (example: Acts 2:11).
- Tongues Interpreted into Our Language: Unknown tongues interpreted for understanding, which reveals the mysteries of God.

### 5. Prophecy and Its Limitations

- 1 Corinthians 13:9: "We prophesy in part" - prophecy is a partial revelation of God's will.
- Regular Prayer Limitations: Praying in our native language has limitations because of human weaknesses, and often, we pray only partial prayers.

### 6. The Role of the Spirit in Intercession (Romans 8:26)

- Spirit's Intercession: The Spirit makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered (alaletos), allowing us to pray the perfect will of God.
- Mystery Tongues and Perfect Prayer: When we pray in an unknown tongue (mystery tongue), we are praying the perfect will of God.

## 7. Tongues Interpreted Equals Prophecy

- Unknown Tongue Interpreted: When an unknown tongue is interpreted, it reveals the hidden mysteries of God and is considered equivalent to prophecy.

### Prophecy Relevance:

Acts chapter 2 describes 120 men and women praying in tongues. In Acts 2:16, Peter stated that the Prophet Joel's prophecy was being fulfilled before their eyes. God poured his Spirit on all flesh,

causing men and women to prophesy. This prophecy was fulfilled in tongues or speaking the wonderful works of God, according to Acts 2:11.

### Practical Relevance to Life:

Many ministers boast about strictly following the scriptures of the bible. The popular term is Sola Scriptura, meaning "the scripture alone." Many of these same ministers forbid speaking in tongues. The scriptures of the Holy Bible explicitly speak against forbidding tongues (1 Corinthians 14:13). Instead of forbidding tongues, Paul teaches us to pray that we may interpret. Traditions (*παράδοσις*) in Greek is paradosis or the rituals, precepts orally delivered. 2 Thessalonians 2:15 states we are to hold on to the oral traditions and scriptures held by the 1<sup>st</sup> century church. Praying in tongues is the primary oral precept that was established during the birth of the 1<sup>st</sup> century church.

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## Day 13: Tongues For Unbelievers

Scripture:

- *1 Corinthians 14:27-28 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. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.*
- *1 Cor 14:22-23 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. 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?*

### In Depth: The Proper Use of Speaking and Praying in Tongues

1. Misuse of Paul's Writings to Prohibit Tongues
  - Some people use Paul's writings to prohibit believers from praying in tongues, especially in church or prayer meetings.
  - Important note: Paul was not present during the Upper Room experience in Acts 2 and was not a witness to the simultaneous praying in tongues by 120 believers.
2. Difference Between Speaking in Tongues and Praying in Tongues
  - Praying in Tongues: Directed towards God, and it is acceptable for a group of believers to pray simultaneously in tongues.
  - Speaking in Tongues: Directed towards men, and requires interpretation if spoken in a congregation setting (1 Corinthians 14:27-28).
  - Examples: Acts 2 (120 people praying in tongues together) and Acts 19:2-6 (multiple people praying in tongues together).

### 3. Guidelines for Speaking in Tongues

- When speaking in tongues towards men, it requires two or three people speaking in tongues at a time, with one person interpreting (1 Corinthians 14:27-28).

### 4. Analogy of Experience vs. Knowledge

- Example: If your vehicle's engine breaks down, you would trust a licensed mechanic (with experience) over someone who only read a book about car engines.
- Application: If a pastor does not speak in tongues, it's problematic to trust him to teach about tongues, especially if his teachings contradict scripture. Reading about tongues is not the same as having personal experience with the Holy Spirit's baptism.
- Conclusion: Pastors without experience in speaking in tongues may not be qualified to teach about Holy Spirit Baptism.

### 5. The Danger of Condemning Tongues Without Experience

- Many pastors in the Western world condemn tongues or give incorrect teachings about tongues without having personally experienced speaking in tongues.
- These ministers may teach that tongues are only for certain believers, which is wrong.

### 6. Tongues Are for Believers and Unbelievers

- 1 Corinthians 14:22-23: Tongues are a sign not for believers, but for unbelievers.
- Public Use of Tongues: Banning tongues in church because of unbelievers present robs God of the opportunity to perform miracles and strengthen the faith of believers.

