

THE TRUTH ABOUT TONGUES
Different Kinds Of Tongues

I. Diversities of tongues: All tongues aren't the same and don't serve the same purpose-1Co12:4-Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.⁵And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.⁶And there are diversities of operations (effects), but it is the same God which worketh all in all. ⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. ⁸To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; ⁹To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; ¹⁰To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues (diversity, kind, sort, species, difference, unlikeness); to another the interpretation of tongues..²⁸And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues-AM-Various kinds of unknown tongues

A. Tongues have various functions or effects

II. Tongues for a sign-This kind of tongue ministers to the unbeliever; They believer speaks in tongues and it's heard in the language unknown to the speaker, but familiar to the hearer and this is a sign and a wonder to let the unbeliever know God is real-1Co14:22-Wherefore tongues are for a sign (supernatural, miracle, wonder, indication), not to them that believe, but to them that believe not

A. They spoke in tongues and people heard it in their native language-120 people speaking in tongues and people from every nation under the heaven heard every one speaking in tongues in their own language-Ac2:5-There were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.⁶Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded (perplexed, bewildered), because that every man heard them speak in his own language.⁷And they were all amazed (astounded) and marvelled (wonder), saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? ⁸And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? ⁹Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.¹²And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?¹³Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.¹⁹And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath..²¹And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

1. This was a sign for the unbeliever-The multitude and those devout men had not been saved, the 120 were the only ones saved; This was to confirm the 120 and draw people to God (They marvelled)

B. Not all tongues are for a sign to unbelievers-In Acts 10 at Cornelius' house and in Acts 19 at Ephesus there were no unbelievers around-Ac19:1-And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain

disciples, ²He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. ³And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. ⁴Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. ⁵When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. ⁷And all the men were about twelve-**Ac10:44**-While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.⁴⁵...they of the circumcision which believed were astonished...because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.⁴⁶For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify (celebrate, praise, glorify) God-**1Cor14:23**-If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

1. He said tongues are a sign for unbelievers and then He said when they hear it they'll say we are mad-There are different functions of tongues

III. The gift of tongues with interpretation-This kind of tongue ministers to the believer; In a public setting a believer will have a tongue and the interpretation and it edifies the church-1Co14:5-I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. ¹³Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. ²⁷If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. ²⁸But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God..³⁹Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues

- A. Tongues are not for a sign to the believer, they are something else to the believer-It didn't say they weren't for the believer it said they are not a sign to the believer; To the believer they are edification
- B. These tongues are not for the unbeliever-Coming into a church of believers and speaking in tongues without a sign or interpretation; He's saying tongues without an interpretation can be for a sign for the world because they'll hear it in their own language, but if it's a tongue without a sign they'll call you crazy

IV. Personal tongues-This kind of tongue is for self-edification, communing with God, prayer, singing, thanksgiving (You need tongues because sometimes your head will get in the way of what your spirit needs to express)-1Co14:2-For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue (language, one unacquired naturally) speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. ⁴He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; ¹⁴For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. ¹⁶Else when thou shalt

blest with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? ¹⁷For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. ¹⁸I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: ¹⁹Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

- A. Tongues that aren't for a sign and that have no interpretation are personal tongues-Your speaking to God not to men(5, 28)
 - 1. These tongues are not for the unbeliever-If there's no sign He'll call you crazy
- B. Acts 10 & 19 were personal tongues-They were talking to God
 - 1. Acts 19-This wasn't to minister to people who didn't speak their language, it wasn't heard in a native tongue, it wasn't a sign for unbelievers, there was no interpretation to edify other believers
 - 2. Acts 10-This wasn't to minister to people who had never heard the gospel who didn't speak their language, it wasn't a sign for unbelievers, there was no interpretation to edify other believers
- C. Paul didn't forbid tongues that had no sign or interpretation-He forbode those kinds of tongues in a public setting to minister to people; There's a time and place for tongues without an interpretation, but it's not in church-**1Co14:28**-*If there be no interpreter; let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God*
- D. He apparently practiced personal tongues a lot-He didn't speak in tongues a lot in gatherings-**V18**

V. People make mistakes because they try to apply the same rules to all three different kinds of tongues-The function of the tongue determines the rules

- A. They were using personal tongues (no interpretation and no sign) in a public setting-They were using the rules for personal tongues for tongues public tongues in that they were trying to minister in tongues with no interpretation
- B. For personal tongues you don't need to interpret-They weren't interpreting, but were still edified-**1Co14:4,13-14**-*Edifies himself, while his understanding is unfruitful*
 - 1. He switched it from speaking to praying (V13,14)-You don't need to interpret when it's between you and God
- C. Many say all tongues are heard in foreign languages-That's applying the sign tongue rules to all tongues