

6. Tongues – a Supernatural Prayer Language given by the Holy Spirit

The Different Kinds of Prayer

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The gift of Tongues is the language of the Holy Spirit. Being baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues is connected. Tongues is a supernatural Prayer Language that the Holy Spirit gives the believer.

Strengthening is not automatic! Why are some strengthened, and others not! Why do some receive revelation and others do not. Why have some heeded the warning of the Holy Spirit and others not. It's never automatic! Those who pray in tongues position themselves to be strengthened, while others are not. When we **speak in tongues daily**, we position ourselves to function in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has been at work in the earth from the beginning

- i. He was present at Creation, God the Father, God Holy Spirit, and God Word (Jesus Christ), worked together
The Holy Spirit is the 3rd Person of the Trinity.
- ii. The Holy Spirit worked with people in the OT; prophets, priests, kings and others to bring great deliverance
- iii. The Holy Spirit was upon Jesus and anointed Him for ministry (Luke 4:18)
- iv. Jesus spent time talking to His disciples about the Holy Spirit – preparing them for the New Dispensation
- v. Jesus taught them that the Holy Spirit was a good gift from the Father (Luke 11:11-13)
- vi. Jesus compared the Holy Spirit to Rivers

John 7:37-39 ... *If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.* ³⁸ *He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*** ³⁹ *But **this He spoke concerning the Spirit**, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

- vii. Jesus told His disciples about His departure and another Helper coming! (John 16:7, John 14:16-17)
- viii. The Holy Spirit is vital in the believer's life – our Teacher, Comforter, Guide, Protector ... (John 14:26)
- ix. The Holy Spirit is vital in the life of the unbeliever – He convicts the world of sin
- x. Jesus' final instruction to His disciples was that they would receive power after the Holy Spirit came upon them

Acts 1:4, 8 ... *He **commanded** them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, which, He said, you have heard from Me; ⁸ you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me ...*

Acts 2:1-4 *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, ... ⁴ And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

The evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit is ... *"they we ALL FILLED and began to speak in other tongues"*

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1. When I pray in tongues, my spirit (the real me) is communicating with God

1 Corinthians 14:14 *For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.*

1 Corinthians 14:2 *For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, ...*

2. The gift of tongues enables me to worship God in spirit

John 4:24 KJV **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

1 Corinthians 14:15b ... *I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.*

3. When I pray in tongues, burdens are removed and yokes destroyed because I am releasing the anointing

Isaiah 10:27 *It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.*

2 Corinthians 3:17 *Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

4. Praying in tongues brings supernatural rest and refreshing

Isaiah 28:11-12 *For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, to whom He said, 'This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest, and, this is the refreshing.'*

Acts 3:19 ... *times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.*

5. Praying in tongues builds me up on my hold faith (recharging takes place)

1 Corinthians 14:4a CSB *The person who speaks in a tongue builds (recharge) himself up ...*

Jude 20 *But you beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,*

6. When I pray in tongues, I am being strengthened with might (dunamis)

Ephesians 3:16 *...that He would grant you, ...to be strengthened with might (dunamis) through His Spirit in the inner man.*

Zechariah 4:6-7 *... 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts. ...*

Being strengthened by the Spirit is not automatic! When we pray in tongues we position ourselves to be strengthened.

7. Praying in tongues opens my heart to receive revelation knowledge

1 Corinth 2:9-10a, 12 *Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.¹⁰ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. ...¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*

8. Praying in tongues makes me sensitive to the leading & guidance of the Holy Spirit

John 16:13a *... when He, the Holy Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; ...*

The primary ways the Holy Spirit lead us is: by His written Word & by a **still small voice in our spirit** – the inner witness.

1 John 2:20 DRB *But you have the unction from the Holy One, and you know all things.*

The *inner witness* is different from natural reasoning. It is not a physical feeling or an outward sign. It is an impression of peace (that surpasses natural understanding). It is a strong conviction, an inner knowing!

As we become familiar with sensing the *inner voice* of the Holy Spirit, it creates “an inner knowing” in us.

9. As I pray in tongues the Holy Spirit will reveal mysteries to me – we receive an inner knowing

1 Corinthians 14:2 *He who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.*

10. As we pray in tongues the Spirit will show us things to come (John 16:13b)

Romans 8: 26-27 *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

11. Praying in tongues positions me to receive protection from the Spirit of the Lord (John 16:13b)

Isaiah 59:19c *When the enemy comes in, like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.*

12. Praying in tongues opens the door to my ministry calling; to moving in the gifts & the anointing of the Spirit

As we spend time praying in tongues we become familiar with the Voice of the Holy Spirit and the way He uses us to minister in the gifts of the Spirit. We position ourselves to function in the fullness of the Spirit.

Matthew 26:40 NIV ... *Could you men not keep watch with Me for one hour?*