

Speak His Language

Forget the disputes of the past and look for yourself what the Father says in His Word concerning your prayer life which means your continuous communication with Him. It's so important to know how to communicate with the Father and how to pray for others. Sure, you can pray a quick prayer or even pray hoping God heard you, but there is a better way and a sure way of knowing you have the answer. There are many more scriptures throughout the Word of God that predict and confirm His Holy Spirit to us and why He was given, so don't stop here; go and search out for yourself in the Bible. It's important when you are reading this material and others that you don't form an opinion, but look for yourself at the scriptures and let the Holy Spirit guide you in these truths to stand on. Make sure your heart is open to hear Him and be willing to change what someone else has told you for what God is saying. Only God can make your life greater through His power.

Mark 16:17-18 (KJV)

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.

Look at the first part of this verse; these signs shall follow **them that believe**. It did not say only preachers, teachers, or only the apostles, it's us too; we who believe. Think about it, God is not going to tell Jesus and the apostles to be an example for the church and then turn around and tell someone to preach against it. You'll see as you go through the Word that God continued to spread the gift of His Holy Spirit, even to our generation now. We will also see the how and why this gifted Person, our Holy Spirit, was sent.

Acts 1:4-8 (KJV)

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, it is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Jesus made a promise to them from the Father that they would be baptized with great power to be witnesses for Him. They already loved Jesus and belonged to Him, but the Lord knew it would take another step of faith to receive His Holy Spirit upon their lives to do what He did and greater as He says in John 14:12. Let's identify for a moment here, what does it mean to be saved? The Strong's Concordance gives the *Hebrew* and *Greek* definitions of **Salvation** meaning to be saved from hell, to have the victory, to be helped, preserved, avenged, defended, rescued, and brought to safety, prosperity, to have health and welfare which means peace, health and prosperity. This is exactly what Jesus did for people when he walked the earth, went to the cross and rose again. Now just before He went to the Father, Jesus says in John 14:12 he (*he* is also *they* or even *she* in the

Strong's Concordance here) who believes on Jesus, will do the works that He did, but now Jesus says I want you to do not only what I did, but I want you to do a greater work. Jesus said He would have to leave and go to the Father for this to happen. Jesus says in John 14:16-17 He would talk to His Father and He would without a doubt send us **another** Comforter. Now remember, these three agree and testify of each other. The Holy Spirit will always testify of Jesus and be our Spirit of truth. Verse 17 tells us he dwells with us and in us. Now they could've spread the word just from their experiences alone with Jesus and told people how Jesus is the only way to the Father just as some do today and that would be good news in itself, but Jesus wanted that same Spirit of **Power** that was on Him to be on them, meaning all who were in the upper room which was about 120 and all who would receive after that even to the last generation on earth. Those in the upper room had accepted Jesus as their Lord before they even got to the upper room and now Jesus is telling them there is another Comforter who will come **upon** them and cause them to do great signs and wonders as they yield to Him. As you read of their experiences, you see people healed of diseases and freed from bondages no matter how big or small. The upper room experience was not a teaser for you. You say, "How can I do the works that Jesus did?" Jesus says in His own words here, "**He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do...**" As we go back to Acts 1:8, Jesus again says in His own words the order of how they will be effective. **After** the Holy Ghost comes **upon** them, **then** they shall have power and **then** they shall be witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth. Have you ever experienced or known someone to say, "Yes, I'm saved, but I'm still sick or I'm still living check to check, or I can't seem to break this bad habit?" It's not just some nice encouraging words that will break that stronghold, but the power of His Holy Spirit **upon** you. Some people will not let you help them, but the ones that do hear you and receive the Word of God, will begin to be set free from those things that have held them back for years. This testifies of Jesus and brings God all the glory when you show your dominance over the powers of darkness by yielding to the greater power of the Spirit of God. This is what Jesus did as He walked the earth as a man and helped people by the **power** of God. Now you can do what He did and greater by this same Spirit of faith (2Corinthians 4:13, John 14:12).

