

# MINISTRY AND POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



# COURSE OVERVIEW

- SESSION ONE – The Baptism with the Holy Spirit
- SESSION TWO – Speaking in Tongues
- SESSION THREE – How to receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit
- SESSION FOUR – How to live the Spirit-Filled life

# SESSION TWO

## SPEAKING IN TONGUES



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## ■ OUTLINE

- What is Speaking in Tongues
- Biblical Basis for Speaking in Tongues
- Truths on Speaking in Tongues
- Why Speaking in Tongues is important

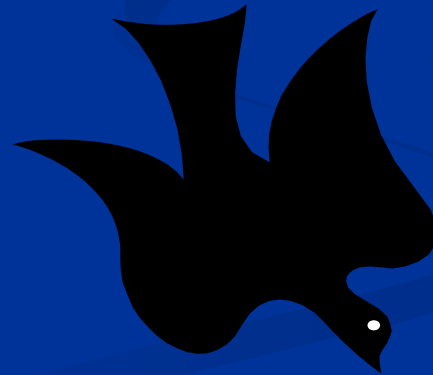
# WHAT IS SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- Defined – “The ability through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to speak a language not learned through natural means. Particularly it is a spiritual language for devotional relationship with God through prayer, and one who needs the enabling of the Holy Spirit.”

The Glorious Disturbance  
Ernest Gentile

# WHAT IS SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- Defined –
  - glossolalia “to speak with tongues”
    - Greek word “glossa” means tongue or language spoken
    - Greek word “lalein” means to speak



# BIBLICAL BASIS FOR SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- THE PROPHET ZEPHANIAH  
PROPHECIED SPEAKING IN TONGUES
  - For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language that they may call upon the name of the Lord.

Zephaniah 3:9

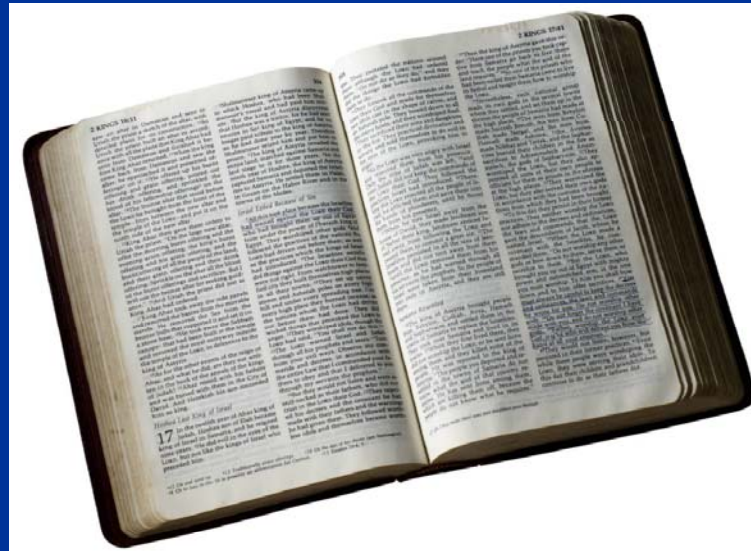
# BIBLICAL BASIS FOR SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- JESUS PROMISED SPEAKING IN TONGUES
  - And these signs will follow those who believe: In my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues.

Mark 16:17

# BIBLICAL BASIS FOR SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- The Book of Acts records several instances when followers of Jesus spoke in tongues after being baptized with the Holy Spirit.



# ACTS 2:4-12

- And they were all filled with the with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look are not all these who speak Galileans?”

# ACTS 2:4-12

- And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome; both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

# ACTS 10:44-48

- While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not

# ACTS 10:44-48

- be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.



# ACTS 19:1-6

- And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.” Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him

# ACTS 19:1-6

- who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”  
When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.



# ACTS 8:16-19

- For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they had laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. And when Simon saw through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

# BIBLICAL BASIS FOR SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- Of the five instances in Acts where disciples were baptized with the Holy Spirit, three of those instances included the immediate manifestation of speaking in tongues. In another, it was implied. The fifth was the conversion of Saul who became Paul and spoke in tongues more than anyone.
  - I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all.

1Cor. 14:18

# 1 COR. 12:28-30

- And 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. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

# BIBLICAL BASIS FOR SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GIFT OF TONGUES WHICH IS GIVEN TO A SELECT FEW AND TONGUES AS A PRAYER LANGUAGE WHICH EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS THE ABILITY TO RECEIVE.
- THE APOSTLE PAUL DRAWS THIS DISTINCTION IN 1 COR. 14.

