

SEVEN KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT SPEAKING IN TONGUES Pt. 1

1. Is the subject of "tongues" a biblical subject?

2. What was the gift of "tongues" anyhow?

a. Acts 2:1-15

1) As a result of the descent of the Holy Spirit, these believers began “to speak with _____, as the Spirit gave them _____. (2:4) Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other [heteros] tongues [glossa], as the Spirit gave them utterance.

* What does this mean? - Glossa or glossolalia is used in reference to the muscle of the _____ or a _____.

2) This supernatural phenomenon of speaking in tongues occurred in the presence of _____ in which “every man heard them speak in his own _____.” (2:5-6)

* What two things should you note?

a. _____ were always present-tongues never spoken in private

b. “language” [dialektos] – the human language or dialect of a country or district

3) The crowd marveled at this since Galileans were _____ and said, “How is it that we hear each in our own _____ in which we were _____?” (2:7-11)

* For this to be true, what did tongues have to be?

4) The crowd recognized that these Galileans were speaking “in our _____ the wonderful _____ of God. (2:11-17)

* What should you note about this?

- These “tongues” were understood as various _____, human _____, but were the result of the _____.

* Regarding the nature of tongues, what can you conclude from Acts 2?

- Tongues were the God-given ability to _____ in a _____, foreign, human _____ without the learning process.

b. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

1) In this listing of spiritual gifts (which is not a complete one) we find mentioned “_____ of tongues” and the “_____ of tongues.” These indicate the characteristics of a human language.

2) In the various listings of spiritual gifts in the _____, tongues (when listed) is always _____.

* What can you conclude from 1 Corinthians?

- The “tongues” of Acts and the “tongues” of 1 Corinthians are the _____ spiritual gift. Thus tongues were the God-given _____ to speak in a _____, foreign, human language without the _____ process.

3. Was the gift of "tongues" an important spiritual gift in the early church? Answer: _____.

There are 5 places in the NT that list spiritual gifts:

1. Romans 12:4-8 (no mention)
2. 1 Cor.12:8-10 (mentioned last)
3. 1 Cor.12:28 (mentioned last)
4. Ephesians 4:11 (no mention) .
5. 1 Peter 4:11 (no mention)

Tongues, if mentioned at all, were always mentioned _____!