Acts 1:14 (KJV)

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

This verse says the upper room also consisted of the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus and the brethren praying and supplicating together in one accord. **Supplication** in the *Hebrew* and *Greek* means a deep asking and seeking of His presence; wanting Him; more of Him; favor; to meditate Him. They wanted this **power** because of their **love** for Him; to spread it to the world, to come against the evil one. 1 John 5:18 says whoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one **toucheth him not**. Exercising this power will cause the wicked one not to touch you. You see, there is power in the blood of Jesus; this blood is the New Covenant we have as believers. This New Covenant gives us rights like Jesus had. Pilate said to Jesus, "Don't you know I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" Jesus said, "You could have no power against Me, except it were given you from above." Jesus allowed the enemy to come against Him; He allowed the enemy to touch His body and kill

Him because that was the plan. Jesus took our place and conquered hell and all that's in it. All that should be on you now, as a son or daughter of God, is the Power of His Holy Spirit. 1 Timothy 4:8 says we have the promise of our life **now** and **that which is to come**. This promised life here can only come to pass by His Holy Spirit **in** you and **upon** you. Acts 2:1-4 tells us the day of Pentecost was **fully come** as they were all in one accord in one place. Notice, it says they were sitting meaning waiting on God. Waiting on God will always cause you to see or hear what is going on around you and what your next steps are. (Read the whole chapter) Them being in one accord meant they all believed God was going to do what He said. Don't forget, these were all Christians who received Jesus as their Lord; it was then that they could gather together to receive this **power** from Heaven. God's power fell on the 120 who showed up. There were more who believed, but they were either afraid, ashamed, confused, or it wasn't important for them to show up that day. We know from John 6:66 that many of His disciples went back and didn't walk with Jesus anymore after His sermon on partaking of His body which was to be spiritually discerned, but their carnal minds got in the way of receiving as some do today. We see that the 120 were able to speak out in the other men's languages by the Spirit as the Spirit gave them utterance to minister the gospel of Jesus Christ to **those on the outside**. As you read, you see some thought they were drunk or crazy. That's how people see it today, but we know from 1 Corinthians 2:14 that the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him: neither can we know them, because they are spiritually discerned. As we continue down Acts 2, Peter preaches the good news of Jesus. In Acts 2:36-41 the people begin to get thoroughly pierced to the heart and now they want to know what to do. They repented and were baptized into the name of Jesus; in other words making Jesus Lord of their life. Verse 38 says now they are able to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost as a promise to them, their children and to all that are afar off (you and me). Now remember, verse 41 says it was the ones that **gladly** received his word. A happy heart is very moldable for God, but a hard religious heart will say things like, "That's not for today" or "I don't believe that's for all people". Usually, these people are not so easy to get along with and somewhat lonely or some even walk around defeated while denying the power that was given them by Jesus Christ to live in victory. 2 Timothy 3:4-7 says many have a form of godliness, but deny the power.

Acts 3 and Acts 4, Peter preaches of Jesus **and** His power. He sent this power to us who believe, but as you see, the priests were very angry and in fear of their position as some are today. When the power of God begins to work through you, including signs and wonders as Jesus did, people will begin to take notice all around. You can't hide the power of God on someone's life. It causes those around you to hunger that much more. Yes, some will walk away as they did with Jesus, but you continue to follow God. We answer to Him only when all is said and done. By the power of God, we can cause people to hear and believe as Peter did in Acts 4:4 when 5,000 men (not including women and children) came to believe and follow Jesus Christ.

Acts 5 also speaks of the power **upon** Peter as he walked through the streets and people got healed in great numbers. As you jump down to Verse 32, Peter says they are witnesses of the things of Jesus and so also is the Holy Ghost, whom God hath **given to them that obey him**. Peter saw what he saw and did what he did because he made a decision to obey the Spirit of God in him. The rest of the chapter we see the church leaders angry again, not just because the disciples would talk about Jesus, but because of what it was producing in the people. It was causing them to worship

Jesus instead of the church leaders. If you are just talking about Jesus and not flowing in His power, you will cause no change and people around you will know it's just the name of a person that supposedly did something great 2,000 years ago. When you accept Jesus as Lord **and the power of His Holy Spirit upon you**, it is now time to pray His language and move by the promptings of His Spirit.

