

To our friends -- We have decided to use this area to share things with our visitors. It could be words of encouragement, revelations, prophecies, etc. If you have something you would like to share, we encourage you to submit it to us for review and editing as may be required. Any submissions will remain anonymous. All glory goes to God. We will find a place in our Storehouse to archive these for future reference. Emails may be sent to submissions@ministryofprayer.org. We pray you be blessed as you visit this website.

Tongues

Is it a gift from God or a deception of the devil. It is a topic which has been debated in the modern church with much disagreement. While there are many scholars and teachers much more learned, I want to share what I have learned in my walk with God. A simple layperson who loves the Lord with all my heart and soul and body.

I have heard it said and taught that someone is just speaking gibberish when they are talking in tongues. Well, what is gibberish to one can be a language to another. Frankly French and Spanish are gibberish to me but millions of people communicate in them every day. And God understands each one of them.

God does not speak in English or Spanish or any other language. God speaks spirit and spirit understands all the utterances from the heart. The Bible even speaks of Jesus groaning in the Spirit. The Word says that the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. In other words, if we know no language, our spirit still can speak to Him in our groaning. God understands groaning and tears and laughter. He understands our heart. Leave it to God to make it as simple and as complex as possible. The Word says we speak mysteries in the spirit, and I love mysteries.

Can we then agree that if God understands groaning and all language, He understands any utterances that come from your mouth. If you are truly desiring to speak to your creator (spirit to spirit), it is not gibberish to God.

If we now have a consensus that God understands these things, let us decide whether it is scriptural or not. All things must line up with the Word of God. It is what we have based our faith upon.

Scripture says that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. He changes not. We have to depend on that — to be established in it. The Word says that when He ascended on

high He gave gifts to men. These gifts are described in various places. Then in Romans 11:29 it says that “the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable”. Does God change or does He not change?

Isaiah 28:11-12 says “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.”” Wow! This is our rest and refreshing. We don’t need to worry about whether we are praying in His will or not. It is our spirit speaking directly to Father God and the Holy Spirit is giving us utterance.

The Spirit not only helps with our needs, but enables us to pray for people and things we cannot even know about. Doesn’t that sound like God? A well known evangelist calls it God talk. I like to think of it as spirit talk - God’s native language.

Scripture says that every born-again person has the Holy Spirit dwelling in Him. That’s how we are born again. We can’t even desire to know God unless the Holy Spirit draws us. We ask Jesus to come in and the Holy Spirit comes in with Him. We do that simply by faith. This whole walk is a walk of faith. By faith we receive Jesus. By faith we believe the Bible is the Inspired Word of God. And by faith we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Let your faith take you into everything God has for us in this walk.

So how do we get this gift? Some scripture says it is given by the laying on of hands. But it also says that everyone who asks receives. Luke 11:13 says “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” All we do is ask. By faith we receive. There’s no tarrying at the altar as they used to teach.

There lies the dilemma of how to begin. Even as a baby learns to talk, our speech can develop more as we grow. We can begin with just a few words (or sounds if you will). However, the Holy Spirit will not forcibly take control and make your tongue begin to move. You have to move it, trusting God for that next sound you make. Even as we trust for that next breath we take. Scripture says “the spirits (or tongues) of the prophets are subject to the prophets.” Our tongue moves only when we tell it to. The Holy Spirit is most gentle and will not force you to do anything. Psalm 81:10 says to “Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.”

There may be emotions involved in receiving or not. Personally God has usually dealt with me by requiring pure faith in His Word. We do not depend upon emotions. We depend upon the Word of God. The Word says to ask and receive. Emotions will come soon enough. If you’ve ever been caught up in prayer and worship and tongues just begin to pour out of your innermost being, that is joy unspeakable. That is God-emotion. Worth experiencing.

So we have to begin. Open your mouth and trust Him to fill it. Begin with whatever mumblings or utterances your tongue brings forth. We may begin in the flesh but then we fall into the spirit. We fall into the rest where we don’t have to worry about what we are saying. We are talking to our creator. Scripture says we are speaking mysteries. The Spirit knows things to pray that our understanding does not. Praise God! He has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to

shame the wise.

Apostle Paul said “I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all.” Why did he confess that and brag about it. Why did He think it was necessary to his Christian life. Because we are taught that he who prays in tongues edifies himself. “Build yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit”.

We have put our faith in Jesus and trust Him for our salvation. Can we not trust Him to speak through us also. Whether it’s a known language or an unknown one, it is known to God. It is spirit speaking to our Father who is Spirit. Enjoy your rest and refreshing. Don’t be burdened by the limitations of your mind and language. Ask your heavenly Father to fill you with the Holy Spirit and trust Him to do it. Go ahead! Speak out!