

The Gift of Divers Kinds of Tongues versus the Receiving of the Holy Ghost

Isaiah 28:11-13

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, **This is the rest** wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and **this is the refreshing**: yet they would not hear.

13 But the word of the LORD was **unto them** precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; **that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.**

The initial sign of receiving the free gift of the Holy Ghost was the speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gave the utterance, just as the Prophet Isaiah prophesied would be the case.

Acts 2:1-4

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.

Remember: If you have not received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance, **you have not received the free gift of the Holy Ghost.**

The Confusion:

1) Many people are under the belief that the Holy Ghost is automatically given to you at some point. Many believe the receiving of the Holy Ghost takes place after repenting and accepting Christ into their lives. **However, this is in direct contradiction to scripture.**

2) Some people believe that the speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance is only one of the nine gifts of the Holy Ghost and not everyone has this gift. So not all people that have the Holy Ghost will speak with other tongues. **The error in this belief** is not recognizing **that you must first receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost before** you can receive one of the nine gifts of the Holy Ghost.

To state this very plainly: The 9 gifts of the Holy Ghost **are not** the same as the initial receiving of the Holy Ghost. The 9 gifts of the Holy Ghost **are gifts of the gift.** **You must first have the gift** before you can receive **any of the other gifts** of the gift. Another words, the gift of divers kinds of tongues **is not** the same as the receiving of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance. **Divers kinds of tongues is one of the nine gifts of the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

The Holy Ghost **is not automatically given to you** because you have repented of your sins and have been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins. **The scriptures state this very plainly.**

The Samaritans receive the Holy Ghost.....

Acts 8:12-18

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had **received the word of God**, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, **prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:**

16 **(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)**

Here we see very clearly that these people had repented of their sins and were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins, **and that none of them had received the free gift of the Holy Ghost.**

The Holy Ghost is not automatically given to you because you believe on the name of Jesus Christ. **Nor is it given** to you just because you repent of your sins. **Nor is it given** to you just because you have been baptized into Christ.

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and **they received the Holy Ghost.**

18 And **when Simon saw** that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

Remember: The scriptures do not have to **redundantly state** over and over again, that when you receive the Holy Ghost that you will speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance. We already saw that the Prophet Isaiah prophesied that the receiving of the free gift of the Holy Ghost **would come with stammering lips and another tongue** and we already saw that when the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the people on the day of Pentecost **they all began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

So even though it does not state here that the people spoke with other tongues, we already know from the Prophet Isaiah that this will take place when you receive the Holy Ghost and we know that when the first people received the Holy Ghost they spoke with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

You can then conclude that what Simon the sorcerer saw was that after the Apostle prayed for the people to receive the Holy Ghost, he saw them all begin to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave the utterance.

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians chapters 12-14 is identifying the gifts of the Spirit and giving instructions on how to properly use these 9 gifts of the Spirit. You can't have any of these gifts **if you don't have the Spirit**. And in order for you to receive this Spirit **you must seek the Lord** for this Spirit and when you receive this Spirit, **you will speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance**. This is why the Apostle Paul stated in: 1 Corinthians 14:39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and **forbid not to speak with tongues**.

First thing of importance is that the Apostle Paul wrote a letter to one of the Churches explaining spiritual gifts. Letters or Epistle written to already established Churches understood the plan of Salvation as Repenting of your sins and being baptized in Jesus name for the remission of your sins. They also understood the promise of the Holy Ghost to the believer evidenced with the speaking of other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.

This Epistle written to the Corinthian Church was instructions concerning the nine gifts of the Spirit from chapters 12 - 14.

So what is the gift of divers kinds of tongues and the gift of the interpretation of tongues?

The **gift of divers kinds of tongues** is used for the edifying of the Body of Christ, when this gift is in operation and the gift of interpretation is in use with it. **These 2 gifts have nothing to do with** a person receiving the Holy Ghost as evidenced with the speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance!

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1 Corinthians 12:1

1 Now concerning **spiritual gifts**, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

The topic spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:4

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, **but the same Spirit**.

