

## In the Beginning

On the day of Pentecost, when Peter and the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, an interesting phenomenon took place. The apostles began to speak in languages that they did not previously know. People from many different countries were gathered that day in Jerusalem, and yet they could understand what they were saying. It was so out of ordinary that some passing by thought they were drunk. However as they listened, the people noticed that the apostles were speaking out the praises of God. This is the first experience of people speaking what is known as "other tongues."



This phenomenon took place throughout the book of Acts. For instance in Acts chapter 10, Peter visited people from Italy and began to preach to them. As he did, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages. Then in chapter

19, the apostle Paul traveled to the city of Ephesus. There, he met some who had become disciples of John the Baptist. Paul prayed for them and laid his hands on them. As he did, they too were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues.

## For You Today!

We are writing to share with you that this gift is also available to you today! How do we know this? By what both Peter and Paul said to the people in talking about this gift to others. In Acts 2:38-39, Peter said that this gift was for the people of that day, their children, "and as many that are afar off, as many as the Lord will call." That includes you!

Then Paul wrote to his friends in the Corinthian church and said that these gifts of the Spirit - including speaking in tongues - are for the church and will be until the day that Jesus returns! (1 Corinthians 1:7).



## A Blessing from God

You might be thinking that you would never want this gift. You would really be missing out on a blessing! Speaking in tongues is a supernatural prayer language that God gives you when He fills you with His Holy Spirit. This means that when you pray, it is with words that the Holy Spirit gives, and not just with words that come from your own thinking. Just how much better can prayer be, than with assistance from the Holy Spirit?!



Let's face it! Our understanding and knowledge is so limited! We only know by what we have learned or experienced. And how much of that is forgotten?! Praying with the help of the Holy Spirit breaks through these limitations. With this prayer language, you can pray with God's wisdom and knowledge. This is truly a real blessing.

Praying with the help of the Holy Spirit can actually help our understanding. When you do not know how to pray for something, pray for a while in the Spirit. Then see if you do not have more understanding about your situation. The Holy Spirit reveals things to us as we pray with His help.

**Ask and you  
will Receive!**

How do you receive this wonderful gift? Ask God for it! The disciples prayed in Jerusalem, seeking God until they received it. There is a wonderful promise in Luke 11:9-13. Here, Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. And of which of you that is a father shall his son ask a loaf, and he give him a stone? or a fish, and he for a fish give him a serpent?"



And of which of you that is a father shall his son ask a loaf, and he give him a stone? or a fish, and he for a fish give him a serpent? If ye then ... know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13, ASV)

**He has much  
for you!**

Friend, do you want all that God has for you? Do you want a deeper experience with God? Do you want to expand your spiritual life and insight? Then ask Him for this wonderful gift. He only wants to bless you! Ask Him to fill you with His Holy Spirit like He did Peter, Paul, the Italians and countless others. And He will, and bless your life yet more!

# The Truth about Tongues



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