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1. The Tongues of Corinth

- What Kind of Tongues Exist?

'speaking in different kinds of tongues..'

1 Corinthians 12:10

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'And yet I will show you the most excellent way. If I speak in in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal'

1 Corinthians 13:1

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Xenolalia (xeno= foreign; lalia = tongues)

Angelolalia = speaking in an angelic tongue

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Prophecy

Tongues

a message in a known language to men and women under the inspiration of the Spirit

a message in an unknown language not to men and women, but to God, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit

Direction: Down from God to people

Direction: Up from people to God

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- What is Tongues?
- **What are the Objections to Tongues?**

a) The Comfortableness Factor

b) The Interpretation Factor

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‘I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. But in the church, I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue’

1 Corinthians 14:18-19

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i) Prayer

ii) Praise

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'...when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an enquirer, say 'Amen' to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying. You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified.

1 Corinthians 14:16

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i) Prayer

ii) Praise

iii) Building Oneself Up

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'Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.'

1 Corinthians 14:4

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‘Studies have indicated that contrary to popular belief in which tongues was associated with madness, today it is said to give people a sense of balance, wholeness, and well being.

Depression among tongues-speakers is often reduced. They become more open to feeling and to the affective dimension of their experience, more spontaneous, and better able to cope with anxiety.’

James Dunn

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- i) Prayer**
- ii) Praise**
- iii) Building Oneself Up**
- iv) Spiritual Warfare**

‘But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit...’

Jude 20

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- i) Prayer**
- ii) Praise**
- iii) Building Oneself Up**
- iv) Spiritual Warfare**
- v) Evidence of the Spirit's Filling**

What is not the Purpose of Tongues?

- a) **Not the Only Evidence of the Spirit's Filling**
- b) **Not the Sign of Spiritual Maturity**

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1 Corinthians 14:5, 18

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2. **The Tongues of Pentecost**

‘Now there were staying in Jerusalem, God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?’

Acts 2:5-13

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