

# The Manifestation of Tongues

#### A Gift of Life and A Gift of Power

"Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:13-14)

- 1. Jesus was speaking to an unbelieving woman about salvation.
- 2. The well is personal and springs up into everlasting life.

#### **Supernatural Power**

"Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:6-8)

- 1. The Holy Spirit's power is to be received. It is a gift.
- 2. This is a power for witnessing before the world and carrying the gospel and healing power into all nations.

"On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified." (John 7-37-39)

- 1. This gift is for rivers, not a well.
- 2. The difference between a well and a river power.
- 3. The well is personal for the enjoyment of the person.
- 4. The river goes out of the person for the benefit of others.
- 5. If you are not a Christian, the issue is not a river, but a well. Salvation not the infilling, relationship with God first.

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- 1. At salvation, there may or may not be a manifestation.
- 2. At the baptism or infilling of the Holy Spirit, there is a manifestation.

#### Tongues

- 1. It is a language.
- 2. Like any language, you do not speak it fluently the first time or in a few days.
- 3. You can control it.
  - a. It won't jump on you. You receive it.
  - b. You won't suddenly speak in tongues uncontrollably anywhere.
- 4. It is a language of the Holy Spirit
  - a. It can't come from Satan.
  - b. It is a pure language with no profanity or cursing of the Father of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 14:14-15, Genesis 11, Zephaniah 3:9).

# A Gift of Power

"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4)

- 1. They were ALL filled. THEY began to speak. The Holy Spirit gave the words.
- 2. If these Charismatics want to be fully scriptural, they should go to Jerusalem and wait. There should be a sound from heaven and divided tongues like fire. Then they should speak with tongues.

"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." (Acts 10:44-46)

- 1. They heard THEM speak. They knew they were filled because of it.
- 2. They were not in Jerusalem. There was no sound from heaven or divided tongues.
- 3. They did speak with tongues.

"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 who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied." (Acts 19:1-6)

- 1. They were already saved, disciples. THEY spoke with tongues.
- 2. Having to wait, hearing a sound from heaven and divided tongues like fire, only happened on the first occasion, at the day of Pentecost.
- 3. In all three cases they spoke with tongues.
- 4. Once the Holy Spirit was given, He never had to be given again.
- 5. The Holy Spirit is here now.

## What About Samaria?

"Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

And when Simon saw that 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."

But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God." (Acts 8:14-21)

- 1. The people were already believers. They received Christ and were water baptized.
- 2. They received the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands.
- 3. There is no mention of speaking with tongues.

- 4. Simon SAW the Holy Spirit given through laying on of hands.
  - a. What did Simon SEE?
  - b. It was so dramatic, he offered money to have the same authority.
- 5. Peter told him he had no part in this matter, word, or utterance.

#### What About Today?

"Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:38-39)

"And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord..." (Ephesians 5:18-19)

- 1. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you SPEAK.
- 2. The gift of tongues can come from you in languages or song.