

THE TRUTH ABOUT TONGUES

Tongues & Supplication

I. You can pray in unknown tongues-You're praying something by inspiration of The Spirit in a language your head doesn't understand

- A. When we pray in an unknown tongue we pray with the spirit-1Co14:14-If I pray (pray to God, supplicate-petition) 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 thou shalt bless with the spirit how shall he that occupies the room of the unlearned say Amen...seeing he understands not what you say?
- B. We are to pray in The Spirit-One way we do that is by praying in tongues-Ep6:18-Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints-1Co14:2-He that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God: for no man understands him; howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries

II. A weakness we possess in prayer is that all we know is what we see

- A. There are things not seen-2Co4:18-We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are enteral-Ep6:12
- B. In situations that need prayer more is going on than meets the eye-Evil spirits, underlying causes, things happening you don't see
- C. If we pray just based on what we see we'll pray amiss and see no results-Js4:3-You ask and receive not, because you ask amiss..
- D. Your head can get in the way of what actually needs to be prayed
- E. Pride in prayer is thinking you know what someone needs because of what you see-1Co13:9-We know in part-Pr3:5-Lean not to your own understanding-Pr16:25-There's a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death
1. Some try to use prayer to get people to do their will-Mt6:10
 2. Part of praying effectively is acknowledging that you don't see/know it all and asking the Holy Spirit to help you pray as you should

III. By praying in unknown tongues we can pray by inspiration of The Holy Spirit (who sees it all), where He is giving me the things I should pray and I pray them in an unknown tongue that my head doesn't understand and so I am addressing what actually needs to be addressed and not praying amiss

- A. The Holy Spirit will help us to pray-Jn14:16-Comforter-1Th5:18-Pray without ceasing-Rm8:26-Helps our infirmities (weakness) for we know not what we should pray for as we ought (necessary/needful/right)...the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered
- B. When we pray in the spirit The Holy spirit is giving us the utterance to pray things our head doesn't understand-Ac2:4-Speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance-1Co14:2-Mysteries...¹⁴Unfruitful

C. By praying in tongues we can address things our natural mind doesn't is not aware of and pray things we wouldn't think to pray on your own-Holy Spirit I don't know what to pray for as I ought so please help me pray

IV. **Prayer is supposed to produce-Js5:13-Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.¹⁴Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: ¹⁵And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up...¹⁶Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. ¹⁷Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not...¹⁸And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain...-**Mt21:22**-And **ALL** things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive-**Pr28:9**-He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination-**Mal:9**-God have mercy on us,' you recite; 'God be gracious to us!' But when you bring that kind of gift, why should he show you any favor at all-**Jsl:7**-Let not that man think he shall receive anything of the Lord**

A. Praying outside of God's will keeps prayer from producing-1Jn5:14-This is the confidence that we have in him that if we ask any thing according to his will he hears us: ¹⁵And if we know that he hear us whatsoever we ask we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him

B. Praying in The Spirit you pray in line with the perfect will of God-Jn16:13-He will guide you into all the truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak-Rm8:27

C. You can be confident when you pray in the Spirit about something the will of God will be done in that situation-1Jn5:14

V. **The Holy Spirit will use you to bring about God's will in specific situations and in people's lives as you yield to Him and pray by His prompting**

A. According to Jesus prayer is needed if we want to see God's will be done-Mt6:9-After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done...

B. The Holy Spirit will alert you to pray about a specific need or situation and you won't know what to pray as you ought so you pray in the spirit-He will join together with you and help you to pray God's perfect will in situations that arise about matters, circumstances and even people you know nothing about and see victory

C. When he alerts you, pray in the spirit as long it takes to get a note of victory-Pray until that sense of responsibility leaves and you know in your spirit you have your answer; You may have an urge to laugh, worship, sing in tongues and you'll know you've done what was needed

D. Victory by tongues-If we will yield to the Holy Ghost and make ourselves available to pray in other tongues, even we have no idea what we're praying about, we'll see more victories in our own lives and see more deliverance in the lives of those for whom we pray