

Spiritual Language & Speaking in Tongues

Isaiah 28:11 "Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people."

The scripture is full of reasons a Believer should be open to speaking in tongues the following verses will assist the Christian in their pursuit of a Holy Spirit empowered life.

Note the History of Spiritual language throughout the life of the church:

- Early church:
- Roman Church:
- Historical outpouring:
- Topeka Kansas:
- Modern church:

The fruit of speaking in tongues includes but is not limited to the initial evidence of receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

1. *1 Corinthians 14:5 "I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy."*

2. Speaking in tongues as the initial physical evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is based on experiences of the early church.

Acts 2:4 "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Acts 10:44-46 "While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God."

Acts 8:14-17 "When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

Acts 19:6 "When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied."

3. Not all believers speak in tongues but this prayer language is available for all believers.
4. Churches who do not embrace spiritual language fail to layer biblical history, truth and first century correction of the early church.
5. Luke wrote the Book of Acts. The work of the Holy Spirit as taught in the book of Acts must be the ground work for Paul's discussion of the speaking in tongues in his letters.
6. This is key we have the Books of Acts as a given, with all the teaching of the Apostles layered on top of Acts.
7. There are many dynamics brought to the believer when they pray in a spiritual language.
8. Speaking in tongues in scripture is sometimes referred to as praying in the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:14 "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful."

1 Corinthians 14:16 "If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say 'Amen' to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying?"

Praying in the Spirit is useful to the Believer in:

- a) Talking to God -

1 Corinthians 14:2 "For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit."

- b) Reaching themselves -

1 Corinthians 14:4 "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church."

Jude 1:20 "But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit."

- c) Praying effectively -

- d) Prayer language has real meaning.

1 Cor. 14:10 "Undoubtedly there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning."

- e) Prayer language assists you in the vast scope of needs in your life.
Ephesians 6:18 "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 saints."
- f) Prayer language impacts issues beyond what you have knowledge of.
Romans 8:26 "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."
1 Corinthians 14:14 "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful."
- g) Prayer language helps you give praise to God appropriately.
1 Corinthians 14:17 "You may be giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not edified."
- h) Prayer language is used expansively in the personal time of great men and woman of God.
1 Corinthians 14:18 "I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you."
- i) Prayer language can enlarge the current of God's love flowing out of you.
1 Corinthians 14:1 "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts..."
Jude 1:20-21 "But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life."
Romans 5:5 "And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."