

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH & THE MIRACULOUS SIGN OF TONGUES (Acts 2:5-21)

I. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JERUSALEM (1-7)

A. The BIRTH of the CHURCH in JERUSALEM (1-2)

1. The *Preparation* for the Birth of the Church (1:1-26)

2. The *Promised Coming* of the Holy Spirit for the Birth of the Church (2:1-21)

a) The Baptism & Filling of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (2:1-4)

- *What is the difference between the baptizing and filling ministries of the Spirit?*
- *What miraculous, physical phenomena accompanied the giving of the Holy Spirit?*

b) The Miraculous Sign of Speaking in Tongues on Pentecost (2:4b-21)

1) The Reality of Tongues on Pentecost (2:1-11), which were:

- _____, _____ languages. (2:8-11)
 - *What do "tongues" (glossa, vv. 3-4, 11) and "language" (dialektos, v. 8) mean?*
- languages not previously _____ or _____. (2:4, 7; 1 Cor. 12:4-11)
- _____ languages. (2:4, 6-7, 11)
- a _____ from the Holy Spirit. (Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 14:22)
 - *What was the purpose for tongues? (Mark 16:20; Rom. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 14:22; 2 Cor. 12:11-12; Heb. 2:3-4)*
 - *To whom were tongues a sign and what did they signify? (Lev. 26:32-33; 1 Cor. 14:21 cf. Isa. 28:11-12; Acts 2:5; 10:44-46; 19:1-6)*

Tongues were not:

- a _____. (Rom. 8:26-27; 1 Cor. 14:1-3)
 - for _____. (1 Cor. 14:4-12, 26; 12:7)
 - for corporate church _____. (1 Cor. 14:13-19)
 - a means of _____ in a foreign language.
(No examples in Scripture; Acts 2:11 cf. Deut. 11:2-7)
 - necessarily a sign of _____. (1 Cor. 12:13, 28-30)
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- *What evidence supports the conclusion that genuine tongues have ceased?*

 - *If tongues have ceased, how do we explain what is happening today?*

 - *How does this relate to the gospel?*

2) The Response to Tongues on Pentecost (2:12-21)

- *How did the crowd in Jerusalem respond to the disciples speaking in tongues? (2:12-13)*

- *Why did Peter quote from Joel 2:28-32 and how does this relate to the expectation of the Jews about the Holy Spirit in the coming kingdom? (Ezek. 36:23-27; 37:14; 39:29; Zech. 12:10)*

- *What did Peter mean in Acts 2:16 by “this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel”?*

- *How does all this relate to you and authentic spirituality in this present church age with respect to the Bible, spiritual gifts, and Jesus Christ? (2 Peter 1:20-21; John 4:24; 15:26-27; 1 Cor. 2:15-3:4; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:16-23)*