

The World's Most Dangerous Doctrine

Sign Gifts: Tongues

What Were Tongues?

- Many people are taught and believe that tongues are a heavenly prayer language that God the Holy Spirit uses to commune with God on a more personal intimate level.
- The gift of tongues in this passage is a supernatural ability to speak in a language that one had not studied.
- In this passage tongues are real discernable languages that the listeners are able to indentify as their own native tongue not a gobbely guck indiscernible private prayer language.

The People and Purpose of Tongues

- Tongues were a part of Israel's program and were to function as a sign to the Children of Israel.
- I Corinthians 14:22—It is very clear that tongues were given to serve as a sign.
- I Corinthians 1:27—The Jews require a sign.
- Tongues served as a sign to the nation of Israel as Peter and the 12 called the nation to repent for their part in the death of Christ.

Tongues in the Dispensation of Grace

- Since tongues were for a sign and Jews require a sign what happens to the sign program when God concludes Israel with the Gentiles in unbelief and temporarily sets his nation aside so that he can form the Body of Christ?
- Galatians 3:27-28—Today in the body of Christ, there is no longer a difference between Jews and Gentiles, as a result Israel's sign program is no longer functioning.

Tongues: A Temporary Practice

Now

- **Gifts**
- **Know in Part
or partial
knowledge**
- **Child**
- **Dim Vision**

**When That Which is
Perfect is Come**

- **Done Away**
- **Perfect or Complete
Knowledge**
- **Man**
- **Clear Vision**

- **That which is perfect is not the Kingdom, Jesus Christ, or when all the saints believe the same thing.**
- **Rather it refers to the completion of that which is only in part, namely knowledge, i.e. the Word of God**

Rightly Dividing Tongues

- Tongues functioned differently in the life of the early church than they did during Israel's program. We need to rightly divide the word of truth on this issue.
- Acts 2:4-6—No interpreter was necessary
- I Corinthians 12:10, 14:27-28—Paul instructs the Corinthians that if no interpreter is present they should refrain from speaking in tongues.
- I Corinthians 12:29-30—Why are they trying to make everyone speak in tongues when Paul clearly teaches that not everyone has that gift and therefore is not going to speak in tongues.