

The Vocal Gifts Part 4

Prophecy, Tongues & interpretation of Tongues

KJV 1 Corinthians 12:28 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* (languages).

Paul says God has placed people in the Body who speak **different kinds of languages** by aid of The Holy Spirit! This is not talking about a linguist!

❖ **Speaking in tongues is an ability given by God The Holy Spirit to speak a language or languages not learned.**

Speaking is a form of communication used to express thoughts, ideas & concepts.

Language is the specific words spoken by a people or group.

KJV 1 Corinthians 13:1 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.

Here the apostle Paul mentions tongues (languages) of men and angels!

KJV 1 Corinthians 14:2 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.

An unknown tongue or language is one not taught or learned by man, which is why man doesn't understand it!

Since God is omniscient (He knows everything) it is impossible to speak a language God doesn't know and understand.

But **unknown tongues** or **unlearned language** is speaking with our regenerated spirit rather than just or minds what we've learned.

For example: Doe Re Mi fa so la ti doe is assigning syllables to the steps of scale.

Repeating "do ,re mi, fa, so la ti, doe" may sound like tongues but its learned!

Repeating sounds we've heard others make in church is not tongues—it's learned!

ESV 1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful.

Because (notice) Paul says it is by the (little s) spirit or human spirit we who are Spirit filled are speaking!

Prophecy is spiritual speech to men, while **tongues** is spiritual speech to God!

ESV 1 Corinthians 14:3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

Man doesn't prophecy to God but to other people, however because of our covenant relationship with God we talk to Him with our spirit in spiritual language only He can understand.

We learned last time that reading, and writing are birthed from our ability to speak, speech came first and then reading, writing, singing and praising!

ESV 1 Corinthians 14:15 What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

Spiritual things are for the mature believer!

ESV 1 Corinthians 15:46 But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual.

Some desire to skip the natural things and get straight to the spiritual! It doesn't work that way.

KJV 1 Corinthians 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

Speaking or talking is one of the most basic aspects of being human, being an intelligent being created and functioning in the image and likeness of God!

It's amazing to think man can discover unique ways to communicate with plants, animals and machines, but he can't communicate with angels and his God!

The gifts of The Holy Spirit are not just for use now, they are for the world to come as part of our inheritance as rulers with Christ.

Hebrews 6:5 Calls them "powers of the world to come"

GWN 1 Corinthians 6:3 Don't you know that we will judge angels, not to mention things in this life?

Our ability to judge angels and rule with Christ will be based on our ability to speak and understand the languages of men, angels and with God as mature sons of God!

