

## River of Life Fellowship

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### Gifts of the Spirit

- **The Utterance Gifts of the Spirit**

- The Gift of Prophecy
- Divers Kinds of Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues
- Let's Read Acts 2:14-21

a) The "last days" began at the day of Pentecost and goes until the Return of Christ.

b) This is a prophecy by the prophet Joel dating back to the seventh century BC.

- **The Gift of Prophecy**

**I Corinthians 14:3**

- Prophecy is a supernatural utterance led by the Spirit of God to speak forth a message in advance of an event. The Gift of Prophecy comes in the form of a known tongue to the hearer.

: Hebrew meaning "to Prophecy" = "*to supernaturally flow forth with a word from God*"

: Greek words for "Prophecy" = "*to speak for another*"

- Let's see what The Word says in I Corinthians 14:1-5 about prophecy.

: This Gift speaks \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and brings \_\_\_\_\_ to the body of Christ.

a) It seems that the Spirit of God does use the Gift of Prophecy more readily when we gather as a body of believers. However, the Holy Spirit is not \_\_\_\_\_ to church services but operates this Gift in believers at \_\_\_\_\_ of any size.

b) All of the Gifts of the Spirit including Prophecy should be operated from a place of being in touch with the Holy Spirit and through previous reading of the Word and previous proper \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word of God.

: Ephesians 5:18-21, Colossians 3:14-17

: There are times I have seen worship leaders or singers be used by the Spirit to sing a prophetic message of encouragement or edification to the congregation gathered. It is usually very comforting.

- Some guidelines are: Romans 12:6-8 / I Corinthians 14:26-31

- **The Gift of Divers Kinds of Tongues**

- The Gift of Divers Kinds of Tongues is supernatural \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit in \_\_\_\_\_ never learned by the speaker, nor \_\_\_\_\_ by the speaker, nor necessarily always understood in totality by the hearer.
- Speaking with tongues has nothing whatsoever to do with linguistic ability; it has nothing to do with the level of \_\_\_\_\_ of a believer nor the \_\_\_\_\_ of a believer.
  - : It is a vocal expression of the Holy Spirit speaking the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in a believer,
  - for a believer or regarding any situation.
  - : The profit of the Gift of Tongues edifies, exhorts and brings comfort to all when interpreted during a public time which then is called “Speaking in tongues”.

5 times in the Book of Acts it is revealed that the early church prayed and / or spoke in tongues.

- 1) **Acts 2:1-4** These were likely tongues of men and of angels. This was on the day of Pentecost where both men and women were gathered including Mary the mother of Jesus. They were in the “Upper Room” and received the Gift of the Holy Spirit. This was just as Jesus called for in **John 14:16,17** / **I John 4:4**
- 2) **Acts 8 5-17** these Samaritans were saved under Philip’s ministry and received the Holy Spirit when Peter and John laid hands on them and prayed for this Gift!!
  - : Verse 18-19 Simon the sorcerer “saw” something that astounded him. I believe he witnessed them praying in tongues.
- 3) **Acts 9:3-18** Saul, later would be “Paul” received the Holy Spirit when Ananias laid hands on him. We know he spoke in tongues later as per I Corinthians 14:18.
- 4) **Acts 10:44-46** Years after the Day of Pentecost this incident occurred. They not only received salvation, but again tongues are present.
- 5) **Acts 19:1-7** These Ephesians Disciples received the Holy Spirit also years after the Day of Pentecost. Paul explains the Gospel to them, they get saved, and again tongues are present.....as well as interpretation!

- **Interpretation of Tongues**

- Interpretation of Tongues is the supernatural interpretation or showing forth of \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit of God so the hearer \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of an utterance in other tongues by the Spirit of God.
- Interpretation of Tongues is probably the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gifts in that it \_\_\_\_\_ a release of the Gift of Tongues in order to operate.

- To further clarify, Interpretation of Tongues as a Gift is supernaturally bringing a \_\_\_\_\_ understanding to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gift of Tongues so that the whole church / congregation / gathering of people may be \_\_\_\_\_ as to what has been said.

: This is not \_\_\_\_\_ of the tongue, but only an \_\_\_\_\_.

: Translation gives full word for word understanding, but interpretation is a shortened version for many reasons.

- Let's see what **I Corinthians 14:1-5** says about how Prophecy and Tongues with interpretation are equal with each other.
- Just read **I Corinthians 14:15-33, 37-40**
  - : Before we conclude the teaching on the subject of Tongues and Interpretation let me interject some Pastoral / Shepherds thoughts from my experiences.
  - 1) I believe it is the heart of God to help people that have little knowledge of Christ, find Him as Lord. Therefore any operations of the Spirit but especially Tongues and Interpretation need to be done that an onlooker would be drawn to understand that God is the author of every good and every perfect Gift.
  - 2) Manifestations of the Spirit and operations of the Gifts of the Spirit should not bring confusion or fear in the heart of a new convert.
  - 3) Manifestations of the Spirit should accomplish a purpose as contained in the type of Gift portrayed. No operations of the Spirit are to be done by nor to edify the flesh but operated in the Spirit with love.

- God sends us Angelic messages from heaven and messages of from heaven using unknown earthly tongues and heavenly tongues. In many cases God used tongues to reveal to Paul what he should write about in ALL of the Pauline Epistles.

: **I Corinthians 2** : **Colossians 1:24-27** : **Romans 8:26**

- Speaking in Tongues or Praying in Tongues (What's the difference?)
  - : Speaking in tongues is a Gift of the Spirit, operated by the Spirit, and is for \_\_\_\_\_ use as believer's gather, and must be interpreted.

**I Corinthians 14:13,27,28.**

: Praying in tongues is more for you in your \_\_\_\_\_ prayer time alone with God. Sometimes you may find yourself ready to pray in tongues in a church service. Feel free to do so, but not with the volume to attract attention as though it is meant to be the public utterance of tongues (A Gift of Tongues).

: I don't see that interpretation for private prayer of tongues always comes immediately as seen in **I Cor. 14:13 and 14.**

- Final questions