

Purpose of Tongues Part 3

Luke 24:49

- The promise Jesus spoke of here is the promise of the Holy Ghost being sent to indwell the believer.
- But notice how He said go tarry in Jerusalem until you be endued with power from on high.
 - This is referring to when they went and tarried in the upper room until the day of Pentecost when they were filled with the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:4)
 - When they were filled with the Holy Ghost, Jesus referred to it as being endued with power from on high (the Holy Ghost is the power from on high).
 - 1. The Greek word translated endued is the word endyo (pronounced enduo) which means to sink into clothing, put on, clothe one's self. But it also comes from two Greek words en which can mean in, by, with, etc. and dyno (pronounced duno) which means to go under, be plunged into, sink in.
 - So, when they were filled with the Holy Ghost in the upper room they put on the Holy Ghost like a garment or they were plunged into or sunk into the Holy Ghost.
 - When this happened their mind, their tongue, their voice got overtaken with the Holy Ghost and they spoke in a supernatural language.
 - Mark 1:6-8 Says that Jesus came to baptize us in the Holy Ghost and the word baptize means to be totally immersed in something.
 - So, to be baptized with the Holy Ghost means the same thing as being endued with the Holy Ghost. It means to be immersed in the Holy Ghost until he is overtaking your mind, your emotions and even your tongue.
 - So, in the upper room when they were endued with power from on high, we can also say that Jesus baptized them in the Holy Ghost, and they spoke in tongues.
 - So, when you get baptized or immersed in the Holy Ghost or endued with the Holy Ghost, one of the things we see happening is you will speak in tongues.
 - 2. The word endued in English also means to invest or endow with some gift, quality, or faculty.
 - When you are endued with the Holy Ghost, which now we understand is to be baptized in the Holy Ghost, you are endowed with gifts or we could also say you have been furnished with tools or equipped with weapons.
 - Phil 1:19 talks about the supply of the Spirit.
 - Tools to build the kingdom of God, the body of Christ and you have been supplied through the Holy Ghost along with weapons to fight the enemy and advance the kingdom of God in the Earth.

- I'm saying this to help you understand that being baptized in the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues is not just a weird experience that happens in a Pentecostal church. When you receive the gift of tongues through the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you are being equipped with a weapon to fight the enemy and a tool to build your life and the kingdom of God.

So, Let's review real quick what this weapon of tongues will do.

1. Tongues are used to convey a message to the church in the public setting and work in conjunction with the gift of interpretation.
 - a. Remember these tongues are not the tongues that are used for personal edification that every believer can speak in and receive with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is a separate gift that is just for giving out a message to the body of Christ in the public church service which must be interpreted with the gift of interpretation.
 - b. Not everyone will operate in this gift. That's up to the Holy Ghost.
 - c. But it must be preceded by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. You are not going to give out a message to the body of Christ in tongues if you are never personally spoke in tongues through the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
2. When I speak in tongues, I am bringing my flesh under subjection to my spirit.
 - a. Remember we said that when we pray in tongues, our spirit is praying which means our spirit is in control, not our mind or our flesh.
3. When I speak in tongues my spirit is in control of my tongue.
 - a. This is powerful because my tongue determines the direction of my life. Therefore, when I'm speaking in tongues and turning my tongue over to my spirit then I'm turning the direction of my life over to the spirit.
4. When I speak in tongues it increases my wisdom and revelation.
 - a. We talked about how you are speaking mysteries or divine truths when you speak in tongues, and then Paul said you can pray for the interpretation or understanding of what you prayed.

Here are some new things this weapon or tool of tongues will do.

1. I can praise in tongues.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 14:16-17
 - i. So when you are asked to say a blessing in a public setting, let's say a church service or dinner and you do it with the spirit or tongues, Paul says how can the others that hear, be edified and say amen because they don't know what you are saying.
 - ii. That's not what I want you to focus on. Focus on the fact that in verse 16 it says you can bless with the spirit or in tongues and in verse 17 it says you give thanks or praise well with the spirit or in tongues.
 - iii. You can praise God in tongues and when you do, you praise Him well

- iv. The Greek word that is translated well also means beautifully, excellently, true, honest, or perfect.
 - v. You can give perfect praise through tongues
 - vi. This is awesome because through tongues I can give a praise that is not hindered by my natural mind and this limited English language.
 - vii. When I don't know how to praise him, I can just start worshipping in tongues.
 - viii. When I'm going through something and I just can't muster up the strength to put a sentence of praise together, I can just start praising in tongues.
 - ix. How do you know when you are praising, praying, declaring in tongues? It's your heart. What is the intent of your heart at the moment? The Holy Spirit knows your heart and will speak according to what's in your heart to God.
 - x. That's the great thing about tongues; it's a perfect language of the Holy Ghost and can't be corrupted or interfered with or hindered by our natural mind.
2. Tongues refreshes and brings rest to the weary.
- a. Isa 28:11-12 What is the rest for the weary and the refreshing? It's the tongues.
 - b. The word weary means exhausted and faint or drained.
 - c. If you've gone through something that has drained you or you are going through something that is draining you, you can find rest and you can refresh yourself by speaking in tongues.
 - i. It's like recharging a battery.
 - d. Also, it's a way to stay charged up so it's less likely for you to be drained.
 - i. Kind of like a phone.
 - ii. But that's only if you pray in tongues on a regular basis which is a great habit to get into.
3. Speaking in tongues builds you up in faith.
- a. Jude 1:20
 - b. Speaking in tongues is an exercise in faith because the whole work is a release of faith
 - c. When I pray in tongues, I have to use my faith to even speak in the language the Holy Ghost is providing. I have to have faith that the Holy Ghost is providing the language; that the spirit is praying through me. I have to have faith that it's going straight to God's ears. I have to have faith that I am speaking the mysteries of God, and if I want understanding, I have to have faith that He will give me the understanding. Then I have to have faith that what is revealed to me is what I spoke. If I'm praising in tongues, I have to have faith that I am giving excellent praise.

- d. Speaking in tongues is something that completely relies on faith because I don't know what I am saying when I speak.
- e. Faith is like a muscle and a muscle has to be exercised in order for it to grow and get stronger.
- f. So, imagine speaking in tongues as a workout for your faith that is going to make you stronger in faith so you can believe God to see the supernatural.