

THE TRUTH ABOUT TONGUES
Are Tongues Of The Devil?

- I. **Tongues are credited to The Holy Spirit NOT the devil-Ac19:6**-When Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues-Ac2:4-They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance-Ac10:44-The Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word...⁴⁶They heard them speak with tongues
- A. Nowhere did the devil come on people and cause them to speak tongues-They used tongues the wrong way, but the tongues were NOT of the devil; If the devil can't get you to do the wrong thing, he'll try to get you to do the right thing the wrong way at the wrong time-**1Co14**
- II. **The first time anyone spoke in tongues some attributed it to something evil - Thinking tongues were bad, wrong, evil, foolishness-Ac2:13**-Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.¹⁴...Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:¹⁵For these are not drunken, as ye suppose...¹⁶But **this is that** which was spoken by the prophet Joel;¹⁷And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh-Ep5:18-Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess (unsavedness) but be filled with the Spirit-**1Co5:11**
- A. Many today credit tongues to human ecstasy and emotionalism
- B. They are looking at The Holy Spirit and they think it's something evil-Mt12:24-Doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of devils
- C. These things are spiritual-People say tongues are evil/of the devil today because they're inspired by the same spirit these were years ago
- D. He made a point to make it clear who was/wasn't inspiring these tongues
- E. His response was strong because it's serious to speak against the Holy Spirit-Cautious about what you say is the devil; Many don't read the Bible/go to church say tongues are of the devil-**Mt12:32**-Whosoever speaks a word against the Son of man it will be forgiven him...whosoever speaks against the Holy Ghost it will not be forgiven him...this world...to come
- III. **Tongues are good-1Co14:14**-I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, 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 you shalt bless with the spirit, how shall 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 (good/beautifully/excellently) but the other is not edified
- A. Tongues edify the church and believers-1Co14:4-He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.⁵I 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.
- B. We can speak to God, we can pray to God, sing to God, give God thanks in tongues and in the spirit we speak mysteries-1Co14:2,15-17

C. Tongues can be a sign and draw people to God-**Ac2:11-1Co14:22**

D. Many hear the word "tongues" and attach a negative connotation to it- They're hearing something good, but to them it is evil (EX-Prosperity) and yet there's not one reference/warning to tongues being evil/wrong

IV. **It's a strategy of the devil to get us to call something good evil; Tongues are not of the devil, but calling something good, evil is of the devil-** **Is5:20**-Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!²¹Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes and prudent in their own sight...²⁴As the fire devours the stubble and the flame consumes the chaff so their root shall be as rottenness and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord...despised the word of the Holy One

A. Forbidding what God wills, commanding to abstain from what God calls good is characteristic of doctrines of devils and it's calling something good evil- Not telling you to do what God doesn't will and commanding to partake of evil (that's too obvious)-**1Tm4:1**-Spirit speaks expressly...in the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to **seducing** spirits and **doctrines** of devils;²Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.³Forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from meats which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving...⁴Every creature of God is good...nothing to be refused if it be received with thanksgiving

V. **You would call something good, evil, because you are deceived**

A. The devil has doctrines (instruction/information)-Ideas he pushes/preaches

B. He's a seducer (Imposter-Pretend to be someone else in order to deceive)- Presents his doctrines as being from God, uses scriptures to present it as sound doctrine-**2Co11:13**-False apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed (disguise) into an angel of light.

C. You need humility to not be deceived-**Is5:20-Ps25:9**-Meek will he guide in judgment...teach his way-**Ob1:3**-Pride of thine heart has deceived thee

D. You need to love the truth to not be deceived-When you don't want these verses about tongues the devil will gladly supply you with something else; There's vacuum that the devil will happily fill-**Is5:24**

1. You have to love the actual truth not what you want the truth to be-Some only love the truth so far and if it isn't what they thought it was/want it to be/corrects them their love for it ends; We must love, value and agree with The Word whatever that means

E. You need to test the spirits to not be deceived-Don't just listen to what a person says, listen for the spirit/heart with which they say it; People in pride, enraged, judging are not yielding to The Holy Spirit, no matter what they're saying-**1Jn4:1**-Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world

1. We will never impress God with doctrine because as much as we think we know, we know nothing compared to what He knows-A right heart with wrong doctrine can receive instruction and get the doctrine fixed; A wrong heart with right doctrine will be cut of from the help of God and their doctrine will eventually be infected with that which is wrong-**2Ch16:9,1Sm16:7,1Pt3:4**

VI. **Tongues being of the devil, tongues passing away these are new doctrines and different from the scripture-Hb13:9-Be not carried about with divers and strange (novel-new, unheard of) doctrines**