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Sunday - April 21, 2024

What Did it Mean to Speak in Tongues?

by Troy Spradlin

Technology today is so amazing! There are apps that can instantly translate almost anything, from written words, to pictures and signs, and even spoken phrases. But as convenient as that may be, it is still not as efficient as personally knowing the language and being able to communicate. As someone who is proficient in multiple languages, I can tell you that much gets lost in translation - not only the meaning of words themselves, but also little nuances, colloquialisms, and slang. Sometimes those little differences can have a huge impact upon effective communication. This is especially true with the Bible. There are words and phrases in the original language that just don't translate well into English, but we can still work them out in order to fully understand the intended message.

God knew this about us, so when the church began in Acts 2, we see a remarkable miracle occur, which He provided. *"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."* (Acts 2:4) Later, in Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, he writes, *"God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues."* (1 Cor 12:28) So, apparently there were other Christians, besides the Apostles, who were able to speak these miraculous "tongues." These verses often provoke several questions concerning the practice. Below, we will answer the most common questions asked about "tongues," using the Bible.



What did it mean to speak in tongues? The answer is found in the context of Acts 2. Look at how the people responded who heard them speak. They said, *"...how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ... we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."* (2:8 & 11) So, the word "tongues" means spoken languages and with some 16 different nationalities mentioned in verses 9-11, there would have been distinct, foreign tongues present. It certainly wasn't some nonsensical gibberish, but instead, they were known, genuine languages of those various cultures. Each heard the Gospel message in the speech they understood. Paul confirms this with what he says about the "gift of tongues" in 1 Corinthians 14:27, *"If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret."* Why would they need to interpret? Because in a church assembly with many nationalities present, a Christian with the "gift of tongues" would not be understood by everyone unless someone was present who could "interpret." (vv. 5, 13, 27-28) The point being, the message must be understood by all.

Did all Christians speak in tongues? According to what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12, not all Christians were apostles, not all were prophets, nor teachers. He also said, "Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?" This naturally implies that the answer was "no." He says the Spirit gave certain gifts to some and different gifts to others. Therefore, not everyone who received a miraculous spiritual gift in the first century church, could speak in tongues. God did not appoint everyone with that particular gift just as He didn't appoint everyone to be apostles.

Do Christians still speak in tongues today? Immediately after Paul dealt with the various miraculous, spiritual gifts within the church in 1 Corinthians 12, he then writes this in chapter 13, *"Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away."* (v8) So, when did they cease? He goes on to explain, *"when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away."* (v10) What is "that which is perfect"? It would be the Bible (the Greek word is neuter, indicating an "it").

How do we know they have ceased? We know because of the original purpose of such gifts - *"Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers ..."* (1 Corinthians 14:22). Now that we have the Bible, with the Gospel message written plainly for all to read and understand, speaking in foreign "tongues" is no longer necessary.



MSYG EVENTS & INFO

GULF COAST AREA WIDE 2023-2024

APRIL 21 – HOSTED BY MARGARET STREET

WORSHIP LEADER: ELLIOT WILSON
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TROY SPRADLIN

SMALL GROUPS FOR STUDENTS – 3:30
WORSHIP – 4:30
FELLOWSHIP MEAL – 5:30
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP AT INFORMATION STATION



Join us for our
2024 GRADUATION BANQUET
Sunday, May 5 | 6 pm Service | Banquet to Follow

Kingdom Kids Parent Meeting
Sunday, May 5th 4:45 pm
Memory Classroom
CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED
Excited to Plan!

YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT
Wed. May 22nd
4:30 pm in the FH

MSYG Summer Kickoff
May 31

Register by April 15th to save \$15
Gulf Coast Bible Camp
120 Bible Camp Road
Lucedale, MS 39452
Summer 2024
Check out our dates
register at gulfcoastbiblecamp.com

Camp Sessions & Dates:
Baldwin County Week: May 26 - 31 (1st-12th grade)
Gulf Coast Week: June 2 - 7 (1st-12th grade)
Middle & High School Week: June 9 - 14 (6th-12th grade)
Junior Week: June 23 - 26 (1st-5th grade)
Hattiesburg Week: July 7 - 12 (1st-12th grade)

MISSIONSIPPI
AT NEW HOPE
★ JULY 13-18 ★

GILEGACY
YEAR THREE · JULY 18-21 2024
Sign up & pay by April 28th

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:
"Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification." - Romans 15:2