Acts 6, The 12 summoned the people together to find a man full of the Holy Spirit to help serve in a certain position. Verse 5 says they chose Stephen, a man full of faith (meaning he believed in Jesus) **and full of the Holy Spirit**. Again, in Verse 8 it says Stephen was **full of faith and power**; as a result, he did great wonders and miracles among the people. As you finish Chapters 6&7, you see the religious leaders getting upset at the power on his life as he preaches to them. This is the part I want you to see, as Stephen is being stoned by these religious people, all he can concentrate on is Jesus. It says in the last verse of Chapter 6 that his face was as the face of an angel; that's a manifestation of the power of God on Him. Imagine him being stoned and then able to have a conversation in the middle of that not to mention how excited he was when he saw Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father. Listen, this can only be done by the power of God **upon** him. You cannot do this in your own strength or even just because you believe Jesus is the Son of God, but because you accept Jesus as your Savior and the power of His Holy Spirit **upon** your life. Only a Spirit of great love could cry out for those stoning him. The Holy Spirit is sent to show the **power of the love of Jesus Christ** and He'll do it through us today, too. Stephen got in one last prayer request before he died; that prayer is still in the earth today. It affected Saul who later became Paul and his preaching is continuing to affect us today.

Acts 8:14-17 (KJV)

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

These verses are so clear and easy to understand that the receiving of the Holy Spirit is an additional experience. As the people received Jesus, they were baptized to show their dedication to the Lord and His ways; both men and women. Now we know Philip already had received the Holy Ghost and the people were beholding miracles and signs done through him. The apostles heard they believed Philip's preaching concerning the Kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Christ. Now this would have got them to Heaven just fine, but the Lord saw they needed to also receive His Holy Spirit upon them to go and do a greater work as well. We also see it was a noticeable manifestation when Simon offered money to purchase this power of God. Whether you have millions or very little this power is available to you as a free gift through Jesus Christ. Remember, money is just a tool for us to use and be successful for the Kingdom of God. You will never find a scripture saying money or possessions will keep you from God or His gifts; it's those that worship or value the money or things more than God that gets them off track and some even let it keep them totally out of Heaven. Matthew 6:21 says where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. In other words, if you treasure the things of this world more than God, then God

doesn't have your heart. God gives us **richly** all things to **enjoy**, not to worship or put before Him. Acts 9:3-6 Jesus stops Paul on the way to Damascus; Paul is blinded from this great light, but realizes it's Jesus. He proceeds to call Him Lord (meaning God; the Savior). Paul knew then that Jesus was the true Messiah and was willing to do whatever He asked. Now simple minds might think well why didn't Jesus just heal him right there and fill him full of the Holy Spirit. Well, it's not because Jesus isn't powerful, because we both know He is. It's because He sent the Holy Spirit on the earth to continue His work through His people. That is why you see Jesus send Saul to Ananias, a man full of the Holy Spirit. Ananias put his hands on Saul and he received his sight; then he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:1-48 (KJV) Peter felt the same way as others still feel today, that this gift of the Holy Spirit was only given to a selected few. As you read in verse 15, you see God telling Peter, even though he thinks something is common (meaning polluted, defiled, or unworthy), God has cleansed it. Peter gets the meaning of this as he meets Cornelius and realizes God wanted salvation **and** the Gift of the Holy Spirit to be brought to the Gentiles, not just Israel or the Apostles. Verse 46 says those in the house heard the Word. When you read the passage, you understand that heard meant they believed and received it into their hearts or God would not have let the Holy Spirit just fall on them. **They then began to speak with other tongues**. Remember that they are in Cornelius's house with all their close friends and relatives, so they did not need to speak in other earthly languages concerning the gospel like they did in the Upper Room.

Acts 11:15-16 Peter remembers Jesus saying, "John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost."