### Prophecy Relevance:

Interpreting tongues is equivalent to interpreting a prophetic word or a mini sermon directly to an audience of people listening. Speaking in tongues and praying in tongues are two different things. When a person interprets an unknown tongue, it is not interpreting prayer. Spoken tongues should only be in the open forum if there is an interpretation or a translation. However, it is ok to pray in tongues both in a corporate setting and in a private setting.

### Practical Relevance to Life:

If you believe in Jesus and are saved? Did you know you can become baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire?! We will explore this concept in tomorrow's bible study.

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## Day 14: Jesus Administers Tongues I

Scripture:

- *Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied.*
- *2 Timothy 1:6-7 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*
- *Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*
- *John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

### In Depth: Jesus' Administration of the Holy Spirit and Tongues

1. Introduction to Jesus as the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit and Fire
  - John the Baptist's statement: Jesus will baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire.
  - If a person is baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit, it is because Jesus administers it.
2. How Jesus Administers Tongues
  - Jesus administers tongues through:
    - Laying on of hands
    - Agreement with God's Word
    - Agreement with other believers coming together to do God's will
    - Agreement with one individual doing God's will

### 3. The Laying on of Hands as a Method of Administration

- Acts 19:6: Paul laid hands on a group of disciples, and they received the Holy Ghost, speaking with tongues and prophesying.
- The same Holy Spirit indwelling in Apostle Paul was the same Holy Spirit that came upon the disciples.

### 4. Personal Experience with Laying on of Hands

- Two daughters baptized with the Holy Spirit at different ages (eight and nine years old).
- Both received the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands by ministers, as described in Acts 19:6.
- Both began to speak in tongues and operated in spiritual gifts such as healing and the Word of wisdom.

### 5. Validating Personal Experiences with Scripture

- Note: Never discount personal experiences with God if they align with scripture.
- When personal experiences match the Word of God, it confirms that God is doing the same things today as He did for the Apostles and the 1st-century church.

#### Prophecy Relevance:

When hands are laid upon a believer, and they become filled with the Holy Ghost and begin speaking with other tongues, they receive power. Jesus prophesied about this power that he administers in Acts 1:8. According to scripture, it is the power to be a witness for him. A witness is called to testify to the truth. Jesus proclaims himself as “the way, the truth, and the life”, according to John 14:6. The purpose of being a witness is to point people to Jesus and to win souls.

According to Acts 1:8, a person cannot receive the power of the Holy Spirit without being a witness, or at least attempting to win souls. The primary purpose of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is to win souls. This was stated in the prophecy and in the fulfillment.

#### Practical Relevance to Life:

I have known individuals who were baptized in the Holy Ghost in the past and may have gotten stagnant when it comes to winning souls or operating in their spiritual gifts. The Bible says there is a way for that fire to become rekindled. The Bible says the laying on of hands will stir up the gift. 1 Timothy 1:6-7. The Bible says that Paul was addressing some fears that Timothy had as Paul went on to ensure him that we were not given a spirit of fear but of POWER, love, and a sound mind. What is the power that Paul was talking about? I believe it was the same power that Jesus prophesied about in Acts chapter 1.

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## Day 15: Jesus Administers Tongues II

Scripture:

- *John 15:26 But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father...*
- *Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus*
- *Matthew 18:19 ... if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything...it shall be done for them*
- *Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image...*
- *Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*
- *Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*
- *Luke 1:15 For he (John the Baptist) shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink no wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.*
- *Acts 10:4, 44 ... and he (the Angel of the Lord) said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God...; while Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard...*

### **In Depth: Jesus' Administration of the Holy Spirit and the Power of Agreement**

1. Introduction: Jesus as the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit and Fire
  - Jesus is the one who baptizes with the Holy Ghost and fire.
  - Acts 1: Jesus told the disciples He must go so He could send the Helper (the Holy Spirit).
  - The Helper (Holy Spirit) was sent to baptize believers with the Holy Spirit.
  - In John 20, Jesus breathed His Holy Spirit upon a small group, leading to salvation.

- Holy Spirit Baptism occurs in Acts 2, where over 3,000 people were saved and added to the church.

2. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit: A New Way to Win Souls

- When help is needed to win souls, Jesus sends the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- Personal testimony: The power of the Holy Spirit was evident when reaching people for Jesus.

