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Knowing The Holy Spirit – 6
“The Purpose of Tongues”

Acts 2:4-16 (NKJV)

- They all spoke with other tongues **AS** the Spirit gave utterance.
- What did others hear?
“The wonderful works of God”. (Vs. 11)
- Peter then stood up with the eleven, raised his voice and said...
(No one was saved until then)

Why speak in tongues?

What is the purpose?

1 Corinthians 12, 13, 14 – Paul is bringing order to the **CARNAL** and inexperienced Corinthians in regard to the gifts, and operating in love vs. the flesh.

They were very carnal: 1 Corinthians 1:5 ...they were enriched in everything by Jesus in all utterance and all knowledge.
Vs. 7 says they did not lack any spiritual gift.

Paul rebuked the Corinthians for their immorality, disorder and sin.

- They had divisions and contentions among them (1 Corinthians 1:10-11).
- Divisions over favorite teachers (1 Corinthians 3:3-5).
- A man committed incest with his father’s wife (1 Corinthians 5).
- They were boasting rather than mourning (1 Corinthians 5:2).
- Believers were suing one another (1 Corinthians 6:1; 6-7).
- Gluttony and drunkenness were manifested at the Lords table (1 Corinthians 11:20-22).
- Tongues were given in public gatherings without interpretation. (1 Corinthians 14:26-28).
- Wives dishonoring husbands in services (1 Corinthians 14:34-35)

1 Corinthians 14:39-40 - “Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order.”

[Facts about praying in **TONGUES**]

1 Corinthians 14:1-19 (NKJV)

Vs. 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”.

1. You speak to **God** not **man**.
2. Your spirit is speaking **mysteries** (Acts 2:11).

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Vs. 4: “He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.”

3. **Edify** yourself.

Vs. 14: “For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful”.

4. Your spirit **prays**.

Vs. 15: “What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding”.

5. You can **pray with** the Spirit and understanding.

6. You can **sing with** the Spirit and understanding.

Vs. 16: “Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say?”

7. You **ble**s**s God** with your spirit.

8. You give **th**an**ks**.

Vs. 17: “For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified”.

9. Indeed, you give thanks **w**e**ll**.

1 Corinthians 14:4 “He who speaks in a tongue **edifies** himself...”

Edifies in Greek: - To construct or build.
 - Embolden
 - To build up

“He who speaks in a strange tongue, **edifies and empowers** himself...”
(Amplified)

Jude 17-21 (NKJV)

Vs. 20: Building up yourselves on your **most holy faith**.

Vs. 21: Keep yourselves in the **Love of God**.

Looking for God’s **mercy**.

[TAKE AWAY]

1. Speaking in other tongues does not mean you are spiritual; however, it is a spiritual act.
2. There are many spiritual benefits to speaking with other tongues.
3. Let’s always seek to love and serve others – never disruptive or disorderly.