Acts 13:6-12 (KJV)

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: 7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. 9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul), filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, 10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Paul knew what was going on because of being filled with the Holy Spirit. We too can know when the devil is using someone to come against us. This gift of the Holy Spirit can show us what to say and do **all** the time. 1 John 2:20 says you have an anointing from the Holy One and you know **all** things. He didn't just say some things, He said **ALL** things. He is our confidence to go forth in life. John 15:26 and John 16:7-13 Jesus says in His own words that the Holy Spirit is our Comforter and will guide us into **all** truth; He will show us things to come. You cannot step out in life with confident faith if you don't have the Holy Spirit leading you and guiding you every step of the

way. You can only guess and most of the time you will be wrong. The enemy will make sure you are heading in his direction when he sees you are not being led by the Holy Spirit. Study the fruits of the Spirit in [Galatians 5:22-23](#) and see if His fruit follows your life. If not, you need to be filled with His Holy Spirit and stop following the spirit of this world. Only you can be honest and ask yourself, do you really have an overwhelming inner peace and know that God is leading you?

The Gift of the Holy Spirit is used in many different ways. It's for the building up of the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit is a Person who builds you up as well as building up those around you.

[Acts 19:1-6](#) Paul came to Ephesus and found disciples that believed in the repenting part with John the Baptist, but never received anything to go forth in power. Paul then takes it a step further and baptizes them in the name of the Lord Jesus. Now they are ready to receive the Holy Spirit. He laid his hands upon them and the Holy Spirit came on them; they **spake with tongues**, and prophesied. They can now live by the Spirit of God and pray out the things of God more perfectly.

[Romans 8](#) talks about not living in condemnation but with conviction **by the Holy Spirit**. Read the whole chapter; it talks about how all creation groans until now. And not only them, but ourselves also; we groan within ourselves. [Verse 26](#) says the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. The words, "**which cannot be uttered**" in the *Greek* is the word *alaletos* meaning unspeakable. One of the *Greek* words here for **unspeakable** is *arretos* meaning inexpressible. This cannot be expressed in our earthly words. When you receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit, He will pray through you the perfect prayer for your situation. The Spirit of God was poured out for you to have the power to change your situation and to help others for the glory of God. You can see the difference when you pray without Him; **NOTHING CHANGES!!** There's no life in your situation without the Holy Spirit.

Also [1 Thessalonians 1:5](#) says,

5 "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake."

These last two chapters we will look at are the biggest ones that people would use to try and convince me that tongues were not for today. I decided to study it out myself and you should too. Just because people decide to skip over details that the Lord so importantly placed does not mean you and I have to. People do that when they are trying to make sense of what was written. Remember what we said earlier about the natural man in [1 Corinthians.2:14](#), it does not receive the things of the Spirit of God; they are foolishness to him, they can only be spiritually discerned. [1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#) tells us first off that there is a tongue of men and of angels, but speaking either one without love means nothing to God; you become a bunch of noise. Now if tongues were done away with, you would think that Paul would have been clear about it by now, but he continues to encourage it. As you read the last few verses of this chapter, you see that tongues will cease right along with knowledge and prophecies, but not till after the perfect is come. Let's define perfect for a moment here. Why would Paul say this knowing that Jesus who was perfect already came, died and rose again? Notice in 10th verse it doesn't say when the perfect one comes, but it says when that which is perfect is come. Paul defines a bigger picture for us. Not only is Jesus the

Perfect One, but the perfect time is coming also when knowledge will not be needed, prophecies will not be needed and we won't need to pray in the spirit (tongues) because He will be right here in Person with us. As you see in verse 9 he says we know in part and when this perfect is come, knowing in part will be done away with. Verse 12 Paul says we see through a glass darkly, but then (then meaning the perfect time) face to face. He says NOW I know in part, but then (again the perfect time with the Perfect One) shall I know even as also I am known. Of course, we are reminded at the end of this chapter in all of our learning and knowledge gaining while we are here waiting, love (charity) is the greatest of all that we learn. It must be in all we speak and do or it means nothing to the Lord. Another thing to remember here is the Upper Room experience didn't happen till after Jesus left. The Perfect One left and then the Holy Spirit came upon them. This was all mentioned and flowing after Jesus left. We don't even see Jesus praying in tongues with His disciples when He was here. Jesus said He would send another Comforter when he left to go to the Father. He kept His promise and sent us His Holy Spirit. We each have a part and that's why we know in part.