# BIBLICAL BASIS FOR SPEAKING IN TONGUES

## ■ THE GIFT OF TONGUES

- Not available to everyone – Do all have the gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 1 Cor. 12:30
- Expression is in public but is limited – If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and God.

1 Cor. 14:27-28

# BIBLICAL BASIS FOR SPEAKING IN TONGUES

## ■ THE GIFT OF TONGUES

- Edifies church if interpreted – for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

1 Cor. 14:5b



# BIBLICAL BASIS FOR SPEAKING IN TONGUES

## ■ TONGUES AS A PRAYER LANGUAGE

- Available to all Christians who are baptized with the Holy Spirit- I wish you all spoke with tongues. 1 Cor. 14:5a
- Expression is in private – For 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. 1 Cor. 14:2
- Edifies the individual – He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself. 1 Cor. 14:4a

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## ■ TONGUES AS A PRAYER LANGUAGE

- 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. 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.

Romans 8:26-27

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- What is the conclusion then? 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.

1 Cor. 14:15

# BIBLICAL BASIS FOR SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- TONGUES AS A PRAYER LANGUAGE
  - But you beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.



Jude 20

# TRUTHS ON SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- THE FATHER INTENDED IT
- JESUS PROPHESED IT
- THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLED IT
- THE CHURCH RECEIVED IT

The Beauty of Spiritual Language  
Jack Hayford

# TRUTHS ON SPEAKING IN TONGUES

## ■ FOUR PRIMARY USES OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- Spontaneous indication of Baptism with Holy Spirit

Acts 10

- Prayer language that allows us to pray in the Spirit
  - praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.

Eph 6:18a

# TRUTHS ON SPEAKING IN TONGUES

## ■ FOUR PRIMARY USES OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- Gift that when interpreted brings edification to the body in a church service.

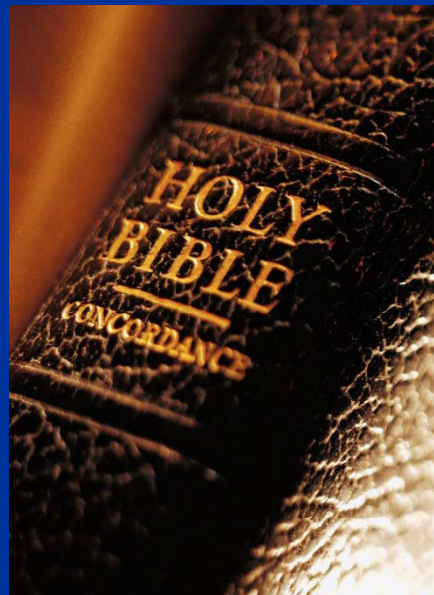
1 Cor. 14:5

- Gift that on certain occasions in a missionary setting may allow believer to speak in the language of people being ministered to.

Acts 2:8

# TRUTHS ON SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- Speaking in tongues is not meant to be a substitute for other Christian disciplines such as Bible study, worship, tithing, service, etc.



# TRUTHS ON SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- Tongues are known languages, as they were on the day of Pentecost, but they are unknown to the speaker.



# TRUTHS ON SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- PEOPLE WHO SPEAK IN TONGUES ARE TOTALLY IN CONTROL OF SPEAKING

- And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

1 Cor. 14:32

- If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and God.

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# TRUTHS ON SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS NOT BASED ON EMOTION
  - 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



# TRUTHS ON SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- SPEAKING IN TONGUES AS EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
  - Classic Pentecostal position is that speaking in tongues is the “initial physical evidence” of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.
  - In the Bible, everyone who was baptized with the Holy Spirit spoke in tongues.

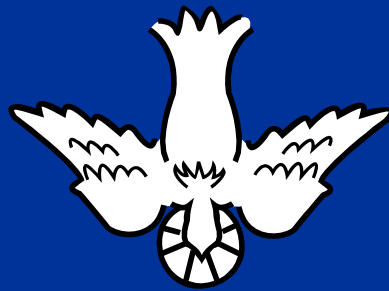
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- SPEAKING IN TONGUES AS EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
  - Those who speak in tongues have the authority of scripture behind their experience.
  - HOWEVER, in the Bible, speaking in tongues was an indication of being baptized with the Holy Spirit, not a test of whether one had received it or not.

# WHY SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS IMPORTANT

- SPEAKING IN TONGUES EDIFIES THE SPEAKER
  - He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.

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# WHY SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS IMPORTANT

## ■ *SCRIPTURE ENCOURAGES IT*

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1 Cor. 14:18

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1 Cor. 14:5a

- Do not forbid to speak with tongues.

1 Cor. 14:39

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  - We hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God. Acts 2:11
  - He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. John 16:14
  - For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. Luke 6:45