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PART 26:  
**WHY SPEAK IN TONGUES? (PART 1)**

*Reading: Acts 2: 1 - 13*

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## **Introduction**

- We are now considering the three gifts of '*inspiration!*'
- The 1st of those gifts is '*different kinds of tongues!*'
- Sometimes referred too as the '*glossolalia!*'
- From Greek words '*glossa!*' (tongue) and '*lalia!*' (talking).
- Speaking in tongues is hinted at in OT. [Isaiah 28:11].
- Jesus also spoke of it before His ascension. [Mark 16:17].

## **1 The Day Of Pentecost**

- The initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit with the accompanying glossolalia was in [Acts 2].
- Many people heard the gift and it generated 3 different reactions to it.

## 2 The Reactions To The Glossolalia

- The Reaction of **AMAZEMENT**. [vs 7].
- The Reaction of **CONFUSION**. [vs 6 & 12].
- The Reaction of **CRITICISM & CYNICISM**. [vs 13].
- These 3 reactions still occur today.
- Pentecostals have been persecuted by other Christians because of this experience.
- Some Pentecostals regard themselves as superior to non-Pentecostals.
- As we deal with this subject may we have '*the Berean spirit*'!

## 3 The Vocal Miracle

- The Glossolalia in the NT was the initial evidence of one having been baptised in the Spirit.
- At Jerusalem. [Acts 2:4].
- At Caesarea. [Acts 10:44].
- At Ephesus. [Acts 19:6].
- The experience was not '*gibberish*' or '*gobbly-gook*'!

## Definition

- Supernatural manifestation whereby the Holy Spirit uses the speech organs of a person enabling them to speak or sing in a language they'd never learned and at the time of speaking is not even understood by them.
- Harold Horton in his book, '*the gifts of the Spirit*' describes it as '*the vocal miracle*'.
- Paul encourages and indeed wished all believers to speak in tongues. [1 Corinthians 14:5].

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