

## SEVEN KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT SPEAKING IN TONGUES Pt. 1

### 1. Is the subject of "tongues" a biblical subject?

### 2. What was the gift of "tongues" anyhow?

#### a. Acts 2:1-15

- 1) As a result of the descent of the Holy Spirit, these believers began “to speak with \_\_\_\_\_, as the Spirit gave them \_\_\_\_\_. (2:4) Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other [heteros] tongues [glossa], as the Spirit gave them utterance.

\* What does this mean? Glossa or glossolalia is used in reference to the muscle of the \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.

- 2) This supernatural phenomenon of speaking in tongues occurred in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ in which “every man heard them speak in his own \_\_\_\_\_.” (2:5-6)

\* What two things should you note?

a. \_\_\_\_\_ were always present.

b. “language” [dialektos] – the human language or dialect of a country or district

- 3) The crowd marveled at this since Galileans were \_\_\_\_\_ and said, “How is it that we hear each in our own \_\_\_\_\_ in which we were \_\_\_\_\_?” (2:7-11)

\* For this to be true, what did tongues have to be?

- 4) The crowd recognized that these Galileans were speaking “in our \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.” (2:11-17)

\* What should you note about this?

These “tongues” were understood as various \_\_\_\_\_, human \_\_\_\_\_, but were the result of the \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Regarding the nature of tongues, what can you conclude from Acts 2?

Tongues were the God-given \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_, foreign, \_\_\_\_\_ without the learning process.

**b. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11**

1) In this listing of spiritual gifts (which is not a complete one) we find mentioned “\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_” and the “\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.” These indicate the characteristics of a human language.

\* What can you conclude from 1 Corinthians? The “tongues” of Acts and the “tongues” of 1 Corinthians are the \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual gift. Thus tongues were the God-given \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_, foreign, \_\_\_\_\_ without the learning process.

3. Was the gift of "tongues" an important spiritual gift in the early church? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_.

There are 5 places in the NT that list spiritual gifts:

1. Romans 12:4-8 (no mention)
2. 1 Cor.12:8-10 (mentioned last)
3. 1 Cor.12:28 (mentioned last)
4. Ephesians 4:11 (no mention)
5. 1 Peter 4:11 (no mention)

Tongues, if mentioned at all, were always mentioned \_\_\_\_\_!

4. What was the purpose of "tongues"?

a. What its purpose was not:

Tongues were NOT...

- 1) a \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 14:1-3)
- 2) for \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 14:4-12; 12:7)
- 3) for corporate church \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 14:13-19)
- 4) a means of \_\_\_\_\_ in a foreign language. (no example of this in the Scriptures)
- 5) a guaranteed sign of the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 28-30)