

# Pneumatology 5- The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

## I. Spiritual Gifts.

### A. The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts.

- Each person is given a gift or gifts to fill his place in the body of Christ. I Cor. 12:7-8,11,31. They are given according to God's Will although we may covet them, (12:31) and we may desire them. (14:1)
- The goal of the gifts is to edify the body.

### 2. They when used properly edify the body and glorify God not man.

- The Holy Spirit's ministry focuses upon glorifying Jesus Christ. John 16:13-14

### B. The Purpose of the sign gifts.

#### 1. To authenticate the messenger and the message. Mark 16:17-20 -The word for tongue means language. The new tongue would be a language not previously known by them.

- Hebrews 2:3-4- God provided signs authenticate the message that the Apostles were teaching.
- Acts 14:1-3- The outward signs confirmed the message. Remember that God was declaring that His plan of salvation and the new position in Christ was available to all. The Apostles and New Testament prophets were used by God to lay the foundation for the church through the new testament. Eph. 2:20, 2 Cor. 12:12
- Jesus used outward signs to validate his ministry. John 20:30-31, Moses was given signs to confirm his message. Ex. 4:1-9,

#### 2. Tongues were a sign to unbelieving Jews who required a sign. God gave them a sign just as he had in the past. I Cor. 1:22, John 2:18, 6:30, I Cor. 14:21-22.

Passage	Tongues - Speaker	Audience	Related to Salvation	Purpose
2:1-21	The 12 Apostles and others	Unsaved Jews	After Salvation	To validate (for Jews) the fulfillment of Joel 2
10:44-47, 11:15-18	Gentiles (Cornelius and his household)	Saved Jews (Peter and others) who doubted God's plan	The same time as salvation	To validate (for Jews) Paul's message
19:1-7	About 12 Old Testament believers	Jews who needed confirmation of the message	The same time as salvation	To validate (for Jews) Paul's message

### 3. What were Biblical Tongues? Acts 2

The word glossa or tongue is used in the Greek to refer to the physical organ and the speech the physical organ produced. The word lalia is "speech." The term glossolalia is used 103 times in the Old testament and in each case refers to either the organ itself or inelible speech or language.

- Acts 2:1-11- They heard it in their own language. Being able to share the truth in a language not previously known would help the Apostles fulfill the great commission.  
Matt. 28:19-20

### 4. What biblical tongues were not. It was not intelligible speech as some would claim.

- I Cor. 13:1- is used by many to say that it is an the gift of tongues are an untranslatable, angelic language. The first problem with this is that Angels spoke to man many times in scripture and it was always to convey in an understandable language. Second- Paul is merely saying if he could speak as an angel, it would be worthless without love.

- The same Greek and Hebrew words are used for the tongues in Acts and I Corinthians. Pentecostals claim that the purpose of tongues is for self-edification. The justification for this claim comes from I Cor. 14:2. We have to remember that Paul was correcting wrong practices. The purpose of gifts is not to edify me but the church. I Cor. 10:24, 31-33, 14:12.

- The purpose is laid out in I Cor. 14:21-22- After Quoting Isaiah 28:11 The apostle Paul draws this conclusion. Tongues are a sign for unbelievers specifically the unbelieving nation of Israel.

- Is there a private prayer language between you and God? Romans 8:26-27- "Cannot be uttered" Biblical tongues were not only uttered, but were heard by others.  
Matthew 6:5-7, I Cor. 14:14-19.