

Heirs of Promise Church

"Bringing Our Fruit Back To God"

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Title: Glossolalia: Praying in Tongues

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Text: John 7:37-39 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. [38] He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. [39] (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Introduction: The initial sign of believers being baptized in the Holy Ghost was praying in tongues. It is for all Christians today. It helps to refresh our personal relationship with Jesus. It reminds us that we are a spirit being for it is the language of our human born again spirit praying unto God. Our understanding is unprofitable but our spirit, and body profits by praying in tongues. We must yield our tongue unto the Holy Spirit. There are public "speaking" in tongues in the church assembly for interpretation in English and there is our private "praying" in tongues for our own edification and comfort.

I. For believers: Acts 19:1-6

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, [2] He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. [3] And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. [4] Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. [5] When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [6] And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

A. Power to be a witness: **Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

B. Public tongues and interpretation: **1 Cor. 14:27** If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

C. Private tongues for personal edification and comfort: **Jude 1:20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

D. Our spirit is praying: **1 Cor. 14:14** For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

E. We are praying mysteries about our life and the lives of others: **1 Cor. 14:2** For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

F. We must yield our tongue to the Holy Spirit: **Romans 6:13** Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. (Give Him something to work with)

G. We do the stirring up: (with our tongue) **2 Tim. 1:6-7** Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. [7] For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

H. Praying in tongues to glorify God: **1 Cor. 10:31** Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

I.. We should not neglect praying in tongues: **1 Tim. 4:14** Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

J. Praying in tongues is a sign of the last days: **Acts 2:17-18** And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: [18] And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Conclusion: The initial sign of believers being baptized in the Holy Ghost was speaking in tongues. It is for all Christians today. It helps to refresh and deepen our personal relationship with Jesus. It reminds us that we are a spirit being for it is the language of our human born again spirit speaking mysteries unto God. These are the last days, so we should not neglect praying in the Holy Ghost.