

THE TRUTH ABOUT TONGUES
Can All Speak In Tongues?

Intro-Confusions that keep many from speaking in tongues-1.What are tongues-2.Can all speak in tongues-3.Are tongues of the devil-4.Have tongues passed away

- I. **All can speak in tongues-The Holy Spirit shows no exclusivity about tongues**
- A. Every instance in Acts where people spoke in tongues, everyone did-12 out of 12-Ac19:1-Paul...came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples...⁶When 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-120 out of 120-Ac1:15-Number of names together were about 120-Ac2:4-They were **ALL** filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance-100% did-Ac10:27-As he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.⁴⁴While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on **ALL** them which heard the word...⁴⁶They heard them speak with tongues
- B. If all can't speak in tongues how would all speak in tongues-1Co14:23-If the whole church be come together...and **ALL** speak with tongues
- C. If all can't speak in tongues why by inspiration of The Spirit is he saying he wants everyone to-1Co14:5-I would that ye **ALL** spake with tongues
- II. **There are tongues besides the endowment of diversities of tongues-1Co12:7-The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to **profit** withal (bear together, contribute to help).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**; to another the interpretation of tongues**
- A. These are manifestations/endowments to minister to people, him manifesting Himself through us to help-1Co12:7-NLT-A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other-TL-The Holy Spirit displays God's power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church
1. These aren't for personal use-Likened to body parts; Hand is not gifted for itself, but to contribute to the well-being of the body
- B. Endowments of the Spirit-Word of knowledge-Know facts God reveals-Word of wisdom-Concerns the will of God gives something to do-Gift of faith-Divine faith to receive miracles-Working of miracles-Doing miracles-Gifts of healing-Healing without natural means-Gift of prophecy-Divine utterance-Discerning of spirits-See into realm of the spirit-Divers kinds of tongues-Sign, edification-Interpretation of tongues-To edify
- C. All wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophesy, discernment isn't for ministering to people, each has personal application-Wisdom-Pr4:6-Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee...she shall keep thee-Knowledge-Pr24:5-A man of knowledge increases strength-Faith, healing, miracles-Mk5:34-Thy faith has made thee whole-Discernment-Pr2:11-Discretion shall preserve thee-Prophesy-Ep5:18-Be filled with the spirit speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs

1. Some have these endowments to minister; All can have each personally-The word of wisdom is not all the wisdom there is-**Js1:5-6, 1Jn2:20, Rm12:3, Js5:16, Mk9:23, 1Co14:31, Jn16:13**

D. Not all tongues are for ministry to people-**He didn't say if tongues aren't ministering to people they have no other function so just be quiet-1Co14:27**-If 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 (don't let him speak?)** to himself, and to God.

1. Some tongues edify you and don't minister to people-**1Co14:4**-He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself-**Jd20**-Ye beloved building up yourselves on your most holy faith praying in the Holy Ghost

2. Tongues to God-The majority of his tongues were when others weren't occupying the room and so it was not ministering to people-**1Co14:14**-If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵I 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 ¹⁶When you bless with the spirit, how will he that occupies the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understands not what you say? ¹⁷For you verily give 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.

E. The endowments are as The Spirit wills; This is as he wills-**1Cor14:15-1Co12:6**-Diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. ¹¹All these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will

III. **All don't have the gift of diversity of tongues, but all can speak in tongues**-**1Co12:28**-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**.²⁹Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?³⁰Have all the gifts of healing? **do all speak with tongues?** do all interpret?³¹But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

A. The gift is diversities of tongues to minister to people (NOT tongues)

B. Do all speak with tongues references the endowment of diversities of tongues NOT all tongues-Verse 30 references verse 28

C. People with the gift of diversities of tongues aren't the only ones who can speak in tongues-Are apostles the only sent ones-**2Co5:20**; Are teachers the only ones who can teach?-**Hb5:12, 2Tm2:24, Mt28:18**-Are prophets the only ones who can prophesy-**1Co14:31**

D. Do all speak with tongues vs. I would that you all spoke in tongues-**He wants all to speak in tongues knowing all don't have the gift of diversities of tongues**

1. If by inspiration of The Spirit he said, "God set some in the church...diversities of tongues," why by inspiration of the same Spirit would he say, "I would that you all spoke in tongues"-If God's will is only some speak in tongues, The Spirit wouldn't will that all spoke in tongues
2. If there is only the gift of diversities of tongues and nothing else he wouldn't say, *I would that you all spoke in tongues* because he already knows by The Spirit God set SOME in the church with that gift, not ALL **-I would that you all were Apostles???**
3. He's not saying he wants all to have the gift of diversities of tongues-It's not good for all to have the same gift-**1Co12:19**-*If they were all one member, where were the body?*