3. The Power of Agreement

- Matthew 18:19: The Power of Agreement is highlighted in scripture.
- Genesis 1:26: Agreement is part of God's design for mankind ("Let us make mankind").
- Three principles of the Power of Agreement:
  1. Agreement with Believing God's Word
    - Acts 19:4: Paul makes disciples aware of God's Word.
    - Disciples speak with tongues after agreeing with the prophecy of Jesus and receiving the laying on of hands.
  2. Agreement with Other Believers to Do God's Will
    - Acts 2:1: 120 believers gather in one accord to follow Jesus' instructions.
    - Jesus baptizes them with the Holy Ghost and tongues.
  3. Agreement with an Individual Doing God's Will
    - Personal Testimony: Author's experience in winning souls and being filled with the Holy Spirit to overcome opposition.
    - Cornelius' Story:

- Cornelius agrees with God by praying, giving alms, and supporting the synagogue.
- His actions bring a memorial before God (Acts 10:4).
- While Peter is speaking, the Holy Spirit falls on Cornelius and his household (Acts 10:44).

#### Prophecy Relevance:

Do not violate those three principles of agreement. You can reduce the power of God in your life by 1) routinely disagreeing with God's written Word, 2) causing dissension between men who come together to do God's will, or 3) coming against or disagreeing with God himself by attempting to block God's will, unrepented sin or blasphemy. Violating these can grieve the Holy Spirit. I will talk more about grieving the Holy Ghost tomorrow.

#### Practical Relevance to Life:

A common roadblock to the supernatural is drug and alcohol consumption. We should be filled with the spirit OR filled with alcohol; choose one (Ephesians 5:18). In Luke 1:15, an angel instructed John the Baptist's parents to never allow John to drink alcohol. I will choose the Holy Spirit. What about you?

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## Day 16: Strange Fire

Scripture:

- *Leviticus 10:1-2 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.*
- *Acts 5:5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all...*
- *1 Corinthians 11:29-30 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this... many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.*

### In Depth: Strange Fire and Counterfeit Tongues

1. Introduction: Understanding "Strange Fire"
  - "Strange fire" refers to fake or demonic tongues.
  - Some occult groups speak a counterfeit demonic tongue.
  - Only God is the Creator; the devil cannot create, only distort and pervert what God has originally created.
  - The devil tries to duplicate and distort spiritual things for evil purposes.
2. The Importance of Living a Holy Lifestyle
  - Do not manage holy things while not living a holy lifestyle.
  - Having unclean hands while engaging in spiritual matters is dangerous.
3. Biblical Examples of "Strange Fire"

- Leviticus 10:1-2: Two of Aaron's sons were killed by God's fire for offering a sacrifice with "strange fire."
  - A sacrifice or offering to God must always be holy.
- Acts 5:1-11: Ananias and Sapphira lied about a financial offering, and both fell dead after lying to the Apostle Peter.
  - The importance of honesty and holiness in offerings to God.

#### 4. Personal Experiences with False Tongues

- First Situation (Near New Orleans)
  - After an altar call, 20 youths were baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues.
  - One girl spoke in a strange tongue, and her reaction was recognized as unholy.
  - She manifested a demon, similar to the girl in *The Exorcist* movie.
  - A Lady Pastor cast the demon out, bringing peace to the room.
- Second Situation (Saint Petersburg, Florida)
  - A man at the altar wanted to pray in tongues, and the Holy Spirit revealed the tongue was counterfeit.
  - After confronting the demon, it screamed "Nooooooooo!" as it came out.
  - The man tore off a beaded bracelet given to him by a Santeria witch doctor for good luck.
  - Once the bracelet was removed, the Holy Spirit had full control, and the man prayed for salvation and spoke with genuine tongues.

### Prophecy Relevance:

The Apostle Paul spoke about Holy Communion in 1 Corinthians 11:29-30. There was a prophetic warning to all. Anyone who partakes in this holy ceremony unworthily is at risk of premature sickness and sleep. Sleep in Greek is *koimao* (κοιμάω), to cause one to sleep, to put to sleep or death.

