

# The Gift of Tongues

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## **A scriptural list of reasons why you and all other Christians should speak in tongues?**

1. Because Jesus said believers would. Mark 16:17
2. It is a sign that God gives. Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 14:22; Acts 2:6-22; Joel 2: 28-32
3. It is praise and worship unto God. Acts 2:4,11
4. It is a fulfillment of prophecy. Isa.28:11-12; 1 Cor. 14:21; Joel 2: 28-32; Acts 2:16-21
5. We are told to desire it. 1 Cor. 14:1
6. We are speaking to God mysteries hidden from our own understanding. 1 Cor. 14:2
7. It edifies ourselves which is most important. 1 Cor. 14:4
8. It edifies the church when used with the gift of interpretation which is even more important.  
1 Cor. 14:5,12-13, 26
9. It is giving a message to the church. 1 Cor. 14:5, 22
10. It is Paul's will as an apostle that everyone speak in tongues. 1 Cor. 14:5
11. Since Paul was inspired by the Holy Spirit when he wrote this, it is God's will that everyone speak in tongues. 1 Cor. 14:5
12. It is profitable. 1 Cor. 12:7; 14:6
13. It is prayer to God with your spirit. 1 Cor. 14:14-15
14. It is a spiritual way to pray when you do not have understanding of a situation. 1 Cor. 14:14-15
15. It is a way we are to sing with our spirits. 1 Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19
16. By singing in this way, it helps us to be filled with God's Spirit. Eph. 5:18-21
17. It is a way of giving thanks to God. 1 Cor. 14:16-17
18. It is a way of blessing with the spirit. 1 Cor. 14:16
19. It is very important! 1 Cor. 14:18
20. Tongues when used together with the gift of interpretation is equal to the gift of prophecy, therefore, it can be used to reveal the secrets of men's hearts and bring them to God.  
1 Cor. 14:5, 24-25
21. It enables others to learn something. 1 Cor. 14:31
22. It enables others to be comforted. 1 Cor. 14:31
23. It enables others to be exhorted. 1 Cor. 14:3
24. It is to be part of the Christians' meetings. 1 Cor. 14:26

25. It is a gift that enables everyone, men, women, boys and girls, to participate in the meeting.

1 Cor. 14:26; Acts 2:17-18

26. This particular gift can especially bring rest and refreshing as we walk according to and obey God's Word!

Isaiah 28:9-13

**The following are a few important points that we need to understand concerning tongues.**

- A. There are three main ways that the gift of tongues operates. 1 Cor. 12:4-5
- 1st The gift of tongues is used most often for one to speak to God and not to man (1 Cor. 14:2). Many of the reasons to do so and references are given in the list above. The other two ways that the gift of tongues is used is for the purpose of giving a message to someone or to an entire congregation. This is accomplished by either one of two ways:
- 2nd The gift of tongues is used together with the gift of interpretation (1 Cor. 14:13,27,28).
- 3rd The gift of tongues is used and someone that hears the words spoken understands the language and, therefore, receives the message for themselves or a group of people. On the day of Pentecost, the gift was used first by those assembled to speak directly to God and not man (Acts 2:4). Then when others heard about this sign from God, they came and heard them speaking in their own language and understood the words as praise for "the wonderful works of God" (Acts 2:5-12).
- B. Even when there is no interpreter present, we can still speak out to God in Church. (:28)
- C. Two or three can speak in succession, and after an interpretation, more can speak out in tongues. 1 Cor. 14:27-33
- D. The spirit of some one speaking in tongues is under their control. 1 Cor. 14:32
- E. Confusion exists in the hearts and minds of the unlearned who do not or who refuse to speak in tongues, not in those people who do speak in tongues. 1 Cor. 14:33; Acts 2:6
- F. Women can speak out in tongues in Church and give a message. 1 Cor. 11:5
- G. These teachings are the commandments of the Lord! 1 Cor. 14:37
- H. If someone is ignorant of these truths after this instruction, he is willfully ignorant for his own selfish reasons. 1 Cor. 14:38; 12:1
- I. No one is to forbid others to speak in tongues. 1 Cor. 14:39
- J. Speaking in tongues is decent and in order! 1 Cor. 14:40

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