

“The Gift of Tongues”
Lesson 47

* Before discussing the gift of tongues, let me add one more gift to our spiritual gifts listing. This is the only new gift listed in the Ephesians passage.

1. The final listed gift is the gift of _____ or _____. Ephesians 4:11
2. The gift of evangelism has to do with _____ of the _____, the gospel, to unbelievers. Certain people have an effective gift that enables them to speak _____ and _____ about the necessity of knowing Christ as Lord and Savior; i.e., Billy Graham, Luis Palau, D.L. Moody, etc., even our own Dr. Morken.
3. The final listing of gifts in 1 Peter 4:11 simply divides the previously listed gifts into two categories: _____ gifts and _____ gifts.

* I would like to deal now with what I believe to have been a temporary gift. A gift practiced only in the early church. A gift which completed its usefulness with the completion of the Word of God. This gift ended, in the understanding of some scholars, in 70 AD with the fall of Jerusalem. This gift was to have been a sign to the Jews.

4. The _____ gift of tongues is a _____ not _____ . Acts 2:5-12
5. _____ for _____ to speak in tongues. 1 Corinthians 12:27-30
6. All of 1 Corinthians, Chapter 12, _____ that _____ is given a spiritual gift. That gift is _____ and is given _____ Himself. 1 Corinthians 12:11-18
7. God has told us _____ someone else’s gift. 1 Corinthians 12:31

* The word “covet” in KJV is always a negative thing. The NIV translates the word “eagerly desire” and the New King James translates it “earnestly desire.” Paul has just spent the entire chapter explaining that all gifts are important and none is more important than another. The Greek here should not be translated in the imperative but rather in the indicative mode.

8. The better translation of 12:31 then, should be: “you are desiring the more _____ gifts _____.”
9. The term _____ in 1 Corinthians 13:1 is a reference to language. The tongues of _____, however, is hypothetical.
 - A. He didn’t say HE DID SPEAK the language of angels but rather the thought is “_____.”

- B. His point _____ language but _____ .
- C. There is no _____ of any special language of angels that men _____.
- D. Whenever angels speak in scripture, _____ in the language _____ they are speaking to; i.e., Abraham, Lot, Daniel, etc.
10. Tongues, according to Paul, will _____! 1 Corinthians 13:8
11. The word cease in 13:8 means to end _____.
12. When studying 1 Corinthians 14, the word _____ speaks of the _____ of angelic language or _____. The word _____ speaks of the legitimate gift which was still functioning in the _____. The only exceptions are verses 27 and 28 where it is one person speaking one _____.
13. Even when the _____ gift was functioning, it was an _____ means of communication (vs. 1-12), an inferior means of _____ (vs. 13-19) and an inferior means of _____. (vs. 20-25).
14. A better translation of 14:2 is “ _____ ” because the Greek text has _____.
15. The Bible records no incident of _____ speaking to God in any other than _____ language.
16. A spiritual gift _____ edifies the church, it is never for _____.
1 Corinthians 14:4 & 5, 12, 17, 26 (to list only a few such verses)
17. The true gift of tongues, _____, was not for believers, but the - _____ . 1 Corinthians 14:22
18. The words in 1 Corinthians 14:23, _____ mean to be in an _____. When the real gift was _____ everyone understood in their _____. Acts 2:11
19. Even if the true gift of tongues was still in use today, the modern charismatic movement _____ because, for the most part, _____ listed in 1 Corinthians 14:27 and 28
20. The _____ to this understanding of the gift of tongues as taught by Paul in Chapters 12, 13 and 14 is found in 1 Corinthians 14:33. God is the author of _____ not the author of _____.

21. The so-called gift of tongues _____ to cause _____ and confusion in the church today even as it did in _____ nearly 2,000 years ago.

Conclusion:

I have not been able, in this amount of time, to cover this “gift” as I would like to, so I would point you to several sets of tapes in the library:

1. A four set tape by George Gardiner called “*The Charismatic Movement.*” Excellent tapes, very comprehensive.
2. The “*Truth About Tongues*” – John MacArthur
3. “*The Charismatic Movement, Something More, Something Less*” – John MacArthur

I am also including a paper written by my oldest son while a student at Biola University in which he does a good job of covering the subject in a general and historic way.