### Practical Relevance to Life:

The term "strange fire" is a fire that comes from below and not from above. The term is derived from the Hebrew Word *zoor* (זָוֵר) to turn aside, hence to be a foreigner (to God), strange; specifically, to commit adultery, unlawful or profane fire as opposed to holy fire, loathsome, to lie. If you fall into sin, be quick to repent. Do not handle sacred things if there is a strange fire in your life. Ask for forgiveness quickly! Connect with a pastor or minister that can disciple you. God will forgive you and restore you!

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## Day 17: Tongues to God (Praying and Singing) I

Scripture:

- *1 Corinthians 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.*
- *Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost*
- *Revelation 14:3 ...they sung as it were a new song before the throne... no man could learn that song but the 144,000...*
- *Revelation 15:3 ...And they sung as it were a new song before the throne...*

### **In Depth: Praying in Tongues vs. Speaking in Tongues**

1. Introduction: Praying in Tongues vs. Speaking in Tongues
  - Praying in Tongues: Praying to God in an unknown language.
  - Speaking in Tongues: Speaking to men, which may require interpretation.
2. Praying in the Spirit
  - 1 Corinthians 14:15: Praying in the Spirit is different from praying with understanding.
  - Praying in the Spirit = Praying in an unknown tongue.
  - Praying in Understanding = Praying in a known language.

- Apostle Paul mentions both types of prayer: praying in the Spirit and praying with understanding.

### 3. Scriptural Support for Praying in Tongues

- 1 Corinthians 14:14: When praying in an unknown tongue, your spirit prays, but your understanding is unfruitful.
- Interpretation of Tongues: When tongues are interpreted, the church is strengthened.
- Self-Edification: When praying in tongues, you build yourself up spiritually.

### 4. Building Up the Spirit

- Humans consist of body, soul, and spirit:
  - Body: Strengthened by physical exercise.
  - Soul: Strengthened by maintaining good mental health.
  - Spirit: Strengthened by praying in the Spirit (tongues).
- Jude 1:20: Praying in the Holy Ghost (tongues) builds you up in your most holy faith.
- The Greek word for "build" or "build-up" is edify (οἰκοδομή), which refers to the act of building up the spirit.

### 5. Benefits of Praying in Tongues

- Praying in tongues strengthens your spirit the same way exercise strengthens the body.
- It is beneficial to pray in tongues throughout your daily life.
- Increased Faith: Praying in tongues increases your faith and strengthens your spirit.

### Prophecy Relevance:

Interpretation of singing in tongues may lead to a prophetic song. Examples of prophetic songs are the song of Moses, the song of the Lamb (Revelation 15:3), and the song in heaven that no one can sing except the 144,000 end-time Hebrew evangelists. (Revelation 14:3) These songs are written by God onto the hearts of humanity for eternity.

### Practical Relevance to Life:

Worship singing is the highest form of prayer. Singing in the spirit is also equivalent to praying in the Spirit (1 Corinthians 14:15). This means we can sing in tongues, often spontaneously and in a beautiful way. This is a prophetic song. Tomorrow, I will teach how we are built up or edified with tongues. Also, singing in tongues is very refreshing. It can build up your spirit just as well as praying in tongues. It's like singing a love song to God and Him singing back through you when the Spirit of God begins to unction to and through you while singing. God chooses these special ways to minister through you.

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## Day 18: Tongues to God II

Scripture:

- *Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.*
- *Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God*
- *Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*
- *Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.*
- *Isaiah 28:11-12 ...with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 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.*
- *1 Corinthians 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*
- *Acts 2:39 The promise is for you and your children and FOR ALL who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.*

### In Depth: Benefits of Praying in Tongues

1. Introduction: Benefits of Praying in Tongues
  - Praying in tongues builds up your most holy faith (Jude 1:20).
  - Two ways to build faith:
    1. Praying in tongues.

2. Hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

- Praying in tongues allows the Holy Spirit to pray through you.

2. Five Prominent Things That Happen When We Pray in Tongues

1. Builds Your Faith: Praying in tongues strengthens your faith.
2. The Holy Spirit Helps Your Weaknesses: The Holy Spirit assists in your infirmities or weaknesses.
3. The Holy Spirit Makes Intercession: When you don't know what to pray, the Holy Spirit intercedes with groanings that cannot be uttered (Romans 8:26).
4. Strength from God's Riches: God grants us strength through His Spirit, strengthening our inner man (Ephesians 3:16).
  - This is a supernatural strengthening, not physical.
5. Rest and Refreshing: Praying in tongues brings rest and refreshes God's people (Isaiah 28:11-12).
  - The supernatural prayer language of tongues brings peace and relief from stress.