Digital access to our Calendars on your computer or personal device.
Scan this QR Code for the Church Calendar on teamup.com

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Joe Bartell* - hip replacement, recovery
- Cassie Buchanan* - recovery, PT outside
- Sherry Davis* - physical/mental comfort
- Renee Decker - Lanya Lester's mother
- Wilfred Derrick - kidney failure (Renee Ray*)
- Richard Fisher* - back surgery, recovery
- Hunton family - loss of Benny (Gateway)
- Patrick Johnson- upcoming surg. (McGriff*)
- Josie Locklin* - pacemaker, recovery
- Gloria Martin* - humerus broken, recovery
- Donald McGriff* - health, prayers
- Mary McGriff* - upcoming test, prayers
- Sharon Parker* - seizures, upcoming surgery
- Clark Smith - recovery, prayers
- Edwina Sumrall-broken tailbone, prayers
- Ted Russell* - stent replaced, recovery
- Deanna Wilson* - prayers/encouragement

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* - passing of Darlene
- Bostwick* family - loss of mom, Kandi
- Winston & Lola Burnham-loss of Brooks Ann
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Judy Jennings and family* - loss of Terry
- Paul Lipford and family - loss of mother
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor
- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman*)
- Sherryn Canniff* - homebound
- Sherry Davis*-Memory Care (Davis/Napier*)
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia*- Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Peggy Masoner - Santa Rosa Health Care
- Larry McDaniel*-Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller* - Coral Bay of Pensacola
- Ruth Phillips*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Rachel Bugsby - heart surgery, recovery
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* - mobility, prayers
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham* - back pain
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Jackie Hamilton-severe health issue(McGriff*)
- Chris Hollins - health, test (McGriff*)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Joe Lewis - lupus
- Josie Locklin* - fractured vertebrae , health
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Victoria Martinez - thyroid, prayers
- Theresa McHargue-ill, prayers (Gallagher*)
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince - health struggles (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- Jennifer Salter - surgery, recovery (Ruth W.*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)
- Edith Sullins - @ home, recovery (Hatcher*)
- Donnie Turner- (Helms*)
- Willie Waitman Jr. - leg amputation(Pace)

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Jacksonville, FL
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Lynn Colada - (Ted's sister)
- Jack Davis*
- Sheryl Downy - (Burnham*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff*)
- Greg Lewis* - lung cancer
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Eli Whitney* - prostate
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Students in College

- Haley Bartell
- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Savannah Smith
- LizAnn Webb
- Nick Webb
- Lily Weathersbee
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Makenley Hitchcock* - Baptized 12/31/23
- Debbie Gill* - Baptized 1/23/24
- Savannah Smith* - Baptized 1/31/24
- Brad & Amy Turner* - Baptized 2/18/24
- Logan Ray* - Baptized 2/25/24
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Restored 12/31/23
- Joe and Gloria Martin*- Identified 2/4/24

Expectant Mothers

- Hannah Newcomb - April 2024
- Tara Henry - May 2024
- Lauren Godwin - August 2024



SERVING WITH HONOR
SUNDAY, APRIL 21

MORNING

Opening Prayer Jon Raley
 Song Director Caleb Overton
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "Filled With Self-LESS-ness"
 Scripture Reading Parker Godwin
 Romans 15:1-7
 Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Brody Crider Luke McReynolds
 Holden Raley Gabriel Lee
 Dalton Lester (Balcony)
 Comments Casey Bearden

EVENING

Opening Prayer Brody Crider
 Singing Elliot Wilson
 Scripture Holden Raley
 Galatians 2:20
 Comments Casey Bearden

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Jennings Family
 PowerPoint Philip/Lanya Lester
 Greeters Jak Gallagher
 Secure Building Blake Hatcher

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Jon Raley
 Opening Prayer Rick Bird

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class
 AM Worship 227
 PM Worship 149
 Wed. Night Bible Class 183
 Contribution \$10,014
Weekly Budget: \$11,558

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!
You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.
 Or, ask any member for assistance.
Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.



FOOD PANTRY

- Food Pickup : 5/7/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
 - 5/7/24 @ 5:30 PM
 - 5/8/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 5/9/24 @ 2:30 PM

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



OWLS BIBLE STUDY
ANGELS AND DEMONS
 Every Thursdays @ 10:30 AM
 Starting February 1st

<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>



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