

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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# Q & A

January 25, 2015

10. A teaching you had a couple years ago said that of all the spiritual gifts the Lord has given believers, the gift of tongues ceased after the first century. All the other gifts are still used. I have 3 bornagain friends who have the gift of tongues. And I see no scriptural evidence indicating that the gift of tongues stopped after the first century. Where do you find that evidence in scripture?

# A Spiritual Gift is:

1. a unique spiritual ability.

2. a spiritual capacity for development.

## **List of Spiritual Gifts:**

#### **Speaking Gifts**

- 1. Prophesying (Preaching).
- 2. Teaching.
- 3. Exhortation.
- 4. Word of Knowledge.
- 5. Word of Wisdom.

#### **Serving Gifts**

- 1. Serving.
- 2. Helps.
- 3. Administration.
- 4. Faith.
- 5. Mercy.
- 6. Giving.
- 7. Discernment

#### Sign Gifts

- 1. Healing.
- 2. Miracles.
- 3. Tongues.
- 4. Interpretation of Tongues.

# 1 Cor 14:20-22

- 20 Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.
- 21 In the Law it is written, "BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME," says the Lord.
- 22 So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophecy is for a sign, not to unbelievers but to those who believe.

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#### Isa 28:11

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#### Isa 33:19

19 You will no longer see a fierce people, A people of unintelligible speech which no one comprehends, Of a stammering tongue which no one understands.

#### **Deut 28:49**

49 "The Lord will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand,

#### Jer 5:15

15 "Behold, I am bringing a nation against you from afar, O house of Israel," declares the Lord.

"It is an enduring nation,

It is an ancient nation,

A nation whose language you do not know,

Nor can you understand what they say.

# Isa 28:1-13

- 1 Woe to the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim, And to the fading flower of its glorious beauty, Which is at the head of the fertile valley Of those who are overcome with wine!
- 2 Behold, the Lord has a strong and mighty agent; As a storm of hail, a tempest of destruction, Like a storm of mighty overflowing waters, He has cast it down to the earth with His hand.
- 3 The proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim is trodden under foot.
- 4 And the fading flower of its glorious beauty, Which is at the head of the fertile valley, Will be like the first-ripe fig prior to summer, Which one sees, And as soon as it is in his hand, He swallows it.
- 5 In that day the Lord of hosts will become a beautiful crown And a glorious diadem to the remnant of His people;
- 6 A spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment, A strength to those who repel the onslaught at the gate.

- 7 And these also reel with wine and stagger from strong drink: The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, They are confused by wine, they stagger from strong drink; They reel while having visions, They totter when rendering judgment.
- 8 For all the tables are full of filthy vomit, without a single clean place.9 "To whom would He teach knowledge, And to whom would He
- interpret the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just taken from the breast?10 "For He says, 'Order on order, order on order, Line on line,
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  12 He who said to them, "Here is rest, give rest to the weary,
  "And, "Here is repose," but they would not listen.
- 13 So the word of the Lord to them will be ,"Order on order, order on order, Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there ,"That they may go and stumble backward, be broken, snared and taken captive.

- "Teaching is a slow, patient, and continuous work.

  This is the way that spiritual truth is imparted.

  God does not impart it in a flash to a lazy and lethargic soul. As the people lapse into apostasy in any age it becomes increasingly difficult to impart spiritual truth."
  - J. Vernon McGee

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- 8 Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.
- 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part;
- 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.
- 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.
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# Paul uses 4 illustrations to convey when spiritual gifts will end:

"Now"	with	<b>Spiritual</b>	<b>Gifts</b>

partial (9)

"Then" without Spiritual Gifts

complete (10)

child (11a)

man (11b)

dim mirror (12a)

face to face (12b)

know in part (12c)

know fully (12d)

# When the body of Christ is mature in heaven there will no longer be any need for:

- 1. Preaching we will have full knowledge of all the major themes of Scripture.
- 2. Teaching we will know and understand the details of Scripture.
- 3. Exhortation/Encouragement we will live the Christian life to the fullest and never stall or get depressed.

  4. Windows we will be available to the law line to the law line to the law line in the law line to the law line in the law li
- 4. Wisdom we will be walking in total application of the Word in our lives.
  5. Knowledge we will know in depth.
- 6. Serving all of our needs will be met.
- 7. Helps any and all tasks will be effortless, not burdensome, and total joy.
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  8. Administration all rule and leadership will be conducted by
- 9. Faith we will have sight instead.

God Himself.

- **10.** Mercy no one will be hurting or suffering.
- 11. Giving everything will be provided.
- **12. Discernment** nothing will be false, hypocritical, or deceptive.