3. Prophetic Insight from Isaiah

- Isaiah prophesied about tongues in Isaiah 28:11-12.
- Stammering lips and another tongue will be used by God to speak to "this people" in the future.
- The supernatural prayer language of tongues was foretold to bring rest and refreshment.

4. Practical Application of Tongues in Ministry

- Praying in tongues during stressful situations brings refreshing and peace.

- Ministry teams experience God's presence and release from stress after praying in tongues.
- Praying in tongues for extended periods can lead to breakthroughs and clarity, often referred to as "hitting a gusher."

#### Prophecy Relevance:

The Apostle Peter used prophecy to teach about the infilling of the Holy Ghost. In Acts 2:39, Peter said it was not only for the early church but for their children and ALL people who were far off. Not just a few, but he said: "FOR ALL." That's all of us! "Children" and "who are far off" means future generations. The scripture goes on to say all that God would call. If God has called you, you qualify!

#### Practical Relevance to Life:

1 Corinthians 12:11 states that God divides the spiritual gifts "as God wills it." People misinterpret this scripture to say it is not God's will that all Christians should pray in tongues. This is incorrect. This scripture is not talking about praying in tongues. This scripture is actually talking about the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit including speaking in tongues, not praying in tongues. Speaking in tongues to mankind through interpretation and diverse languages is listed as a spiritual gift. However, "praying in tongues" to God is not a spiritual gift and is available to ALL who believe.

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## Day 19: Gifts of the Spirit

Scripture:

- *1 Cor. 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*
- *1 Cor. 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.*
- *Acts 8:39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.*
- *2 Corinthians 12:3-4 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.*

### **In Depth: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

1. Introduction: The Spiritual Abilities Given to Believers
  - Many spiritual abilities are given to believers in scripture.
  - These abilities are listed as the 9 Gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:7-10).
  - The gifts are categorized into three groups:
    - 1) The Revelation Gifts
    - 2) The Power Gifts
    - 3) The Vocal Gifts
2. The Three Categories of Gifts
  - The Revelation Gifts:
    - 1) Word of Wisdom
    - 2) Word of Knowledge
    - 3) Discerning of Spirits

- The Power Gifts: 4) Gift of Faith 5) Working of Miracles 6) Gifts of Healing
- The Vocal Gifts: 7) Prophecy 8) Diverse Kinds of Tongues 9) Interpretation of Tongues

### 3. Detailed Explanation of Vocal Gifts

- Diverse Kinds of Tongues (Gift 8):
  - Refers to the supernatural ability to translate tongues into different ethnic languages.
- Interpretation of Tongues (Gift 9):
  - Refers to the ability to interpret a mysterious or unknown tongue into an understood language.
- Both gifts (8 & 9) are for communicating with mankind and understanding tongues.

### 4. The Order of Importance in the Church (1 Corinthians 12:28)

- Paul lists the order of importance in the church:
  - First: Apostles
  - Then: Prophets, Teachers, Miracles, Healings, Helps, Governments, and Diversities of Tongues.
- Why does the modern church remove the first two from the order of the church?
  - Paul emphasizes that each position in the church is essential, and none should be removed (1 Corinthians 12:13-27).
  - The first two positions—Apostles and Prophets—are crucial and should not be removed from the church.

### 5. Tongues and Miracles in the Church

- Tongues and miracles are part of the spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:10.

- Diversity of Tongues:

- Refers to different types of tongues, as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:10 ("diverse kinds") and 1 Corinthians 12:28 ("diversities").
- The term "genos" (γένος) in Koine Greek means tongues of different tribes and nations.
- This involves speaking in an unknown tongue and translating it supernaturally into another language, as seen in Acts 2.

