

God is a God of Order, plans, structure (look at the tabernacle plan in Old Testament)

God who does not change.

I Corinthians 12: 8-11

- Word of Wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Faith

- Gifts of Healing
- Working of Miracles
- Prophecy

- Discerning of spirits
- Different (diverse) kinds of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues

Malachi 3:6 “I am The Lord, **I do not change**”

- Old Testament sacrificial system?/Ceremonial Law?
 - God NEVER changed from OT to NT, He simply fulfilled it.
- Played by His own rules.

3 Reasons Why Some Don't Believe In Speaking in

Tongues

1. Tongues' NEVER happened!

-Yet it is ALL OVER the Bible.

-There is NO scriptural support for this (atheist or agnostic)

2. Tongues ceased (I Corinthians 13:8)

-Belief that tongues was poured out for a season of time during the early church,
but is not for the church today.

Joel 2:28-29 “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. **29** And also on *My* menservants and on *My* maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Isaiah 28:**11** For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, **12** To whom He said, “This is the rest *with which* You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing”; Yet they would not hear.

-Old Testament prophecies mention the outpouring of the

Holy Spirit. But there is no mention of the Holy Spirit ceasing at a certain time.

-Further more, as the NT begins, further prophecies occurs regarding the outpouring of the HG:

John 3:5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ **8** The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

-Again, notice no timeline is given regarding the Holy Spirit being cut off.

-Tongues being cut off? (I Corinthians 13:8-10)

-If tongues did indeed cease, why not knowledge and prophecies?

3. Tongues are **ONLY** appropriate if there is an 'interpreter' (I Corinthians 14:26-28)

-Note especially verse 26 "**for edification**".

Difference

Gift of tongues/interpretation FOR EDIFYING THE
CHURCH

VS.

Tongues as evidence of the infilling of the Holy Spirit and for
PERSONAL EDIFICATION.

If there was no difference between the two and they

were one in the same, then everyone who spoke in tongues in Acts would be out of order because NO INTERPRETER was present.

Acts 2:1-4

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord[a] in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

-Utterance; *apophtheggomai*- to speak forth, to say

-No interpreter present

Acts 8:14-18

14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, **15** who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. **16** For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, **19** saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

-No interpreter present

Acts 10:44-46

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

-No interpreter present

Context and Historical Background

- Sexual immorality of Corinthian culture/church
- Corporate worship times were chaotic
- Gifts of the Spirit in operation without order
- Shouting out in the corporate worship services (ladies)
- Gifts centered, not love centered unlike other churches:

Ephesians 1:15-16 (church at Ephesus)

For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints,

I. Gifts of Spirit MUST operate out of LOVE.

(I Corinthians 13)

II. Tongues for Personal Edification.

(I Corinthians 14:1-5) (13-14)

(21-22) Tongues as sign to unbelievers (evidence/sign of HG)

(23) (tongues can either be confusion or a sign for unbelievers)

III. Tongues w/ interpretation for Corporate Church Edification

When the church comes together, its about edifying one another

(26)

IV. Guidelines for Tongues and Interpretation

(26-29)

Key guidelines

- At least two messages in tongues, no more than three
- One interpretation

-“Interpretation NOT Translation

- Translation= a perfect rendering of one text to another
- Interpretation= representation/explanation

(32-33)

-Subjection and oversight

-If its confusion, its most likely not of God

V. Closing

(39-40)

-Do not forbid speaking in tongues!

-Again, be mindful of your surroundings.

-Be decent and in order.