

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

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INTRODUCTION:

MARK 16:17-18 – Jesus mentions five signs connected to His Name: Casting out devils, speaking in tongues, taking up serpents, protection from poisoned drinks, and laying hands on the sick. The context involves preaching the gospel, not playing with snakes or drinking battery acid.

DIFFERENT ATTITUDES

1. Excited, enthusiastic – Pentecostal, charismatic.
2. Horrified – It's of the devil.
3. Perplexed – Don't know anything about it.
4. Nonchalant – A relaxed attitude.

IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS

1. If one doesn't, he's not an inferior believer.
2. If one doesn't, doesn't mean he's not saved.
3. It's a choice, just as receiving Christ and being baptized.

THREE KINDS OF TONGUES

1. Sign tongues – **1 CORINTHIANS 14:22** as in **ACTS 2**.
2. Ministry tongues – **1 CORINTHIANS 14:5** need interpreted.
3. Devotional tongues – **1 CORINTHIANS 14:2-4** – self edification.

TWO CATEGORIES OF PRAYER – 1 CORINTHIANS 14:14-15

1. With our spirit - In other tongues.
2. With our understanding - In our native language.
 - A. Is it possible that our spirit can pray better than our reasoning?
ROMANS 8:26-27
 - B. It is possible we've lost some challenges because we didn't use this important piece of armor? **EPHESIANS 6:18**
 - C. Is tongues a way to develop our most holy faith? **JUDE 1:20**

A PURE LANGUAGE – ZEPHANIAH 3:9 (NKJV)

1. To restore means to return to a former condition.
 - A. **GENESIS 11:1-7** – What language did they speak? Was it English, Spanish, or Hebrew? Was it a universal Heavenly language? Whatever it was, God viewed it as a powerful force. So much so He had to deal with it.
 - B. **ACTS 2:1-4** – Is it possible this is the beginning of what Zephaniah prophesied?

THE PATTERN

1. Among the Jews. **ACTS 2:1-4**
2. Among the Gentiles. **ACTS 10:44-46**
3. At Ephesus. **ACTS 19:1-6**
4. Paul. **ACTS 9:17, 1 CORINTHIANS 14:18**

BEING PREPLEXED – ACTS 2:12-13 (NIV)

1. Perplexed means baffled, puzzled or completely confused.
 - A. It's difficult to understand how one can speak in a language he never learned.
 - B. Speaking in tongues is a cooperative effort between the individual and the Holy Spirit. It's not made up gibberish!

CORRECTING FALSE BELIEFS

1. Tongues have ceased. **1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-10 (NKJV)** If tongues have ceased, then knowledge has been done away.
2. It's not for everyone. **1 CORINTHIANS 12:30** This refers to ministry tongues, not devotional tongues.
3. You can't control it. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:15** We control when we pray in English and tongues.
4. If it's God's will, it will happen. **GALATIANS 3:2** The Spirit is received by faith.

CONCLUSION: There are many benefits to the ministry of tongues in the believer's life, but God won't force His will upon us. It's up to us to receive by faith.