

TONGUES

INTRO: Acts 2 & I Cor. 14 -

In 1900 Charles F. Parham opened the Bethel Bible School in Topeka, Kansas. Under his teaching and ministry, Mrs. Agnes Ozman was influenced to speak in tongues or "ecstatic utterances."

Within a short time, a dozen students had this experience.

There should be 3 warning signals to this:

1. A woman started it in a school, not a church.
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3.

In 1906 the Azusa Street Assembly was founded in Los Angeles, California. Their main emphasis was seeking one's Pentecost.

God has never called a woman to preach any where in the Bible.

1 Tim 2:11-13 *Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.*

12 *But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.*

13 *For Adam was first formed, then Eve.*

Usurp - To dominate, To seize and hold in possession by force or without right.

1 Cor 11:3 *But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

1 Cor 11:8-9 *For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. 9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.*

I. When You Are Saved, You Get the Holy Spirit

A. **John 14:17** - *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

Eph 1:13 - *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

B. You don't get saved and then get the Holy Spirit at a different time.

1. The Spirit is what "borns" you again.

John 3:3-5 - *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

4) *Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*

5) *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

C. You can have the Holy Spirit living in you because you're saved, but to be filled with the Holy Spirit means to be controlled or directed by the Holy Spirit.

1. You get filled with the Holy Spirit by begging God for the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:5-13 *And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?*

7 *And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?*

12 *Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?*

13 *If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

D. Be in a state of being filled all the time. -

Eph 5:18 *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

E. In the book of Acts, Christians are mentioned as being filled with Holy Ghost ten (10) different times.

1. Acts 1:8 - Preaching - Soul winning
2. Acts 2:4 - Speaking in one of the languages present (Acts 2:9-11)
3. Acts 4:8 - Preaching Jesus - Soul winning
4. Acts 4:31 - Soul winning
5. Acts 7:55 - Enduring persecution and preaching
6. Acts 11:24 - Preaching
7. Acts 13:9 - Preaching
8. Acts 13:52, 9 - Direction and witnessing
9. Acts 10:45 - Tongues
10. Acts 19:6 - Tongues

Notice	I. Out of ten (10) times in the book of Acts, tongues are only mentioned three (3) times. II. Every time tongues are spoken, Jews or lost people are present.
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F. Tongues are done here for soul winning.

Acts 2:1-11 - *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

2) *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

3) *And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

4) *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to*

glossa *speak with other TONGUES, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5) And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6) Now when this was noised abroad,*

dialectos *the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own LANGUAGE. 7) And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold,*

dialectos *are not all these which speak Galilaeans? 8) And how hear we every man in our own TONGUE, wherein we were born? 9) Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites,*

glossa *and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10) Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11) Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our TONGUES the wonderful works of God.*

G. Tongues are mentioned by Jesus when He told His disciples to go soul winning.

Mark 16:15-18 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

This is the Mark 16 protection plan for the soul winner.

God says He will give us everything we need to tell folks about Jesus.

H. Tongues are the least of all the gifts but are the most mentioned by Charismatics.

1 Cor 12:4-11 -- *Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 *But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*

Everybody won't have the same gifts.

1 Cor 12:28-31 -- *And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, SECONDARILY prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.*

29 *Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?*

30 *Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?*

31 *But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.*

The gift of speaking in tongues was perverted by some immature Christians.

1 Cor 3:1-4 *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.*

2 *I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.*

3 *For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*

4 *For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?*

The church at Corinth was carnal and filled with babes in Christ who were not mature enough to eat spiritual meat and filled with envying, strife and division.

Did they have something other churches did not have?

carnality, strife, envy,

It doesn't sound like they had some kind of , "Second Blessing." This was a church to be pitied not envied.

I Corinthians Is A Book of Rebuke

- A. Chapter 1 - Rebuke for strife and division
- B. Chapter 2 - Depending on human wisdom
- C. Chapter 3 - For carnality
- D. Chapter 4 - For pride
- E. Chapter 5 - For corruption of morals
- F. Chapter 6 - Going to law against one another
- G. Chapter 7 - Homes being out of order
- H. Chapter 8 - For idolatry
- I. Chapter 9 - For not taking proper care of God's man
- J. Chapter 10 - For lustfulness, murmuring, and compromise with demonic forces.
- K. Chapter 11 - For abusing the Lord's Table
- L. Chapter 12 - For abuse of spiritual gifts
- M. Chapter 13 - For immaturity and lack of love
- N. Chapter 14 - For glorying in tongue speaking
- O. Chapter 15 - For heretical teaching on the resurrection
- P. Chapter 16 - For unfaithfulness and inconsistency in giving tithes and offerings.

1 Cor 14:

1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

The best spiritual gift is to prophesy which means to teach, to reveal truth.

2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

These people who were speaking in tongues when no unsaved people were present and who were causing confusion in the church were understood only by God and not by man. This is a rebuke and statement.

