

THE EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY GHOST BAPTISM IS SPEAKING IN TONGUES

NEW LANGUAGES ORDAINED BY GOD, YET DESPISED BY MAN ...

Many people look askance when an individual, or a church, projects the Word of God in its fullness, and implement God's Word in their lives as He commands us to do. Argumentations particularly arise when the Word of God is quoted for the pattern of salvation:

*"Then Peter said unto them, Repent (have a change of mind), and be baptized (i.e. immersed) every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and **ye shall** receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." - with the evidence of speaking in tongues - ACTS 2:38.*

Much disagreement also arises when God's Word is shown to command us to worship Him in the new language, which the Lord puts on the lips of a person as He converts him to the Christian 'walk'. There is, however, no confusion or disagreement in God's Word, and He commands people to **do as He says**, not what they want to do:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." (JOHN 14:15)

We find that God says in JOHN 4:23 and 24:

*"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **TRUE WORSHIPPERS** shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him **must** worship him in spirit and in truth."*

See 1. CORINTHIANS 14:14 where the Apostle Paul enlightens us concerning his ability to pray in the spirit by use of the new language. Read verse 18 also.

We do note that the scripture in JOHN 4 defines 'true worshippers', indicating there would be worshippers (but not 'true' ones) whose worship is not accepted by God because their prayers are not in the Spirit (i.e. praying to God in the new tongues He gives).

God gave many people the new miraculous languages on their lips on the day of Pentecost (about fifty days after Christ's crucifixion) - ACTS 2:1-4. On that day, the Christian Church was born, and these new languages glorified the works of God (see verse 11).

ACTS 2:37 to 39 give **all** mankind the full pattern of God's salvation. There is **no compromise** with God's Word! We see in JOHN 16:14 that God's Spirit (as we pray in the new language) glorifies Jesus and reveals Him to us. Moreover in ACTS 2:11, we are shown that the Spirit glorified God as they prayed in the new languages: God commands that this is a '**MUST**' for those who worship Him (those who are saved) - JOHN 4:24.

Why then, when God's Word is so clear, should there be rebellion and confusion in the world on this issue today? God's Word tells us why! Because man and man's ways are at enmity with God - JAMES 4:4; 1. JOHN 2:15-16; ISAIAH 55:8-9. This enmity is shown clearly in these scriptures.

LUKE 2:34 *"And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; **and for a sign** which shall be spoken against."*

We note that God's Word says in ACTS 28:22 that 'this sect' was spoken against **everywhere**.

ACTS 2:22 says: *"Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know."*

ISAIAH 66:18 and 19 tells us that this sign would be in the midst of His people.

People who pray in the Spirit (with the miraculous new languages given to them by God), are said to be heretics, fanatics, and so on. God's Word forewarns us that the people would say just this:

ACTS 24:14 *"But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets."*

Note also that verse 25 of ACTS 24 tells us:

"And as he (Paul) reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."

If Paul, being of 'the way' by God's power, caused Felix the Governor to tremble, we also should keep to God's Word, follow God's way, and let God cause the nation to tremble and turn to Him. Why speak against 'God's way' when the nation is in such dire need? Why speak against God's Word and be judged for it?

HEBREWS 13:15 says: *"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."*

This scripture was written to the Hebrews, a Spirit-filled people.

We have seen previously how God's Holy Spirit was poured out when the Church was born in ACTS 2:1-4.

Other relevant scriptures are:

ACTS 10:44-48 (Verse 46 shows how they knew the Holy Spirit was poured out).

ACTS 11:15-17 (Peter was present on the day of Pentecost).

ACTS 19:1-6.

The Word of God in DEUTERONOMY 4:2, PROVERBS 30:6 and ECCLESIASTES 3:14 warns every person not to add to, or take away from God's Word, **BUT** to accept it as written by men inspired by the Holy Spirit.

'The fruit of (the) lips' of those people to whom Paul wrote in HEBREWS 13:15 would include the new, miraculous, God-given languages of the Holy Spirit.

All these scriptures should be clear to God's '*born-again*' (JOHN 3:1-7) sons and daughters everywhere (**ALSO** to the unsaved person, who should take heed of what God has written).

Remember, as one worships God in the new, heaven-given language, the Holy Spirit glorifies God (ACTS 2:11), praying according to His will (ROMANS 8:26-27), and glorifies and reveals Jesus to the believer (JOHN 16:14).

Jesus did say that these signs would follow them that believe. He did not say these signs shall follow the unbelievers and critics. So we see that no person has any right to alter the pattern as laid down by God in His Word! **ALL** must refuse to compromise on God's Word.

We note in 1.PETER 2:6, that God says a 'chief-cornerstone' is laid (i.e. Jesus Christ, who is the Word of God). Verses 7 and 8 tell us:

"Unto you therefore which believe (who trust and adhere to Jesus) he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders (the Jews) disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed."

JOHN 1:1-14 reminds us that Jesus Christ is the Word of God. Because people are disobedient to Jesus' Words, and will not obey them, they stumble at them. Jesus said:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." (JOHN 14:15).

GOD'S WORD IS CLEAR !!

THE WORD OF GOD DOES NOT NEED TO BE INTERPRETED - BUT ACTED UPON !

We are always to ...

EXALT THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR, BAPTIZER, GLORIOUS LORD, AND COMING KING.

...**AND** there is no way to do this, but by telling others of the pattern of salvation as written in God's Word, reading and obeying that Word, and worshipping God by praying in the new, heaven-given tongues poured out on His people when they are saved by His grace.

THIS CHURCH WILL NOT COMPROMISE IN ANY WAY ON GOD'S WORD !

ACTS 2:37-38 *"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."*

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