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PART 28:
WHY SPEAK IN TONGUES? (PART 3)

Reading: 1 Corinthians 14: 1 - 5 & 26 - 28

Introduction

- The churches in the NT were '*Pentecostal*' in nature.
- The gifts of the Spirit were manifested.
- The most common gift was the '*glossolalia*'.
- For use primarily *in 'private'* use in our own devotional life.
- Tongues were also an evidence of one receiving their baptism with the Holy Spirit.

1 The PUBLIC Use Of Tongues

- Tongues are sometimes manifested in a church service through a '*ministry in tongues*'.
- In this instance there ought to follow its companion gift, '*the interpretation of tongues*'.

2 What Is The Interpretation Of Tongues?

- The supernatural ability to enable what was said in tongues to be understood in their own native language.
- NB. It is the '*interpretation of tongues*' not the '*translation of tongues*.'
- Word '*Interpretation*' translated from Greek word '*hermeneia*' meaning '*to fully explain*'.

3 The Rules That Govern The Ministry And Interpretation Of Tongues

- Note the number of '*ministries*' that should **NOT** be exceeded. [Vs 27]
- Note the order of interpretation. [Vs 27].
- Different people giving a ministry but same interpreter.
- What if there is no interpreter? [Vs 28].
- Those who speak in tongues should also pray to receive the gift of interpretation. [14:13].

4 Other Observations

- The interpretation should **NEVER** contradict the clear teaching of Scripture.
- Tongues should never interrupt '*the Lord's table*'.

Finally

- Stir Up The Gift That Is In You. [2 Timothy 1:6].
- Be an Isaac, dig again the wells that have become clogged up.

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