# **Greek Verbs**

**Person** - 1st Person 2<sup>nd</sup> Person 3<sup>rd</sup> Person

Number - Singular Plural

**Tense** - Present Aorist Imperfect Perfect Future Pluperfect Future Perfect

**Voice** - Active Middle Passive

Mood - Indicative Imperative Subjunctive Optative

# Prophecy (katergeo)

Future indicative passive – 3<sup>rd</sup> person plural

Tongues (Pauo) Future indicative middle – 3<sup>rd</sup>
person plural

# Knowledge (katergeo)

Future indicative passive – 3<sup>rd</sup> person plural

# Why do we say the duration of Tongues is different from Prophecy and the Word of Knowledge?

1. Changes the word.

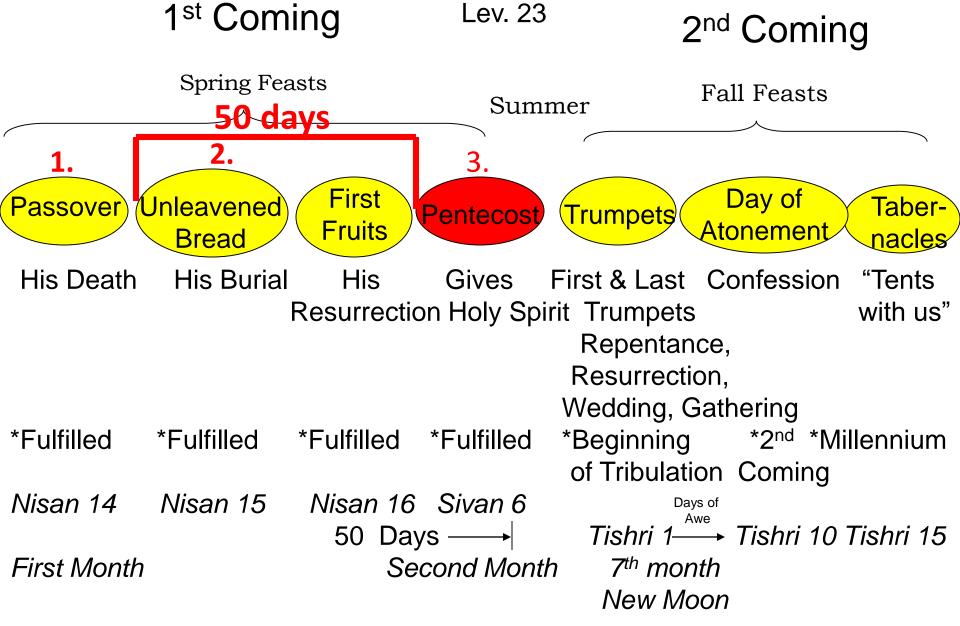
2. Changes the Voice of the verb.

3. Leaves Tongues out in verse 9.

## Acts 2:1-11

- 1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.
- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.
- 5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.
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# 7 Major Feasts of Israel



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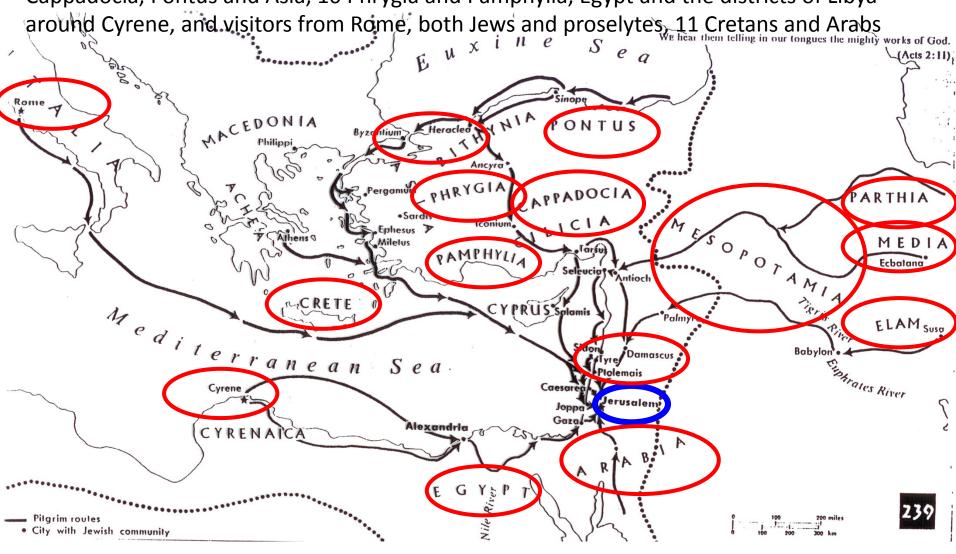
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- 7 They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
- 8 "And how is it that we each hear them in our own dialect to which we were born?
- 9 "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
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Acts 2:9-11

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#### **Believers at Pentecost**

- Galileans known as uneducated, crude, and rough in their speech.
- •Greek
- Hebrew
- Aramaic (a Hebrew dialect)
- Supernaturally given the ability to speak in another Hebrew dialect.

#### 1 Cor 1:27-28

27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen,

#### **Unbelieving Jews at Pentecost**

- Greek
- Specific Hebrew dialect from regionwhere they were born.

### **Believers at Corinth**

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# Definition:

# 3. The Gift of Tongues.

"The ability in the first century to speak in a Hebrew dialect which was unknown to the speaker but was recognized by the hearer, a Jew. The gift was first and foremost a sign to the nation of Israel that they were under condemnation and therefore approaching judgment. People with this gift: 1. Were supernaturally given the ability to speak in another language, a Hebrew dialect. 2. Would only use it in public with unbelieving Jews present. 3. Did not know the Hebrew dialect, and therefore did not understand what they were saying. 4. Would make sure that someone with the gift of interpretation was present if they were to use their gift in a church service, so that the body would be edified. 5. Were in control of the gift at all times. The purpose for the gift of tongues was to warn Israel that judgment was coming because of their sin, unbelief, and rejection of the Messiah.

\*Emphasis is on warning Israel, confirming those who spoke, and edifying the body.

# Places of Ministry in the First Century until 70 A.D.:

Outside the church: wherever there are unbelieving Jews.

**Inside the church:** if there are unbelieving Jews and someone with the gift of interpretation.

# Heb 2:3-4

- 3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,
- 4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

# Signs, Wonders, Miracles

(dunamis)	Signs (shmeion)	Wonders (teras)	<u>Miracles</u>
Acts 1-8	9	7	2
Acts 9 – 19	2	2	1
Acts 20 – 28	O	O	0