3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

Those who were perverting this gift were not edifying. Notice that they could not comfort, exhort or edify God's people with this gift.

4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

Notice the selfishness of those who spoke needlessly in other languages, and the unselfishness of those who taught so they could edify the church.

5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

He wished everyone the opportunity one day to speak to a foreigner in their language to win them to Christ but God says that one that teaches the Bible is greater than one that talks in another language.

9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

Someone who speaks in a foreign language without a lost person being there who can understand that language is wasting his time.

10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.

There is no such thing as this stuff that is being spoken that is not a language.

11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.

12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

If you are wanting spiritual gifts seek the most important one; that is edifying the church, or being understood so you can help people.

13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. This is a rebuke to the heresy of praying in tongues. It is a waste of time. God knows English, and the gift was given to get other nationalities saved.

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

To be spiritual is to pray or sing so one can be understood. The modern "tongue talkers," want you to think they are extra spiritual because they speak in tongues, but to be extra spiritual is to be understood.

16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

It has always been the practice of New Testament, soul winning Baptist churches to say, "Amen" in church. How can one say, "Amen," when he can't understand what is being said?

17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

Paul traveled from country to country and God enabled him to preach the gospel in other languages.

19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

It is 2000 times better to be understood than not be understood.

20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

Tongues are for soul winning.

23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

It is not supposed to be everybody doing their own thing.

In the church everything should be done to edify.

This totally eliminates the talking in tongues in church unless there are unsaved people there who cannot understand the language being used.

27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. The most that could speak in any one gathering were 3, one at a time.

28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

II. Speaking In "Ecstatic Languages" Has Happened A lot in Occult Practices And God Warns Against It.

A. **Isaiah 8:19-20** - *And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? 20) To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*

B. **Isa 29:4** - *And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.*

C. Tongues given in the Bible are known languages.

D. God is not the author of any ecstatic language.

1. The priestess of the God Delphi, near Corinth.
2. The priests and worshipers of Osiris and Mithra.
3. The Gnostics
4. The worshipers of the Syrian god, Juno.
5. People saved out of witchcraft said it happens in the occult.
6. Homosexuals speak in tongues in some of their churches.

III. Any Tongue Will Be A Distinct Language

A. **I Cor. 14:10** - *There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.*

B. **Acts 2:11** - *Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*

C. Only unbelievers look for a sign.

Matt 16:4 - *A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.*

IV. The Holy Spirit Will Always Lead You to Obey the Bible

A. If something is going on that contradicts the Bible, then the Holy Spirit isn't leading them to do it.

B. A spirit may be controlling them, but that spirit isn't holy.

1. **I Jn 4:1** - *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*
2. **1 Tim 4:1** - *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

C. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit and never spoke in tongues.

1. He just pointed people to Jesus.
2. **Luke 1:15** - *For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.*
3. **Luke 7:28** - *For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.*

D. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit beyond measure.

1. He never spoke in tongues.
2. **John 3:34** - *For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.*
3. **Heb 1:9** - *Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

V. Evidences of Being Filled With the Holy Spirit

A. Boldness in soul winning

1. **Acts 1:8** - *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
2. **Acts 4:31** - *And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*

B. Singing

1. **Eph 5:18-19** - *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;*
2. Christ-centered music; not Gospel rock or country Gospel.

C. A Spirit-controlled attitude

Gal 5:22 - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Tongues aren't mentioned.*

D. The Holy Spirit does not like magnifying Himself.

John 16:13 *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

John 16:14 **He shall glorify me:** *for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

E. Notice what followed Pentecost:

1. **The central focal point of their life was fellowship, preaching, communion and prayer.**
Acts 2:42 - *And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*
2. They parted their possessions with each other.
Acts 2:44-45 *And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45) And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.*
3. Daily witnessing -
Acts 2:46 - *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,*

F. Tongue speaking churches seldom go soul winning.

VII. Tongues Are A Sign of Judgment

- A. Tongues are a sign of judgment
- B. Pentecost was 37 AD
- C. Titus came through in 70 AD; 33 years later.
- D. **Deut. 28:49** - *The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;*
- E. **Isa 28:11-12** - *For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 12) To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.*
- F. **Isa 33:19** - *Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, that thou canst not understand.*
- G. **Jer 5:15** - *Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.*

Charismatic Confusion

Is speaking in tongues the initial evidence that a person has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit? No! No! No!

There are many groups who go under different names but are Pentecostal in doctrine when it comes to the work of the Holy Spirit. As we have pointed out many times before, the Charismatic Movement is an outgrowth of Pentecostalism. Let's just take an example of one such group who goes under the name "Assemblies of God." They seem to be basically fundamental in doctrine until it comes to the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. I am not writing this to attack the Assembly of God churches but rather to point out the same error that is consistently wrong in most all splinter Pentecostal groups. Here is what the Assemblies say concerning the evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit:

"The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same, in essence, as the gift of tongues (1 Cor. 12:4-10,28) but different in purpose and use."

