

SIGN GIFTS TO AUTHENTICATE MESSAGE DURING APOSTOLIC ERA (2Co.12:12; Hb.2:3-4; Mk.16:20)

1 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10, 28-30 (Written 54AD)	ROMANS 12:3-8 (Written 58AD)	EPHESIANS 4:7,11 (Written 61AD)	1 PETER 4:10-11 (Written 64AD)
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Wisdom Knowledge Faith Healings Miracles Prophecy Discerning of spirits	Tongues Interpretation of Tongues Apostles Prophets Teachers Helps Administrations	Prophecy Ministry Teaching Exhortation Giving Leadership Mercy	Apostles Prophets Evangelist Pastor / Teacher Teaching Serving

TONGUES ARE FOR A SIGN

CURSING

- **In 722BC, because of unbelief, the northern kingdom of Israel fell in judgment to the Assyrians.**
- **In 586BC, because of unbelief, the southern kingdom of Judah fell in judgment to the Babylonians.**
- **Isaiah 28:1-15 is a warning that when they hear men of an unknown language that God is bringing judgment**
- **Acts 8,10,19 always had believing Jews present who would report to their countrymen what they heard**
- **Tongues were never intended for a Christian (believer), but for those who do not believe (Israel)**

TONGUES ARE FOR A SIGN BLESSING

- **God is no longer going to work through one nation, speak in one language, or favor one people.**
- **God is going to go to the world (Rm.11:12, “the fall of them is become the riches of the world”)**
- **That they spoke in many languages was God’s way of saying, “I’m going to speak in the world’s languages now”**
- **God’s apostles burst out the “wonderful works of God”. This was an unmistakable sign that a transition had come**
- **Jews would still be able to come to faith (3,000 saved on Pentecost)**

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AUTHORITY

- **What men did God use to speak of the blessing to come to all nations? He used His apostles and close associates**
- **To the Jewish mind it was incomprehensible that God would change His way of working with Israel, that there needed to be this special reinforcement.**
- **God gave His apostles the ability to speak these languages to authenticate their message as true.**
- **The truth is that there was a transition focusing on Israel, but moving toward the rest of the world.**

TONGUES ARE FOR A SIGN

**PRIMARY
PURPOSE**

CURSING — Judgment

Sign to Unbelieving Israel of Coming Judgment (1Co.14:21-22, Is.28:11; Lv.26; Du.28)

**SECONDARY
PURPOSE**

BLESSING — Salvation

Evidence of God initiating a New Blessing of Receiving the HS

RESULT

AUTHORITY — Foundation

These “Ground-Breaking” Events Demonstrate God’s Work of Transitioning from Israel to the Church (Rm.11:11-12)

WHAT WE LEARNED

Defining Biblical Tongues

Book of Acts

ACTUAL EXAMPLES

Tongues Introduces the Wonderful Works of God

Book of 1 Corinthians

CORRECTIVE TEACHING

Tongues as a Sign to Unbelieving Israel

TONGUES BIBLE PRINCIPLES

- ❖ **Tongues Do Not Edify the Church (1Co.14:1-19)**
- ❖ **Tongues Do Not Edify the Believer (1Co.14:20-21)**



- ❖ **Tongues w/o Interpretation
= No value for the church (1Co.14:5)**
- ❖ **Tongues w/o Understanding
= No personal value (1Co.14:1-3)**

WHY TONGUES EXISTS TODAY



There is a Departure From Systematic Bible Instruction



There Are Those Who Are Starved for the Word of God



There Are Those Who Want Physical Feeling and Emotional Experience over Faith (2Co.6:11-12)



There Are Those Who Want What They Think is a Quick Way to Spirituality