



Loose Tongues Part 1

Sticking out one's tongue is a common gesture in popular culture, especially when taking a selfie. It can have multiple meanings depending on the demeanor and body language of the person. One thing is for sure: it's striking to see a tongue outside the mouth.

Make no mistake though. I'm not encouraging anyone in this article to go around sticking out their tongues just to try to look cool. The loose tongues I'm talking about is the gift of speaking in tongues given to every believer in Christ who is baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:4

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

The gift of speaking in tongues is a special prayer language enabled by the Holy Spirit.

Speaking in tongues is so important to God that as soon as the ministry of Holy Spirit commenced on the day of Pentecost, it was given immediately. This same gift is now available to you. The reason why believers in Christ can now speak in tongues is because we became so righteous by the blood of Jesus that the Holy Spirit indwells us permanently and able to flow His power through us.

Yet, many believers in Christ today preach against it, make arguments to invalidate it, or simply reason it away by stating that speaking in tongues is the supernatural ability to intellectually learn world languages. But nothing can be further from the truth. To deny the gift of speaking in tongues is to deny the ability for God to intercede in your daily life in a very powerful way. While you don't have to speak in tongues, it is definitely a privilege because it is a gift given from our Father.

A great man of God says it in this manner:

- “Every Christian the devil turns against this scriptural manifestation of the Spirit is in a very sad and powerless state.” - **John Osteen**

In order to understand the gift of speaking in tongues we must first understand that speaking in tongues is a gift enabled by the Holy Spirit, not a possession by the Holy Spirit. It's a joint action where the believer in Christ chooses to utter and the Holy Spirit kindles the utterance. In other words, we are always in the Spirit and filled with the Spirit ready to pray in tongues whenever and wherever. We don't have to wait on the Holy Spirit to move because He's actually waiting on us to loosen our tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:14

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

The gift of speaking in tongues is a personal heavenly language.

To the natural person, speaking in tongues might sound like the person is uttering gibberish, but in reality, when one prays in tongues, their spirit prays. Because the spirit (the place where God resides within the believer in Christ) does the praying, perfect prayers are uttered without knowing or understanding what was prayed. It transcends time, dimension, and even consciousness to bring about the will of God in your circumstance, life, surroundings and future in a supernatural way.

When one prays in their common language, their prayers become limited because we can only pray according to the knowledge we possess, our emotional state, and what we're conscious of. But when one prays in tongues, they bypass their knowledge, unbelief, and even their scope of a given situation. Straight away they begin to utter perfect prayers towards God about the unknown because the Holy Spirit is not limited in any way.

Romans 8:26

In the same way, the Spirit helps us where we are weak. We do not know how to pray or what we should pray for, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

The gift of speaking in tongues releases the power of God to come into any situation.

Isn't it fantastic to know that even when we don't know how to pray or what to pray, the Spirit intercedes for us with just incomprehensible groanings that cannot be uttered?

Many would argue that this verse is not talking about speaking in tongues because it talks about "groanings which cannot be uttered." The key is the Spirit intercedes for us and turns groanings into an unknown prayer language. Isn't that what speaking in tongues is all about, the Spirit Himself turning utterances or groanings into a mysterious prayer language? As you pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit will give you wisdom when you lack, protection for you and those around you, peace in the midst of a crisis, and help in your weaknesses.

Romans 8:27

Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

I encourage you to begin to pray in tongues every day because wherever you are lacking, He will intercede for you in a powerful way. The Holy Spirit who knows all things is able to flow His power and pray God's perfect will for you. This means that you will experience the will of God for your life. You can rest assure that the will of God is to always to give you victory, blessings, and good success in your life. All of a sudden you have been led by the Spirit in an effortless manner. This is truly the outcome of the grace of God.

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