

## Let's Talk Tongues!

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Tongue-talking churches disagree on **all kinds** of issues regarding tongues.

*Everybody? Known language or God-Language? Just men, no women? Interpreter? All at once or one at a time?*

Need to EQUIP folks to be able ministers to tongue talkers, not destroy them or win arguments w/ them. **Why do we care about tongue-talking?**

**It's a gospel issue.** Tongue-talkers invariably hold as the centerpiece of their faith Acts 2. There is NO MENTION of the Gospel of the Grace of God in Acts 2. Repent and Be Baptized IS NOT the gospel of YOUR soul's salvation. I COR 15:1-4 is. **Tongue talkers do not accept the revelation of the mystery HID SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN.** till Acts 9..... Pentecost in Acts 2.

THEREFORE: If you find yourself talking to a tongue talker.... DO NOT get yourself in a debate about tongue talking. **You are an UNSKILLED and UNWISE workman if you do.** YOU MUST ASSUME that the person is unsaved b/c they are not getting their gospel from PAUL. The conversation should be about the CROSS!

**I've been witnessed to by tongue talkers.** List of questions? Do you believe on the name of Jesus? Have you been baptized? Do you believe in the Holy Ghost? Do you speak in tongues?

If you don't, you're sending **red flags** that YOU ARE UNSAVED.

**1 COR 14:37** If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. **38** But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

Tongue talking is evidence of SPIRITUAL MATURITY?? Paul's statement about the Tongue-Talking Corinthian church (1 Cor 13-14)

**1 COR 3:1** And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even as unto babes in Christ.* **2** I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it,* neither **yet now are ye able.** even Babes can speak in tongues....

**Better to speak 5 words with my understanding than ten thousand in an unknown tongue**

**1) TONGUE talking IS BIBLICAL.....is that enough? must rightly divide**

tongue-talking is part of the signs & wonders program

**Mark 16:17** And these signs **shall follow** (maybe?) them that believe; **1)** In my name shall they cast out devils; **2)** they shall **speak with new tongues**; **18 3)** They shall take up serpents; and **4)** if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; **5)** they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

One of the most fought about issues, but definitely the MOST FAKED thing in churches.

**1 COR 13:10** But when that **which is perfect** is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. - **Eph 4**

It's the most faked because it's the **MOST EASILY faked**.

**No one seems to be wanting to drink cups of Drano at the pulpit. (deadly thing) if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;**

**Take up serpents? Snake handlers A.K.A. DEAD PEOPLE**

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**Macedonia, Alabama** -- The congregation of a small Jackson County church where a snake-handling evangelist died from a serpent's bite this weekend **won't change its practices**, the church's pastor said Monday.

**"We still believe in the same thing,"** said the Rev. Billy Summerford, pastor of Rock House Holiness Church.

The Rev. John Wayne "Punkin" Brown Jr., 34, of Parrottsville, Tennessee, died Saturday night while handling a four-foot timber rattlesnake during a sermon. On Saturday, Brown was clutching the snake in his right hand when it bit him on the middle finger of his left. The Rev. Gene Sherbert, of Temple, Georgia, was next to Brown. "He looked at me and I knowed he was bit and I put it (the snake) back in the box," he said.

Brown continued to speak but faltered about 15 minutes later, Sherbert said....

Brown's wife, Melinda, died in August 1995 after being bit while handling a snake.

"It was the hand of God. It was his time to go," said the Rev. Carl Porter, a serpent-handling pastor of a church in Kingston, Georgia. "He was really looking forward to that day anyway" when he would see his wife again, Porter said.

Porter, who took home Brown's two snakes, said he plans to give them to Brown's brother who lives in Newport, Tennessee.

Summerford, who has been bitten five times while handling snakes, said his church won't change.

**"The church is a believing church," he said.**

**The Truth About Tongues...**

**1) Tongues are KNOWN languages.**

**Mark 16:17** they shall speak with new tongues; **NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PLANET?**

**(RS)**Common for Katy Perry to hear her mother and father talk in the 'spiritual language' - which usually involves a Christian believer talking uncontrollably in non decipherable words.