#### Relevance to Prophecy:

There are more supernatural abilities not listed in 1 Corinthians 12. For instance, there is a supernatural ability called "Translation" or to be "caught away" that Phillip experienced in Acts 8:39, allowing him to instantly travel from one city to another. This same ability was given to a man that Paul was familiar with in 2 Corinthians 12:3-4 when he was taken up instantly or "caught up" to the 3rd heaven. Our God is not limited to our theology; however, everything we experience must be rooted in scripture.

#### Practical Relevance to Life:

Tongues to God is “praying” in tongues. Tongues to men is “speaking” in tongues. These are two different things. Tongues to Men include 1) tongues that are interpreted (1 Cor. 12:10) and 2) tongues that are translated into another language supernaturally. This is not learning a new language over a long period of time, this is instant and it is supernatural. Tomorrow, I will go into detail about “speaking” in tongues, in the category I call, Tongues to Men.

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## Day 20: Tongues to Men (Speaking) I

Scripture:

- *1 Cor 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*
- *Acts 2:4-6; 8 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation (ethnos, or ethnicity) under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language (dialektos, dialect or tongue); And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*
- *Acts 2:11 We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*
- *Acts 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.*
- *1 Corinthians 14: 39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.*

### **In Depth: Diverse Kinds of Tongues and Their Interpretation**

1. Introduction: Glorifying God and Benefiting Mankind
  - The last two gifts of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians chapter 12 are for glorifying God and benefiting mankind.
  - Different types of tongues exist: tongues “prayed” to God and tongues “spoken” to men.
  - The two tongues listed in 1 Corinthians 12 are associated with tongues “spoken” to men.
2. 1 Corinthians 12:10 - Diverse Kinds of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues

- Focus today: Diverse Kinds of Tongues
- Tomorrow: Interpretation of Tongues.

3. Meaning of “Diverse Kinds” of Tongues

- The term "diverse kinds" is derived from the Koine Greek word *genos* (γένος), which means "tongues of different tribes and nations."
- Diverse kinds of tongues refers to a supernatural ability to speak in an unknown tongue that is instantly translated into another language.
- Only God can cause someone to speak a supernatural tongue that can be heard as a completely different language to another person.

4. Biblical Example of Diverse Kinds of Tongues (Acts 2)

- In Acts 2, 120 people spoke in diverse kinds of tongues.
- Some people heard the wonderful works of God in their native language (Acts 2:11), while others heard what sounded like drunkenness (Acts 2:15).
- This supernatural occurrence demonstrated that tongues can be heard and interpreted differently by various listeners.

5. Supernatural Nature of Diverse Tongues

- Some people hear tongues and believe it sounds like madness or drunkenness.
- Others hear the gospel in their native or ethnic language, recognizing God's presence through the message spoken in tongues.

6. Personal Testimony of Supernatural Tongues

- An evangelist was preaching and led by the Holy Ghost to speak in an unknown tongue.

- A church elder (referred to as "Holy Ghost Police") tried to regulate the move of the Holy Spirit, stating that there was no interpretation.
- An Indian lady in the congregation stood up, explaining that she had heard the evangelist speak in her native tribal dialect.
- She shared that the Holy Spirit had just confirmed her upcoming mission trip to India would be successful and bring many souls to Christ.

## 7. Pastors' Response to Tongues in Church

- Some pastors forbid tongues in church because there is no interpretation.
- These pastors neglect the different types of tongues that exist, including diverse kinds of tongues.
- Paul's Instruction: 1 Corinthians 14:39 tells us not to forbid tongues in the church, emphasizing the importance of embracing the full range of spiritual gifts.

### Prophecy Relevance:

When a mysterious unknown tongue is translated, the mystery is solved because God has revealed the secret. Whatever God reveals is equivalent to prophecy because it edifies or builds up the church.

### Practical Relevance to Life:

Knowing the type of tongues listed in the gifts of the Holy Spirit are speaking to men and not praying to God, let us uncover more. Please Note: 1) Speaking supernatural tongues to men and 2) interpreting tongues as spiritual gifts. But "praying" in tongues to God is not a spiritual gift listed in 1 Corinthians chapter 12.

