



Title: The Power and Benefits of speaking in tongues

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Text: Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive Power *when the Holy Spirit comes up on you*, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the outermost parts of the World."

Declaration of Paul: 1 Corinthians 14:18

"I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all."

- **Question:**

- **Why did the Greatest Apostle Value Speaking in tongues so much?**

- **Answer:**

- **Because of the power and benefits he experiences as he prays in the Spirit**

- **Comment:**

- **If speaking in tongues was not real, Paul would have told us that it was false doctrine and a waste of time!**
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Declaration of Paul:

Text: 1 Corinthians 14:5

"I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied"

- **Question:**

Why did Paul place such a great importance on speaking in tongues?

- **Answer:**

- **Because for many it was a matter of life or death**

- **Comment:**

- **There was much persecution and many have lost their lives already**
- **Spiritual warfare was intense, and they needed a secret weapon unknown to the enemy!**
- **Satan knows and understand every language known to man but does not understand tongues which is our Heavenly language**
- **Our heavenly language gives us an advantage over the enemy, he does not understand tongues!**



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- **Secret Code:**

- International Morse Code, also known as Continental Morse Code, was used during war time, in order to confuse the enemy regarding our strategy and plans, Morse code is named after Samuel Morse, one of the inventors of the telegraph.
 - Our heavenly language serves very much the same way as the Morse Code, it confuses the Enemy regarding God's plans and Strategy for our lives!
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My experience of Speaking in tongues and the salvation of Estevan and answer of prayer of His Cristian brother Victor

- **Question:**

What is the value of praying in tongues?

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- **Answer:**

- Our Heavenly Language is so valuable in spiritual warfare THAT!
- The enemy tries to discredit tongues, one way or another.



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- **Comment:**
 - **Tongues is one of the greatest controversial and misunderstood doctrines in the bible**
 - **The baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, is constantly under attack because of the damage it causes the enemy!!!**
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Example:

- **Pastor Todd Smith was the pastor of the Southern Baptist church in the state of Georgia. His church was one of the fastest growing churches in the USA. He constantly mocked the experience of speaking in tongues in public and said that it was from the devil.**
- **What happened? As a professor and pastor, he studied the argument of both sides (of scholars).**
- **In order to be true to the scriptures, he had to take off his Southern Baptist lens (The way he thought in his tradition).**
- **Then he was able to see the facts and truth of the Word of God**



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- **They both had their strong points and opinions, but one side was experiencing miracles, signs and wonders and Todd became hungry for that!**
 - **He was invited to a Pentecostal prayer service, and nothing happened!**
 - **The pastor told him to repent of the sin of teaching false doctrine, and once he did, he was immediately baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.**
 - **He was told not to say anything to his church, but one month later he began to teach on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues and the deacons kicked him out of his own church.**
 - **Now he goes everywhere teaching on the power of the baptism of the Holy Spirit**
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A question: What lens do you have today?

Catholic like I did?

Common sense?

Logic?

Critical?

Analytical?

Traditional?

Religious? **Or Faith in the Word of God?**



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- Question:
 - What is the origin of Tongues?

3 Great observations in the Bible in regards to Language:

1. God, Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden

Text: Genesis 3:8-12

“And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

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- They were communicating/dialoguing, having a conversation.
 - They were using a language!

Language Gk: Dieclectos meaning? Dialect



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2. Question: What Language were they using to communicate?

a. A Heavenly Language

The Tower of Babble → (Right before Abraham - Gen 12)

Text: Genesis 11:1-7

"Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech."



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3. Restoration of a Language

Text: Zephaniah 3:9

"For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, That they all may call on the name of the Lord, To serve Him with one accord."

Restore: Not New - Bring back something that has being lost

The biblical meaning of the word "restoration" is to receive back more than has been lost, to the point where the final state is greater than the original condition. The main point is that someone or something has improved beyond measure.

They were all with one accord

Text: Acts 2:1-4

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



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You shall receive power

Text: 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."

3 Kinds of power come when you are baptized in the Holy Spirit

1. Dunamis Explosive Power
 2. Kratos power
 - a. Erupted power.
 - b. Power of the Resurrection
 3. Ishtcus power
 - a. The strength of God
 - b. The mighty power of God
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Amazing truth about speaking in tongues

On November 7th, 2006, the New York Times had an article validating speaking in Tongues.

The New York Times followed a research done in the United Kingdom, on 1,000 Evangelicals.

The conclusion of this research was that those who speak in tongues consistently, on a regular bases had fewer mental disorders than those that did not pray in tongues.

By this article the New York Times affirms that speaking in tongues is valid!

The power of speaking in tongues!

“A Neuroscientific look at Speaking in Tongues”

The University of Pennsylvania has a department of Neuroscience, led by **Andrew Newberg** . They conducted a study about the activity of the brain when someone speaks in tongues. What they found out was amazing. They looked at the difference of activity of the brain, when people prayed in English and when they prayed in Tongues. They studied the front part of the brain that controls the speech, when people pray in English this front part of the brain was firing, very active, full of activities, but when that individual transition into spiking or praying in tongues, all the activity of this part of the brain went dormant - no activity at all, which proves what Paul said in:



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Text: 1 Corinthians 14:14

"For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful." (Not active)

- When we speak in Tongues, our spirit praying in Tongues will by-pass the mind, Logic, and common sense.
 - Your mind is no longer praying, but your spirit that is connected to the spirit of God!
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Now let us learn from the scriptures the power and benefits of speaking in Tongues.

6 benefit of speaking in tongues

1. When we are speaking in tongues, we are speaking directly to God.
 - a. This answers the, 'who am I speaking to, when I pray in tongues?'
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Text: 1 Corinthians 14:2

“For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him”

2. When we speak in tongues, we strengthen ourselves.

a. When we speak in tongues we are given the ability to strengthen, (the spirit man).

Text: 1 Corinthians 14:4

“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself,”

Text: Jude 1:20

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,”



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3. When we speak in tongues, we build capacity for God.

- a. Praying in the spirit widens our capacity for the life of God and strengthens our connection with the spirits of God.
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Text: Ephesians 3:16, 19

“that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

4. When we speak in tongues, we experience personal transformation.

- a. The Holy Spirit has come to not only empower the believer but to make them more like Jesus.
 - b. *The stronghold of sin will weaken* as we make room to strengthen our spirits leading us into the Power of Christ within us.
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Text: Romans 8:29

“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.”



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5. Speaking in Tongues is tied to the great commission.

Text: Mark 16:15-18

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

6. When we speak in tongues, we are speaking mysteries.

- a. Mysteries are invitations into greater depths of God’s heart and greater realms of revelation. We begin to get access to these mysteries by praying in the spirit.
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Text: 1 Corinthians 14:2

“For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”



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Conclusion: Praying in the spirit is part of the full Armor.

Text: Ephesians 6:18

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints."

Very powerful truth!

Acts 2:1 → they were in one place in one Accord

When the above takes place, nothing is Impossible, and nothing is withheld from them

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