

Section Three – Part Three

TONGUES FOR PRAYER (ALSO CALLED “TONGUES FOR EDIFICATION) [CONTINUED]

[Read 1 Cor. 14:2] When Christians pray in tongues they are speaking mysteries. The word ‘mysteries’ (musterion) means, ‘some _____ thing hidden or _____ which is _____ to human reason and is only known by the _____ of God.’ Essentially, this means we are praying about things that we do not _____ or _____ with our natural mind; in other words, we are praying about things that are a mystery to us. This is similar to what Paul wrote in Romans 8:26.

These mysteries we are praying will always be relative to _____. It can be His will for us or for someone else, depending on how the Holy Spirit is praying through us at a particular moment. As we pray in tongues we may be praying about such things as:

- _____ how to fulfill our ministry calling.
- _____ that God knows should be stopped.
- Job circumstances.
- _____ problems.
- Family situations.
- Anything that concerns our _____.

The more we pray these mysteries, the more we will begin to understand them. The _____ given from the Holy Spirit to our spirit will be passed from our spirit to _____. As this process continues and increases, what we want will line up with God’s will *[Read Psalm 37:4 & Rom. 12:1-2]*.

[Read 1 Cor 14:4] Anytime we pray in tongues we are edifying ourselves. The word ‘edifieth’ (oikodomeo) means ‘to build, construct, erect.’ Since praying in tongues is our spirit _____ with the Holy Spirit, the edification would then be spiritual. Another way to state this would be that we are building ourselves up spiritually, or experiencing

spiritual _____, when we pray in tongues. Scripture explains why this growth is taking place.

Jesus said in Matt. 4:4 that man is to _____ by every _____ that proceeds from the mouth of God. Natural bread _____ the natural man; spiritual "_____" (God's Word) sustains the spiritual man. Romans 10:17 then declares that _____ comes by hearing, and hearing by the _____. Romans 1:17 and 2 Cor. 5:7 go on to state that as Christians we are supposed to _____ by faith.

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead. Because He is the one giving us the _____ to pray when we pray in tongues, it means that praying in tongues is literally _____. As Romans 10:17 has explained, faith comes through God's word. Thus, praying in tongues causes us to _____ in the area of faith; in other words, we are edified or _____ in that area of our life by which we are supposed to live.

This is confirmed in Jude verse 20 ***[Read this verse]***. The phrase 'building up' (epoikodomeo) means 'to build upon, to _____, to build up, to edify.' Praying in tongues assists us to erect a 'superstructure of faith' in our spirit. *However, praying in tongues is _____ for reading and meditating the Bible!* Praying in tongues essentially _____ and _____ the spiritual growth which comes from reading and meditating the Bible.

Unless a person prays in tongues, he will _____ experience the _____ of what is described in 1 Cor. 14:2 & 4.

[Read 1 Cor. 14:2] One of the biggest mysteries that a Christian will pray will be the mystery of _____. Far too many believers _____ that understanding the Bible is almost impossible. Some appear to think that only certain Christians are appointed by God to understand scripture. However, these ideas

_____ by the Bible. *[Read Matt. 13:11; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10]*

It is _____ that God wants all Christians to know and understand His word.

The reason we have the ability to understand the Bible is because we no longer have a _____, but instead have a _____ with the _____. Our new nature has a mind like that of Jesus and has the capacity to _____ the Bible *[Read 1 Cor. 2:16]*. Having the mind of Christ means that our born again spirit has the potential to _____ as Jesus would think and reason. People with a sin nature do not have the capacity to fully understand the Bible. Likewise, _____ Christians (those who turn to _____ or their own natural mind and _____) will _____ their ability to know and understand the Bible.

The Holy Spirit is the _____ of the Bible *[Read 2 Tim. 3:16-17]*. He spoke to people who put into print what He said. Among the things the Holy Spirit will do for us is help us understand what He has spoken *[Read John 14:26 and 16:13]*. It should be without question that we must spend time with the Holy Spirit if we desire to _____ scripture. This is why it is so vital that Christians pray in tongues.

Section Three – Part Four

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Man has a tendency to _____ scripture. This is done when verses and passages are taken _____ to create doctrines. This is how so many different _____ and _____ came into existence. However, the Holy Spirit will never fragment scripture. He will teach and explain God's word _____ as it is to be understood *[Read 1 Cor. 14:21 and Isaiah 28:9-13]*.

[Read 1 Cor. 2:1-16]

Verses 1-6. Paul is explaining that the things he taught did not _____ with or from the teaching of man or natural reasoning. He did not use _____ or _____ theology which would appeal to the _____ or what seemed to make sense to people.

Verses 7-10. What Paul taught are things which had been a _____, but God had determined _____ that man should know and understand these mysteries. These mysteries are revealed unto us on a _____. It is through our born again spirit that this information is given to us. Our new nature _____ to receive the things of God.

Verses 11-16. Only the spirit of a person knows what that person knows. If a person could _____ their own spirit in another individual, that other individual would have the ability to know what the person knows. In the _____, only God's spirit knows what He knows.

The spirit we received when we were born again did not come from another person or the world, it came from God. Having a spirit that is like God's is what enables us to know the things that God has _____.

The things that Paul taught did not originate from other people as they taught him in _____. He received his teaching from the Holy Spirit in _____ which originated from the Holy Spirit. Put differently, it was as a result of praying in tongues that Paul received the _____ he taught.

Neither the lost nor carnally-minded Christians will understand the mysteries of God or the fullness of His word. The _____ of God's word that He has established for the body of Christ can only be known, discerned, and understood on a _____ Christians who spend time praying in tongues will be more _____ and able to differentiate between God's doctrine and man's _____.

Unless a person prays in tongues, he will _____ experience the _____ of what is described in 1 Cor. 14:2 & 1 Cor. 2:1-16.

SINGING IN THE SPIRIT

Some people may say there is actually a _____ manifestation of tongues that the Apostle Paul mentions [*Read 1 Corinthians 14:15*]. There is a degree of truth to that, and the key to understanding it is also contained in that verse where he states he will _____ with the _____. When Christians are singing, they are praising and worshiping God in song for Who He is, what He has done, and declaring their love for Him. This is not too dissimilar to what happened on the Day of Pentecost [*Read Acts 2:11*].

JESUS, THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TONGUES

Luke 8:22 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

Mark 14:13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.

Matthew 5:1-2 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Mark 4:33-34 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. **John 6:38** For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. **John 9:4** I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. **John 5:19 & 30** Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. ³⁰I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. **John 7:16** Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. **John 12:49-50** For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. ⁵⁰And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak. **John 14:10** Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

[Read John 14:16-17, 15:26, 16:13-15] Jesus was the Comforter _____; the Holy Spirit is the Comforter _____. Jesus only _____ what He heard as revealed to Him by the Father; the Holy Spirit will reveal what we are to _____. Jesus was the _____ without; the Holy Spirit is the _____ within. Jesus _____ the Father to those around Him; the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus to us. Jesus _____ to twelve of His disciples that their ministry calling was that of Apostle; the Holy Spirit reveals to us our ministry calling. Jesus _____ His teachings when alone with His disciples; the Holy Spirit explains all scripture to us when we _____

with Him. Jesus communicated _____ with His disciples in a language of the soul they could understand with their human intellect; the Holy Spirit communicates _____ on a Spirit-to-spirit level with a language that human intellect cannot understand. The Holy Spirit will work in us at a level _____ that which Jesus worked with the disciples. Praying in tongues allows Him to _____ with our born again spirit to perfect in us our _____ as a child of God.