(new tongues mean **NEW TO ME!** not some language that has never existed. You don't say, "Guess what! I'm learning an OLD language!" it's NEW to you.

**Acts 2:7** And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? **8** And how hear we every man **in our own tongue**, wherein we were born?

Tongues are a tool to aid in communication 'to all the world'..... **Language History Lesson:**

1st words in the Bible spoken by God: **Gen 1:3** And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Adam to Noah. 2000 yrs. Probably mostly similar in language.... perhaps regional differences. **2000 BC.** Worldwide Flood. Population of earth reduced to one family. All Identical language. Post-Flood. God gives instructions to Noah. Spread out and have dominion on the earth. **Now you can chase, kill and eat animals. (1st hunters.....whoa! look at that river, field, etc.)** God told same thing to Adam. Spread out and have dominion.. Gen 4, we've got Cain building a city.

**Gen 11:1** And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech..... **4** And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. **5** And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. **6** And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all **one language**; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which **they have imagined to do**. **7** Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. **8** So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. **9** Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Divergence in language is **punishment from God** for sin and also a way to **RESTRAIN** sinful behavior and a way to cause people to spread out from each other.

Fast forward a couple thousand years: **Mat 28:19** Go ye therefore, and teach **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20 Teaching them** to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen

How can you teach all nations unless ALL nations can understand what you're saying??

**Acts 2:1** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **4** And they were **ALL** filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak **with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Problem solved! **Acts 2:5** And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. **6** Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak **in his own language**. **7** And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? **8** And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein **we were born**? **9** Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in

Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, **10** Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. (**12** Speakers, minimum **14** tongues being heard! Miraculous speaking and hearing)

QUESTION: To all the missionary organizations that claim to be following the so-called "Great Commission" Why in the world do you have to put your missionaries through Language School?

**12** And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? **13** Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. **14** But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: **15** For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day. Apostles drunk in the spirit?? Not so much.

Does the passage state that the mockers are mocking the 12 Apostles? NO. All the people from other nations, those that were amazed and in doubt and talking one to another. What does this mean?

Pete doesn't say **WE** are not drunken, he says **THESE** are not drunken. Pete's defending the amazed folks, not himself. Speaking a foreign language is **impressive**.w.

**Even if you don't know the language, you can TELL it's a REAL LANGUAGE and not just Blibber-Blabber!**

## **2) Tongues are a sign.**

**1 COR 14:22** Wherefore tongues are **for a sign**, not to them that believe, but to them that **believe not**.....**why does tongue talking only occur w/in the walls of a group of like-minded people?** It Shouldn't be hidden behind the doors of the church, it should be out in the streets?

Tongues are not a special 'prayer language' or an unrecognizable "God Language"

**1 COR 14:2** For he that speaketh in an [unknown] tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth [him];

**They are KNOWN tongues and are a SIGN to the Unbelievers, they are NOT ABOUT YOU!**

Believe NOT. The Bible WELCOMES skeptics.

Don't argue with the fake superpower folks... be FOR THEM. GO clear out Childrens' Hospital cancer ward, I'll call the local news crew and have them waiting!

A good place for tongue-talking would be the International Terminal at any major airport. How about the UN General Assembly?

**EX 4:1** And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will **not believe me**, nor hearken

unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath **not appeared** unto thee.

The issue on the table is whether or not the people will believe that the LORD sent Moses.

The LORD gives Moses a couple miraculous signs to perform. Signs and wonders are to **VALIDATE** the Lord's Man, Message, and Ministry.

**EX 4:8** And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the **voice** of the first sign, that they will believe the **voice** of the latter sign.

The sign has a VOICE. wbf\_

Christ used signs to confirm HIMSELF: **Luke 7:19** And John calling *unto him* two of his disciples sent *them* to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? **20** When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? **21** And in that same hour he cured many of *their* infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many *that were* blind he gave sight. (The folks who got healed had a great day, but the purpose of the healing **WAS NOT ABOUT THEM**. It's about **VALIDATING** God's man, message, and ministry!) **22** Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.