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## Day 21: Tongues to Men (Speaking) II

Scripture:

- *1 Cor 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*
- *John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*
- *John 15:26 ... even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*
- *1 Corinthians 14:5 I would that ye all spake with tongues ...for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:27-28 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. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.*
- *1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

### **In Depth: Understanding Tongues in Worship and Interpretation**

1. Introduction: Personal Experience and Confusion in Worship
  - Early confusion about what to do during praise and worship.
  - Observed different actions: dancing, singing, clapping, shouting.
  - Questioned the Lord in prayer: "What am I supposed to do during worship?"
2. Answer from the Lord: Interpretation of Tongues
  - The Lord answered through an interpretation of tongues.
  - The church in Washington D.C. allowed "praying" in tongues during worship because it was directed towards God, not men.

- During Sunday service, many people simultaneously prayed in tongues.

### 3. Supernatural Encounter: Hearing the Voice of the Lord

- While praying in tongues, the author heard a clear voice speaking in perfect English.
- The voice said: "Worship me in Spirit and in truth."
- This was an interpretation of tongues, the first time the author heard the voice of the Lord.
- The experience confirmed the biblical principle from John 4:24 (Worship in Spirit and truth).

### 4. Biblical Basis for the Experience

- The experience was confirmed in the Word of God:
  - John 15:26: The Holy Spirit testifies of Jesus.
  - John 4:24: Worship God in Spirit and truth.

### 5. Further Experiences with Interpretation of Tongues

- The author continued to interpret tongues after this encounter.
- If a tongue is spoken that is not a prayer, it will be interpreted as a "spoken" word to men (similar to a mini-sermon).
- This is supported by 1 Corinthians 14:27-28: Only one, two, or three people speak in tongues, with interpretation, for the edification of the church.

### 6. Guidelines for Speaking and Interpreting Tongues

- If led to speak in tongues instead of praying in tongues, do so in private.
- Evaluate the interpretation or prophecy: It should align with biblical prophecy.
- If the interpretation aligns with prophecy, it can be used to edify the church.

## 7. Need for Interpretation in Public Tongues

- If a tongue is spoken directly towards men, an interpreter or translation is needed.
- If a tongue is prayed directly towards God, no interpreter is required.
- Distinction between "praying in tongues" and "speaking in tongues."

### Prophecy Relevance:

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:15, Apostle Paul writes that the purpose of interpreting tongues is to edify the church. The Word edify (οἰκοδομή) in Greek means the act of building up of the person (the church) whose growth is furthered and used of the heavenly body, the abode of the soul after death. Interpretation will build the soul and spirit of the people within the body of Christ while other people are in the room.

### Practical Relevance to Life:

If a person was never used in the interpretation or translation of tongues or never baptized in the Holy Ghost, do not set them up as a judge of these things. It does not matter how old they are, and it does not matter how much money they contribute to a church. Natural men cannot understand the things of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:14). If a person does not have the Gift of Tongues, they do not qualify to judge spiritual matters and will block prophecy.

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# In Conclusion

*Understanding the concepts presented in this book was crucial for grasping*

*The Apostles' Doctrine:*

Throughout the book, we have learned that speaking in tongues was prophesied by Joel, Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Jesus himself. It is important to note that receiving the Holy Spirit at salvation and being filled with the baptism of the Holy Spirit are two separate events according to scripture. Paul emphasizes not to prohibit or to forbid tongues in church while highlighting the significance of praying in tongues as part of the Armor of God. Additionally, prophecy holds greater importance than tongues unless one provides interpretation. The purpose of tongues is to edify or build the church. This is true whether tongues are in a corporate setting or in private. Tongues serve both believers and unbelievers, with Jesus being the one who administers tongues and baptizes us with the Holy Ghost and fire. To discern between genuine tongues and fraudulent or demonic tongues is a skill possessed by those filled with the Holy Spirit, not for those without experience. Furthermore, it is important to differentiate between “praying” in tongues to God and “speaking” in tongues to men. It is not biblical to mandate an interpretation of tongues done in public, as there are different types of tongues, including singing, praying, and speaking with interpretation or translation. The ability to interpret or translate tongues to men is considered spiritual gifts that only some individuals may possess and operate, as God wills. Finally, it is worth noting speaking in tongues, and Holy Ghost Baptism are available to ALL who are called by God. This is confirmed by the Apostle Peter in Acts chapter 2:39. He says it is for future generations and ALL whom God will call. *Acts 2:39 “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for ALL whom the Lord our God will call.”*

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