You have to have the Spirit to have one of the 9 gifts of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:28-31

28 And **God hath set some** in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

31 But covet earnestly **the best gifts**: and yet show I unto you **a more excellent way**.

Topic is still the nine gifts of the Holy Ghost or the spiritual gifts of the Holy Ghost. We are told in verse 28 how the Lord has set some of these in the Church. The Body of Christ is many

members so not everyone will have the same giftings or callings. However, this is speaking of the nine gifts of the Holy Ghost not the receiving of the Holy Ghost.

The more excellent way from verse 31 is not saying to make void the others, but rather to be sure you have charity in your life. Charity is love and love is the fulfilling of the Law.

1 Corinthians 13:1

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

Teaching the importance of having charity which is love.

At the beginning of Chapter 14 the Apostle Paul then tells the Church to pursue both charity and to desire spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 14:1

14:1 **Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts**, but rather that ye may prophesy.

Also again the topic is still spiritual gifts. "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts".

1 Corinthians 14:2-5

2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

This was not speaking of people receiving the Holy Ghost or worshiping God while speaking in tongues, but was speaking of one of the nine gifts of the Holy Ghost of which one is the gift of divers kinds of tongues as was stated from the topic from verse 1 which was spiritual gifts.

The only time the gift of interpretation of tongues is needed is when the gift of divers kinds of tongues is in use. Recall from verse one that the topic is spiritual gifts, not the receiving of the Holy Ghost.

So how do you know the difference? When someone begins to use the gift of divers kinds of tongues, the whole Body of Christ present, **knows it. Immediately the Spirit of God will quicken inside of you, and you will know to be quiet to listen to what God has for the Church.** Now if an interpreter is not present or if the person speaking in divers kinds of tongues is unable to interpret the message, then they are to remain silent. For how is the Body of Christ edified if the message intended for the Church is left without an interpretation?

But this has nothing to do with the receiving of the Holy Ghost!!! For the receiving of the Holy Ghost and the speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance is how one receives the gift of the Holy Ghost. Thus why the Apostle Paul said, **forbid not to speak with tongues!**

You do not need an interpreter when someone is receiving the Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 14:12

12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are **zealous of spiritual gifts**, seek that ye may excel to the **edifying of the church**.

Verse 12 again identifies the topic as spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 14:19

18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

Teaching us that we want those who come to our church to be able to learn. However we must not quench the Spirit. And this again is speaking of the same topic which was spiritual gifts of which the gifts of divers kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues, and the gift of prophesy are the gifts being spoken of. These gifts edify the body of Christ when used correctly.

1 Thessalonians 5:19

19 Quench not the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:21-25

21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

Meaning that they would not hear as was spoken in verse 21. So the sign of speaking with other tongues was not for the believer but for the unbeliever who thinks you are mad. Yet they would not hear!

24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

This being a sign for the believer because the unbeliever has testified that the prophecy was true.

Also Apostle Paul is explaining what was written in the Law concerning the Holy Ghost. That they would not hear. The sign of the receiving of the Holy Ghost was concerning the non believer thinking you were mad. However the people on the day of Pentecost believed the Word of God and the preaching of Jesus Christ. They believed that this was that which was prophesied by the Prophet Joel. Others who saw this sign thought they were drunk and mocked. This would be those who think you are mad.

However, Paul then again stresses the importance of prophecy in comparison to receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost. Remember the topic was concerning spiritual gifts and the edifying of the Body, which comes by the gift of prophecy or the gift of divers kinds of tongues with the gift of interpretation of tongues. These edify the body when in use. The subject is still spiritual gifts.

The people on the Day of Pentecost did not need an interpreter because the Lord allowed the people there at that time to be speaking in languages that the people understood. This also was not the gift of divers kinds of tongues in use to edify the body of Christ as a message to the Church. This was the birth of the New Testament Church and the receiving of the Holy Ghost. Never the less, many of these people still thought the people were drunk and mocked them. Thus still thinking the people were mad.

So in comparison to the Day of Pentecost and the receiving of the Holy Ghost, the divers kinds of tongues needs to be used with the gift of interpretation. However, even if so, this doesn't mean every non believer will believe. Many will still think you are mad just as they did on the day of Pentecost.

However the gift of prophecy being used is greater because it reveals the secrets of mens hearts and they falling down on their face report that God is in you of a truth.

1 Corinthians 14:39

39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.