

**XV. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
LESSON FIFTEEN**

... ABOUT THE ROLE OF TONGUES IN THE CHRISTIAN WALK

INTRODUCTION

In the previous lesson we saw that normally when a person is Baptized with the Holy Spirit, the manifested, physical gift/evidence is speaking in tongues.

THE GIFT OF TONGUES

In order to avoid confusion, we need to make a distinction between the gift of "new tongues" in Mark 16:17 and the gift of "divers kinds of tongues" in 1 Corinthians 12:10.

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;
1 Corinthians 12:10, To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

What do the following group of passages have to say about the gift of "new" or "unknown tongues"?

Mark 16:17

I Corinthians 14:2

1 Corinthians 14:4a

1 Corinthians 14:15, Jude 20

From this group of passages answer the following questions.

- To whom is the gift given?
- When is the gift given or operational?
- Who is being addressed?
- What does it accomplish?
- What form does it take?
- Special requirements?

What does this second group of passages have to say about the gift of "divers kinds of tongues," (1 Cor. 12:10)

1 Corinthians 12:10,11

1 Corinthians 14:6

1 Corinthians 14:3

1 Corinthians 14:5

From this group of passages, answer those same questions?

- To whom is the gift given?
- When is the gift given or operational?
- Who is being addressed?
- What does it accomplish?
- What form does it take?
- Special requirements?

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures the following distinction between the "new tongues of Mark 16:17 and the "divers kinds of tongues in I Corinthians 12:10.

- 1. The gift of "new tongues" is given to all believers, whereas "divers kinds of tongues" is not given to all believers**
- 2. The ability to speak with "new tongues" (praying in the Spirit) is given to all when they receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and becomes operational when the believer seeks God for it. Whereas "divers kinds of tongues" are given to those seeking it and becomes operational at the discretion of the Holy Spirit - it is a special anointing of the Holy Spirit, for a specific purpose and time.**
- 3. "New tongues" since it is praying or singing in the Spirit, is directed to God and has the purpose of building ones self up in the Spirit, no interpretation is necessary. Whereas "divers kinds of tongues" is God speaking (through the one to whom this gift is given) to the church either as prophecy, words of wisdom, words of knowledge or doctrine (instruction) for the edification (building up) of the church. An interpretation is necessary so that the church may be edified.**

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1 Corinthians 14:2

1 Corinthians 14:4

Jude 20

1 Corinthians 14:14-15a

Romans 8:26

1 Corinthians 14:15b-16

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures, from the different roles of tongues/prayer language, that praying in tongues has a very important place in the life of the Believer. (1) It serves to build him up in his faith; and (2) since, when he is praying/singing in the Spirit (the Spirit being in harmony with the will of God), he always prays/sings according to the will of God.

RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH

Have you received your prayer language? Are you experiencing the different roles of tongues in your life which were described above.