

Goals

Opening Testimonies

The Gift of Tongues in Scripture

- 17 “These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak in new tongues” -Mark 16:17
- 3 “Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” -Acts 2:3-4
- 6 “And when Paul laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.” -Acts 9:6
- “The gift of tongues is speech inspired by the Holy Spirit in a language the speaker does not understand.” -Healy/Clark, *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*, pg. 178

Tongues for personal prayer, praise, and worship

- 4 “Whoever speaks in a tongue builds himself up, but whoever prophesies builds up the church.” -1 Corinthians 14:4
- “A means by which the Holy Spirit enables a person to praise and thank God, uninhibited by the need to conceptualize or put into words the movements of the heart.” -Healy/Clark, *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*, pg. 178.

Tongues as a prophetic message

- 5 “Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than he who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.” -1 Corinthians 14:5

- 6 Now, brothers, if I should come to you speaking in tongues, what good will I do you if I do not speak to you by way of revelation, or knowledge, or prophecy, or instruction? ... 9 if you, because of speaking in tongues, do not utter intelligible speech, how will anyone know what is being said? For you will be talking to the air... 13 Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray to be able to interpret...27 If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. 28 But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. -1 Corinthians 14:6, 9,13, 27-28
- “[The Interpretation of Tongues] is a supernatural ability to understand the message and to proclaim it in a language understood by the listeners, so that all can be built up by it. It is not a direct translation, but an interpretation of what was said.” -Healy/Clark, *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*, pg. 187-188.

Practical Elements for the Interpretation of Tongues

- Interpretation Tongues are another form of the prophetic, so you will oftentimes receive revelation from tongues in the same way you usually hear from God.
- Incorporating the gift of tongues and interpretation of tongues into a prayer meeting is incredibly valuable.
- Not all tongues are meant to be interpreted, and some interpretation is still meant for private revelation.
- Even though we may not understand what is being said, the spoken “delivery” of the tongue is helpful for interpretation.
- It requires risk to grow in interpretation.