

Thorough discussion on speaking in tongues

This information is a thorough discussion on speaking in tongues and its role in both **personal** and **public** worship. Here's a summary of key points:

Personal Edification through Speaking in Tongues

1. Inner Strengthening:

- **1 Corinthians 14:4** highlights that speaking in tongues **builds up** oneself. This spiritual practice strengthens the believer, aiding in obedience to God's word, controlling thoughts, and speech.

2. Mind Renewal and Spirit Building:

- As we **renew** our **mind** and **build** our **spirit** through speaking in **tongues**, it helps in controlling our thought life and speech, keeping our body in subjection (James 3:3-12).

3. Heart Over Tongue:

- The issue is not with the tongue itself but with what we store in our hearts (Mark 7:20-23).

Public Use of Speaking in Tongues

1. Initial Experience:

- Speaking in tongues begins with the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4).

2. Edification of the Church:

- In public assemblies, speaking in **tongues** with **interpretation** edifies the church (1 Corinthians 14:3, 14:5).

3. Prophecy and Interpretation:

- Prophecy is like a ten-cent piece (a dime), while speaking in tongues is like a nickel. Tongues with interpretation are equivalent to prophecy (another nickel added to the first) (1 Corinthians 14:5).

4. Distinction from Preaching/Teaching:

- Prophesying is not the same as preaching or teaching, which requires preparation (2 Timothy 2:15). Prophesying comes by inspiration of the Spirit.

5. Order in Services:

- Public speaking in tongues should be orderly and preferably interpreted to avoid confusion (1 Corinthians 14:39-40).

Faith and the Holy Spirit

1. Signs of Belief:

- Speaking in tongues is a sign that follows believers (Mark 16:17).

2. Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

- The baptism in the Holy Spirit empowers believers for God's work (Luke 24:49) and is received by faith (Acts 1:4-5).

3. Practical Experience:

- **Before** and **during** being baptized in the Holy Spirit, expect sensations on your vocal cords and lips. Speak out the words given by the Holy Spirit by faith (Acts 2:4; 10:46; 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14:18).

Conclusion

- Speaking or praying in tongues strengthens the believer and, when interpreted, edifies the church.
- Proper use requires faith and order, aligning with biblical principles.
- Regular use of this gift is encouraged to maintain and grow in it.

Prayer for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

A suggested prayer for those seeking this experience emphasizes faith, readiness, and active participation.

The prayer: Dear heavenly Father, I thank You for Jesus who baptizes people in the Holy Spirit. Baptize me in the Holy Spirit through Jesus and I thank You that I will speak in tongues as the Holy Spirit gives me the words in Jesus' name amen.

Daily Practice

- Use the prayer language daily to keep it active.

These points provide a comprehensive understanding of the role and practice of speaking in tongues within personal and communal settings, emphasizing faith, order, and edification.

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