

THE LANGUAGE OF HEAVEN

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I. The Initial Questions

A. What must I do to be saved? Acts 16:28-33

1. What are the steps to salvation?

2. Answer: _____ and _____

v. 31 "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household."

3. The _____ to all who repent and believe

Mark 16:16a "Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved."

B. What shall we do? Acts 2:37-38

1. What is our response to the gospel message?

2. Answer: Three actions

a. _____

b. Be water baptized

c. Receive the _____ of the Holy Spirit
(promised by the Father)

II. Initial Experiences of the Holy Spirit

A. Day of _____ - Acts 2:2-4

B. Believers' Gathering after Peter and John's release - Acts 4:31

C. Samaritan Believers - Acts 8:14-19

D. Ananias' Prayer for Saul - Acts 9:17-18.

E. Peter at Caesarea - Acts 10:1-48

F. Paul and Ephesian believers - Acts 19:1-6

IV. The Gift of Tongues v. Prayer Language of the Spirit

A. Gift of Tongues: A message from God to others in a language unknown to the person through whom the message comes.

B. Prayer Language of the Spirit: Communicates to God the depths of our heart, saying what we are unable to express with our natural language alone.

V. The Prayer Language of the Spirit

1. Praying in tongues is _____

Ephesians 6:18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.

1 Corinthians 14:18 I thank God that I **speak in tongues more** than any of you. (Paul)

2. Praying in tongues is _____
Our spirit prays

1 Corinthians 14:2 If you have the ability to speak in tongues you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious.

1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays,

3. Praying in tongues is _____

Romans 8:26-27 And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

1 Corinthians 14:4 A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally.

Jude 1:20 Dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit

4. Praying in tongues is a _____

1 Corinthians 14:15 Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.

Conclusions -

A. In most cases, people filled with the Spirit spoke in tongues

B. Initial _____ v. Initial Evidences

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There are few topics on which Christians are so divided. A large majority of believers are unclear about the prayer language of the Spirit. Yet Jesus Himself first spoke of tongues; promising this blessing to His disciples: “And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will. . . speak with new tongues.” (Mark 16:17)

The prayer language of the Spirit – the language of heaven - starts in the New Testament. This miraculous language of prayer and praise is the first sign among the five Jesus mentions. It’s also the first of His prophesied signs to actually be fulfilled, being manifested on the very day the church was born (Acts 2:4).

While Jesus is the first to mention speaking with tongues, there is a second important fact related to their first occurrence. The church began speaking with tongues the same day it came into being! This fact says something about the Father’s view of the prayer language. Our heavenly Father, the Living God Himself, was the sole designer and sovereign instigator of the events of Pentecost.

What is heaven’s point of view concerning the relative worth or desirability of the prayer language of the Spirit (spiritual language)? The Father certainly wouldn’t have allowed anything unworthy, unlovely, or unloving to accidentally happen. Speaking with tongues didn’t just crowd in on its own, as though man forced an arbitrary sign upon the church’s birth and into the church’s origins. Neither was this spiritual language an embarrassing surprise to the Almighty! Rather, the supernatural gift of spiritual language was given for holy and wholesome purposes, and He allowed it because He created it and He completely endorses it. Perhaps we can all afford to be reminded: Tongues—spiritual language—the language of heaven-is God’s idea!

- Jesus prophesied it
- The Father intended it
- The Holy Spirit enabled it
- The Church received it!

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