

Week 2 "The Gift of Tongues"

¹Preparation:

- * Pray from your heart. Stop and recognize that the Lord is with you. Ask for the grace to come closer to the Holy Spirit and to realize his plan for your life.
- * Look up the "Focus Verse" in your Bible.
- * Underline the verse in *Green = Prayer*
- * Work to commit the verse to memory.

Focus Verse

Ro 8:26

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do *not know how to pray as we ought*, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

²Review of Talk:

The gift of tongues is also called: Praying in tongues, A Heavenly Prayer Language
Praying in the Spirit, Jubilation

Christianity is being out of control, but under the control of the Holy Spirit.
Tongues is being out of control, but under the control of the Holy Spirit.

Ro 8:26-27 teaches us:

- 1) We are weak when it comes to prayer and the Holy Spirit comes to help us.
When one prays in tongues you can tell that the Holy Spirit is doing the work.
- 2) We do not know how to pray.
- 3) The Spirit does the interceding for us with sounds too deep for words. These sounds are the gift of tongues.
- 4) When one prays in tongues one prays according to the will of God. Do you pray prayers that you hope that God will not answer? No, when we pray we want to see results. When one prays in tongues, one prays in God's will and things get done.

What happens when we pray in tongues?

- 1) Speak to God 1 Cor 14:2
For anyone who speaks in a tongue^[a] does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.
- 2) Pray according to His will Ro 8:26-27
²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes^[a] with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God,^[b] who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit^[c] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
- 3) Edify, builds up our self 1 Cor 14:4
Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.
- 4) Speak mysteries 1 Cor 14:2
...anyone who speaks in a tongue^[a] does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.
- 5) Build up our most holy faith Jude 1:20
But you, my beloved, building yourselves upon your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit...

- 6) Make intercession for the saints Eph 6:18-2
- 7) ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.
- 8) To Praise God 1 Cor 14:16
Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying? ¹⁷ You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified. (NIV)

In Acts of the Apostles, whenever someone receives the Holy Spirit they receive the gift of tongues: Ac 2:4, 10:44-46, 19:6

Lectio Divina

- Lectio** (To Read) Read the passage slowly, two or three times believing that God is going to speak into your life. Notice the words or phrases that speak to you.
- Meditatio** (To Meditate) Allow this Word to begin to sift through your life. What is God speaking to you?
- Oratio** (To Speak) Now that God has spoken to you through His word, what is your response? Use the ACTS of prayer: Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, Supplication? Speak to God freely.
- Contemplatio** (To Contemplate) Read back over the passage and review your dialogue with God. Become quiet and turn your heart to His heart for you. Is there anything that He personally wants to speak to you?

1 st Day	Ps 57:7-11
2 nd Day	Lk 10:21
3 rd Day	Lk 1:46-49
4 th Day	Jd 1:20
5 th Day	Eph 6:18-20
6 th Day	Ac 10:44-46
Review	

Use the included "Entering His Courts with Praise" booklet and spend a considerable amount of time praising and worshipping the Lord. Keep using the gift of tongues. Raise your hands. Sway in His presence. Enjoy the Lord's presence!
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