



**Gifts of the Holy Spirit**  
**Lesson 2: The Vocal Gifts – Part 1**

Introduction

The \_\_\_\_\_ is the baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues.

**1 Corinthians 12:8-11**

You might find the gifts of the Holy Spirit strange or even difficult to accept.

But remember that neither you nor I invented the Gospel.

We are just discovering what God has for us. He invented it.

All I am called to do is submit to it.

The vocal gifts or the gifts that help us speak like God

- The gift of speaking in tongues
- The gift of interpretation of tongues
- The gift of prophecy

The gift of speaking in tongues

Definition of TONGUES: \_\_\_\_\_

The gift of speaking in different kinds of tongues – The ability given by the Holy Spirit to a believer to speak in languages not understood by the speaker.

The initial purpose of speaking in tongues is the culmination of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

You cannot separate the baptism of the Holy Spirit from speaking in tongues. It is the final phase of the entire experience.

**Acts 2:4**

They were filled and then spoke.

There was an \_\_\_\_\_ and an \_\_\_\_\_

**John 7:37-39**

There is an inflow (drinking) and an outflow.

The initial outflow of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_

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Let's look at some examples of the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts. Notice the word ALL in these examples.

**Acts 2:4****Acts 10:44-46****Acts 19:6, 7**

Question: Why should we have the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Answer: This experience is vital because it is the key to get the believer out of the natural and into the supernatural.

Question: Can you have the baptism of the Holy Spirit without speaking in tongues?

Answer: The answer to that question is another question - Can you have an elephant without a trunk?

Why does it have to be that way? Why does the baptism of the Holy Spirit have to culminate with speaking in another language?

**Matt 12:34b**

Notice that this is a general statement. It is about every \_\_\_\_\_

When the human heart is full and can contain no more the overflow is through the mouth.

There is \_\_\_\_\_ evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit found in the New Testament.

Speaking in another language is the only evidence.

Speaking in tongues is not only the culmination of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, it is also a \_\_\_\_\_ experience for the rest of your life.

### The gift of speaking in tongues operates three ways in the New Testament

**1. The manifestation of tongues comes when someone receives the baptism in the Holy Spirit.**

**2. To speak to, pray to, and worship God.**

**3. \_\_\_\_\_**

When we do this publically – the gift operates along with the gift of the interpretation of tongues.

You need the baptism of the Holy Spirit in order to operate in these gifts.

### Why speak in tongues?

**1. \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **Acts 10:46**

Definition of MAGNIFY: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **1 Corinthians 14:2**

**3. \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **1 Corinthians 14:4**

Definition of EDIFY: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Jude 20**

You actually build spiritual strength within yourself when you speak in tongues.

**4. \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **Romans 8:26**

#### **Romans 8:26 – Message Bible**

*... God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us.*

5. Praying in tongues eliminates the possibility of \_\_\_\_\_ entering into our prayers.

**Romans 8:26**

6. Speaking in tongues is a source of \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 28:11, 12**

7. \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 1:8**

8. \_\_\_\_\_

**James 3:8**

Yielding your tongue to the Holy Spirit is a big step toward yielding your entire being.

If you can yield your tongue, you can yield any part of your being.

### Public ministry of tongues

Speaking in tongues is primarily a gift to be used in your personal prayer life and in worship to God.

However, there is a public ministry of tongues. This is done in the church, and benefits everyone in the body.

### **1 Corinthians 12:28-30**

This is talking about a public ministry of tongues. The Greek is distinctively different. It is not the same as the private prayer language.

All of the other gifts in this list are used in the public assembly of the church.

### Tongues can be used two ways when we gather together.

#### **1. Prayer**

There are different kinds of prayers we pray when we gather together.

#### **1 Timothy 2:1**

Because there are different kinds of prayers, it makes sense that there are different kinds of tongues.

There are three ways in which we can pray in tongues together in the local church.

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Prayer is not just asking God for things. A key element of prayer is ministering to the Lord.

When we minister to the Lord, He will minister to us.

We can do this in tongues. Sometimes we just praise God in tongues.

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Sometimes when we don't know what to pray we enter into intercession through tongues.

Then it helps us to pray in English over that situation.

- \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus rebuked demons and evil personalities behind sicknesses and situations.

We can do this too. Sometimes the Holy Spirit will rise up in us in anger. It is a tongue that is used in rebuke of the devil.

## **2. Exhortation**

This is when the Holy Spirit speaks a message in tongues to the people present in the meeting. Then it is necessary for the gift of the interpretation of tongues to be used.

### **1 Corinthians 12:28-30**

As we saw previously, this is the public ministry of tongues. This is not talking about the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

When God speaks through a person to the church body it can be through either tongues and interpretation of tongues OR through prophecy.

Both have the same result – just different ways of arriving at that result.

### **1 Corinthians 14:18, 19**

Critics of speaking in tongues know verse 19 but not 18.

In verse 18 Paul is speaking about his \_\_\_\_\_

In verse 19 Paul is speaking about the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.

## Interpretation of tongues

What is the interpretation of tongues in a public meeting?

- A message in tongues is given
- An interpretation of that message is given
- It edifies those in the meeting

Notice it is an interpretation, not a \_\_\_\_\_

Example – When an evangelist preaches in India with different interpreters they would each interpret differently. However, each conveys the meaning of what is being said to the people.

When believers operate in this gift, their personality will be a part of it.

The following is from Dr. Lester Sumrall's book The Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit: *If one person gives forth a message in tongues and two different people have the interpretation, each interpretation will be different. The essence of the message, the deep root of it will be similar; but the phrasing of it will be different because it is not a word-for-word translation. A translation is an exact rendering from one language to another in precise grammatical terms; and interpretation reveals what God wants us to know. This explains how at times a message in tongues might be long while the interpretation is short.*

## How the gifts of tongues and interpretation work in a corporate gathering

In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul laid out guidelines for how the vocal gifts should operate within a corporate gathering.

**1. The best is that the person giving the message in tongues is the same person who gives the interpretation.**

### **1 Corinthians 14:13**

Although this is the best way, it is possible for someone to give a message in tongues and another person brings the interpretation.

**2. Tongues and interpretation are equal to \_\_\_\_\_**

The two gifts of tongues and interpretation of tongues are equal to one gift of prophecy. If we understand this, we can understand what Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 14.

### **1 Corinthians 14:22**

Here Paul is talking about the corporate gift of tongues and interpretation.

When tongues and interpretation of tongues happens in a corporate gathering, it is a sign to the unbeliever. The gift of prophecy is primarily for the believer. We will see this in the next lesson.

**3. A message in tongues should not be given without the interpretation.**

**1 Corinthians 14:23**

This is speaking about the public ministry of tongues – not a prayer meeting.

If a message in tongues is given without an interpretation and it happens again and again in a service, it is out of order.

**4. Prophecy with the operation of the \_\_\_\_\_ leads people to Jesus.**

**1 Corinthians 14:24, 25**