

# Life in The Spirit

## *The Mystery of Speaking in Unknown Tongues*

**Introduction:** Last week I taught you that there is a whole world that God has created for you to experience and live in. It was prepared for you before the foundations of the world.

**It has been hidden FOR YOU not FROM YOU.**

It is hidden from your enemy, but it has not been hidden from you. It is so big and grand that

1 Corinthians 2:9 says: But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

In fact, let's turn to **1 Corinthians 2:6-:16...**

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Key Points to Remember:

- There is a mystery hidden in us from the foundations of the world for our glory
- This mystery has been hidden from our enemy
- This mystery is so big that you can't comprehend it
- This mystery can only be revealed to us through the person of The Holy Spirit

Transition statement: *today I'm going to tell you how to discover and unlock this glorious world... lets start with the Lords final words to his disciple before his ascension...*

Luke 24:49: Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city <sup>[a]</sup>of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.

Acts 2:1-4: When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all <sup>[a]</sup>with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Then there appeared to them <sup>[b]</sup>divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**THE SCRIPTURAL PATTERN OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES** – What is the evidence? How did the early church know who had received this experience and who had not? The initial physical evidence can be found in scriptural pattern.

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- Acts 2:39 – 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 10:44-47- While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>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. <sup>46</sup>For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have*?”
- 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 <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.”<sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

The million-dollar question: *Why do we not see this pattern unfolding today? The answer, because of cessationism...*

### Cessationism vs Continuationism:

- **Cessationism** - a protestant doctrine that spiritual gifts such as speaking in tongues, prophecy and healing ceased with the apostolic age.
- **Continuationism** - the belief that the spiritual gifts have continued to the present age, specifically those sometimes called "sign gifts", such as tongues and prophecy.

### The Trinity is not God the father, God the son and the Holy Bible

#### 1. It is **scriptural**

- **1 Corinthian 14:1-2** – Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup>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.
- There is a difference between the **GIFT OF TONGUES** and the **GRACE OF TONGUES**
- **1 Corinthians 14:14-18**- For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? <sup>17</sup>For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.<sup>18</sup>I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;
- **1 Corinthians 14:39** - Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

#### 2. It is **beneficial**

- **1 Corinthians 14:4** – **It edifies** - He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.
- **Ephesians 6:17-18** – **It is a weapon** - And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup>praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—
- **Jude 1:20**
- **Zephaniah 3:9** – **It unifies** - For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, That they all may call on the name of the Lord, To serve Him with one accord.

### 3. It is **optional**

- 1 Corinthians 14:14-15 – “**IF**” and “**I will**” - For **if** I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> 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.

Conclusion:

**Why should you want to speak in tongues?** To answer this question we must revisit...

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- To unlock this hidden mystery in us it requires **SPEAKING!**
- Whatever we are speaking is not coming from our natural mind but flowing from the Spirit.

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**James 3:6-8** - And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. <sup>8</sup> But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.