

THAT AIN'T ENGLISH

Welcome to the Country Church

Introduction: We are in the 3rd week of our series discussing the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, this is part of our greater prayer emphasis encouraging each one of us to continue to enhance our relationship with God through prayer and help influence others for Christ.

Concerning the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- What is the gift we receive? The Holy Spirit
- How do you receive? You ask
- Who needs this gift? Everyone
- Why do I need this gift? To help people in this world of limitations.

Today: We look at one of the most often misunderstood aspects of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Prayer in Tongues

Different kinds of Tongues outlined in the scripture

...1 Cor 12- *Different application to tongues*

Clarification:

We are not looking at a message in tongues... the type of tongues used by the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:4

Acts 2:4 – All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. (NIV)

Today we are not discussing a message in tongues ... **but the prayer in tongues**... discussed in 1 Corinthians 14. This type of prayer is meant for every believer as part of our daily prayer life.

Myths about tongues

Myth #1: Start speaking fluently the first day you are baptized in the Holy Spirit

Myth #2: You can't control it

- **1 Corinthians 14:14-15** I will pray with my spirit. But I will also pray with my mind. I will sing with my spirit. But I will also sing with my mind. (NirV)
- **1 Corinthians 14:27** (*Bringing order to Messages in tongues in the church*)
No more than two or three people should speak in another language. And they should speak one at a time. (NirV)

Myth #3 -If He sees fit... He will give it to me...Then I have the gift

- **Luke 11:13**- God will generously give the Holy Spirit to **anyone** who asks Him

Truths about tongues

It's a language

Tongues are: A language that is **understandable by God...**

- **1 Corinthians 14:14**... Mysteries to God...
God understands them... our mind is unfruitful but God gets it perfectly

Genesis 11:4-...they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves... 6 The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then **nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.**

Zephaniah 3:9 – "For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, That they all may call on the name of the Lord, To serve Him with one accord.

Tongues is for every believer

Acts 2:39 - For the promise [of the Holy Spirit] is to and for you and your children, **and to and for all that are far away**, [even to and for as many as the Lord our God invites and bids to come to Himself. (AMP)

1 Corinthians 14:5 My desire is that everyone spoke in tongues and prophesied

1 Corinthians 14:18- (*Paul's testimony*) – I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. (NIV)

Tongues are to be a regular part of our devotional prayer Life

1 Corinthians 14:14- What is the conclusion... I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. (NKJV)

Tongues is a prayer of our human spirit

1 Corinthians 14:14 – If I pray in another language, **my spirit prays**. But my mind does not pray. (NIV)

1 Corinthians 14:2-3- For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters **mysteries with his spirit**. (NIV)

Tongues is praying in the Holy Spirit

Jude 20....Build yourselves up... praying in the Holy Spirit... (NIV)

Tongues is a prayer of edification of the believer (build up)

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

Tongues is part of the armor of God

Ephesians 6:17-18-And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 1:5 – I wish all of you spoke in tongues...