They say as other charismatics, that the physical sign of speaking in tongues is proof they have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Tongues in this experience is the same as the gift of tongues. No matter what they believe about the baptism in the Holy Spirit, whether it is receiving or being filled with the Spirit, they are still in gross error. The real problem is that they believe that Jesus is the Baptizer which performs this spiritual baptism (as do other charismatics). In other words, most all charismatics teach that in this second experience Jesus baptizes the believer into the Holy Spirit. Then, when he has the evidence by speaking in tongues, he has the sign to prove that he has received the baptism.

The first thing wrong with this teaching is that the Bible says that whatsoever is not faith is sin (Rom. 14:23). Also the Bible says that we walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7). The next thing wrong with this teaching is that the Bible teaches that when the "baptism of the Holy Spirit" is mentioned it always is speaking of the Holy Spirit as being the baptizer and not Jesus. The places in the Word of God that teach the true baptism of the Holy Spirit are found in the following: 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3. In each place the Holy Spirit is the baptizer.

To say, then, that speaking in tongues is a sign to the believer, as proof that he has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, is totally absurd. Tongues were given as sign to the unbeliever (1 Cor 14:22). In fact, it was given as a sign to the unbelieving Jew (1 Cor 14:20-22). It was never a sign to the believer. All believers were baptized by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13), but not all ever spoke with tongues (1 Cor. 12:30).

23 Reasons why the Modern Tongues movement cannot possibly be of God!

THE MODERN TONGUES MOVEMENT

1. Magnifies the Holy Spirit
2. Glorifies the Holy Spirit
3. Magnifies the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
4. Seeks a sign.
5. Promotes Ecumenicism.
6. Produces a division and strife in many churches.
7. Says a "second experience" is necessary to be complete.
8. Speaks in a heavenly language.
9. Says open your mind and give God your tongue to speak through you.
10. Says open your mind and give God your tongue to speak through you.
11. Says, beg, tarry, and plead for the filling of the Holy Spirit.
12. Seeks signs and wonders.
13. Seeks new revelation from God.
14. Says miracles are from God.
15. Says speaking in tongues is a sign that you have been baptized with the Holy Spirit.
16. Teach that Jesus baptizes you into the Holy Spirit.
17. Says that all who receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit speak in tongues.
18. Teach that Acts 2:4 teaches the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
19. Teach that the disciples received the Holy Spirit at a later time after salvation according to Acts 19:1 - 6.
20. Teach that when receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit you get more of the Holy Spirit.
21. Teach that tongues are a sign to confirm the baptism of the Holy Spirit to the believer.
22. It is okay for women to speak in tongues in the church.
23. Says speak when the spirit moves you.

THE BIBLE SAYS

1. Magnifies Jesus Christ Jn 16:13
2. When the Holy Spirit has come He will glorify Jesus Christ. Jn. 16:14
3. Magnify God the giver of the gifts.
4. Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Rom 14:23
5. Separate yourselves from liberals. 2 Cor 6:17
6. God is not the author of confusion 1 Cor 14:33
7. You are complete when saved. Col 2:9 - 10 All of God comes inside you to live.
8. Tongues were a human language, not a ecstatic language. 1 Cor 14:2
9. You speak. 1 Cor 14:1 (ye) 1 Cor 14:2 (he) 1 Cor 14:3 (he)
10. Try the spirits to see if they be of god. 1 Jn. 4:1 (To do this you must be in control of your mind and tongue.)
11. God commands you to be filled. Eph 5:18
12. Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Rom 14:23. Seek to understand the Word of God. 2 Tim. 2:15
13. Revelation is finished. Rev. 22:18 - 19 God's Word is what God wants us to know. Isaiah 8:20
14. Not all miracles are from God. Ex. 7:11; Matt. 7:21 - 23; Rev 13:13 - 14
15. It was a sign to the unbelieving Jews: 1 Cor 14:21 - 22 (as prophesied in Isaiah 28:11 - 12
16. The Holy Spirit baptizes you into Jesus Christ's body; the local New Testament Baptist Church. Rom 6:3; 1 Cor 12:13
17. Do all speak with tongues? - NO! 1 Cor. 12:30 Only as the Holy Spirit gave according to His will. 1 Cor. 12:11
18. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and they spake in tongues or foreign languages so that 3,000 people could get saved.
19. These were John the Baptist disciples. Acts 19:3, Who were not saved before this time. (Acts 19:1 - 6) Also, the Jews did receive the Holy Spirit by laying of the Apostles' hands but this changed when the Gospel was opened to the Gentiles. Acts 10:44
20. The Holy Spirit is a person. You do not get more of Him. He gets more of you. Rom 12:1 - 2
21. Tongues were a sign to the unbelieving Jews. Jesus said that an evil and adulteress generation seeks after a sign. Matt. 12:39
22. Women are to keep silent in the church. 1 Cor 14:34
23. When tongues were in existence there were regulations concerning their use.