1 Corinthians 14 is again reminding us to follow after love (charity) even while we are to desire spiritual gifts. It's important to read this chapter slow and meditate on it. Verse 2 has the word *unknown* italicized meaning it was added to the original translation. It's okay to say *unknown* if you are saying no man understands, but really it is known of God. "For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not to men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries." A **mystery** is defined as something kept secret or any truth that is unknowable except by divine revelation. There are times in all of our lives that things seem a mystery or we don't understand what's going on, but the Lord tells us in 1 John 2:20 that we have an unction (which is an anointing) from the Holy One and **we know ALL things**. Now how can we know all things? It's our spirit that knows and we must let our spirit pray, whether in tongues or prophecies. 1 Corinthians 14:4 tells us we edify ourselves when we speak in a tongue, but we edify the church when we prophecy. It says in verse 5 I wish you all spake with tongues, but rather that you prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, **EXCEPT HE INTERPRET**, that the church may receive edifying. You will see, as you read the rest of this chapter, it will become more and more clear to you that **Paul never said tongues are over with**. As a matter of fact, in verse 18 Paul says "I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all (which means they're both doing it, but Paul says he's doing it more than them.) Now verse 19 says yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding that I might teach others also... Paul is telling us in verse 22 that tongues are for a sign to them that do not believe, but prophesying is for them which believe. He goes on to say in verse 23 if the whole church comes together into one place, and all speak with tongues, unbelievers will think you are mad. Now if all prophecy (in the church), that unbeliever will be convinced by all that he hears as the secrets of his heart are revealed. He will then fall down on his face and worship God, and report that God is in your place. Paul is saying tongues are good (in the church) **as long as there is an interpreter** as it says in verse 5. What's most important here is the unbeliever coming to Jesus Christ and receiving salvation whether it's interpreted from tongues or prophesied. Paul says again in 1 Corinthians 14:26-33 that everyone is ready with a psalm, a doctrine, a **tongue**, a revelation and an interpretation, but it must all be done for the edifying of the people. Here it is again, in verse 27 if you **speak in tongues**, let it be by two or three and let one interpret. He also says in

verse 28 if there is no interpreter, to keep silence **in the church**, but you can still speak in tongues to yourself and to God which goes back to verse 4 of this chapter; we edify ourselves when we speak in tongues. God wants total harmony in His churches. He says in verse 33, God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. Women today are allowed to speak out in some churches as is permitted. God expects us to obey the laws of our church, land or town as long as they are not against the Word of God. It was not permitted or lawful back then for women to speak in the church and Paul was respecting that by the commandment of the Lord. Our goal is not to be seen, but to let Jesus be seen in all that we do. Just like when the Pharisees came to Jesus and asked in Mark 12:13-17 if they should give tribute to Caesar; hoping to catch Him in a trap, but Jesus will not teach people to go against the laws of the land unless it goes against the Word of God. Of course, we know that Jesus came back with words of wisdom as He does today; "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's". Don't get upset if someone doesn't permit you to speak in their church as a woman, just find out if you are supposed to be there as a light for the Lord or if you are to go to where it is permitted for you to speak or even hear other men and women of God. You are no longer under the law, but under grace. Galatians 3:28 says there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. This chapter ends so perfectly with telling us to covet prophesying, and **FORBID NOT TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES**. I make these words bigger because so many seem to skip right over them as they forbid people to speak with tongues.

Be filled with the Spirit and use your prayer language daily. We need to know what the Spirit of God is telling us each to do in our everyday lives. Whatever He tells us will always be confirmed in His Word, so we must be reading His word always as well as praying in the Spirit.

If you have not received this infilling, ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today. As you ask Jesus to come into your heart, ask Him to fill you with His Spirit and cause His Spirit to come upon you to do a great work for Him. Then give yourself entirely to Him (your words and your life) and let Him lead you every day. It will be the most satisfying thing you have ever done in your life. God loves you and will always be good to you.