

Speaking in Tongues

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The apostle Paul wrote much about the subject of speaking in other tongues, and he says in [1Cor 14:18](#) "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than you all".

Speaking with tongues is an initial supernatural sign or evidence of the Holy Spirit's indwelling. The more I pray and worship God in tongues, the more manifestation of other gifts of the Spirit I have. Speaking with tongues is the door into the rest of the spiritual gifts.

10 Reasons Why Every Believer Should Speak In Tongues

1) The Initial Sign

[Acts 2:4](#)

The Word of God teaches that when we are filled with the Holy Spirit we speak with other tongues. It is the initial evidence or sign of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and is supernatural evidence of the Spirit's indwelling.

2) Tongues for Spiritual Edification

[1Corin 14:4](#)

In writing to the church at Corinth, Paul encouraged them to continue the practice of speaking with other tongues in their worship of God and in their prayer lives as a means of spiritual edification. Greek scholars tell us we have a word in our modern language which is closer to the meaning of the original than the word "edified" That word is "charge" – as used in connection with charging a battery.

3) Tongues Remind Us of The Spirit's Indwelling Presence

[John 14:17](#)

Speaking with other tongues is not only the *initial* evidence of the Holy Spirit's infilling, but is a *continual* experience for the rest of one's life. For what purpose? To assist us in the worship of God. It is a flowing stream which should never dry up, and will enrich your life spiritually. When we speak in tongues, we are conscious of His indwelling presence in our life.

4) Praying in Tongues is Praying in Line With God's Perfect Will

[Romans 8:26-27](#)

When you pray in tongues, it is your spirit praying by the Holy Spirit within you. The Holy Spirit within you gives the utterance – and you speak it out of your spirit. You do the talking and He gives the utterance. By this method you pray according to the will of God, and this keeps selfishness out of your prayers.

5) Praying In Tongues Stimulates Faith

[Jude 20](#)

Not only does praying in tongues stimulate our faith but it helps us learn to trust God more fully. If the Holy Spirit supernaturally directs the words I speak, faith must be exercised to speak with tongues. Some people have received their healing when they have been baptized in the Holy Spirit for the first time.

6) Speaking In Tongues Can Be A Means Of Keeping Free From Worldly Influences

[1Cor 14:28](#)

"But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. If we can speak to ourselves and to God in a church service we can also do it on the job, in an airplane, train bus etc, - it won't disturb anyone. For instance, if people are telling risqué jokes, just sit there and speak in tongues to yourself. It is a means of keeping free from ungodly influences.

7) Praying In Tongues Enables Us To Pray For The Unknown

Praying in the spirit provides a way for things to be prayed for what we wouldn't know anything about in the natural. The Holy Ghost, however, knows everything.

8) Praying in Tongues Gives Spiritual Refreshing

[Isaiah 28:11-12](#)

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

To whom he said, This is the rest where with you may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear".

What is the rest, the refreshing, the above scripture refers to? Speaking in tongues!

9) Tongues For Giving Thanks

[1Cor 14:15-17](#)

Verse 17 says "For you indeed did give thanks well, but the other is not edified".

In the presence of people who are unlearned, however, Paul said to pray with your understanding also so that they can be edified; they will understand what you say.

10) Speaking In Tongues Brings the Tongue Under Subjection [James 3:8](#)

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Yielding the tongue to the Holy Spirit to speak with other tongues is a giant step toward fully yielding all of our members to God. For if we can yield this most unruly member, we can yield any member.

Conclusion: All of the above deals with speaking in tongues in the individual believers private life, it is also true there is a public side to tongues.

First, when people receive the Holy Ghost publicly they speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

Secondly, the church is edified by speaking with other tongues in public assembly with interpretation. Tongues with interpretation edifies the church. When used in line with the Word of God, speaking with tongues with interpretation convinces the unbeliever of the reality of the presence of God, and often causes him to turn to God and be saved.

* Please note, it is also fine to pray in tongues when in church services and others are praying also.