



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - May 26, 2024

## I. What is the Gift of Tongues?

*"Known foreign LANGUAGE that is unknown to the speaker"*

A. Glossa – Refers to a known language (Is. 28:11)

B. Pentecost – Acts 2

C. I Cor. 14:19 – "Words"

D. Interpreted – Translated

## II. What is the Purpose of Tongues?

A. Not an Evidence of Spiritual Baptism – I Cor. 14:22

B. A Sign for the Jews / Unbelievers

C. Establishment of the Gospel

D. EDIFICATION!

III. What are the Rules?

A. Only to edify – 14:26

B. Only 1 person at a time, and only 2 or 3 in total – 14:27

C. Must be interpreted – 14:27b

D. Must be order – 14:33

E. Women silent – 14:34

F. All rules must be followed -14:37-38

IV. What about a prayer language?

A. I Cor. 13:1 – The tongues of angels.

B. I Cor. 14:2- Tongues is speaking to God not men.

C. I Cor. 14:14 – my mind is unfruitful.

D. I Cor. 14:4 – Edification.

V. Should we all speak with Tongues?

A. No . . . Even with I Cor. 14:15

B. This gift is not primary

C. God prioritizes the mind

D. The Perfect is Come - Eph. 4:11-13 (The Word of God is Completed)

E. The need for this gift is . . . ?

*Life Group Study Notes*  
*Spiritual Gifts, Tongues*  
*May 26, 2024*

1. What has been your personal experience with the gift of tongues?
2. What evidence is there for tongues being a known language?
3. How would you define the purpose of the gift of tongues? Does it signify salvation or a second baptism of the Spirit? If not, what did tongues accomplish in the church?
4. Why is the gift of tongues inferior to the gift of prophecy?
5. What are some of the rules that govern the use of tongues in the assembled church body? What is the point of these rules and what are they trying to limit?
6. Is there evidence that the tongues spoken of in I Cor. 13 & 14 is different from Acts 2? What is the evidence that people use to say that tongues is an unknown heavenly prayer language? What are some arguments against this position?
7. Should we all speak in tongues? Why does the fact that not all have the gift of tongues make the concept of a unique prayer language difficult? Does this mean that some have greater access to God than others?
8. The gift of tongues is not a primary or 'most important' gift. What is?