

If you visit certain churches...

- You may notice something strange (at least to you).
- You might hear one or more people speaking a language you don't recognize at all.
- If you ask, "What are they doing?" they'll tell you that they're speaking in tongues (like in the Bible).
- If you ask, "What are they saying?" they'll say it's something known only to the speaker and God. "It's no ordinary human language," they may say.

Speaking in Tongues

What Does the Bible Say?

Question #1

- What were these “tongues” they spoke?
 - They were simply known foreign languages (foreign to the one who spoke them).
 - Acts 2:1–11
 - 1 Corinthians 14:3–11, 27–28

Question #2

- How were they able to speak in these different languages?
 - By the power of the Holy Spirit
 - “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4).
 - “The Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues...” (Acts 19:6).
 - 1 Corinthians 12:4–11.

Question #3

- So the Holy Spirit enabled them to speak in tongues, but how did they **receive** the Spirit?
 - Some directly. Acts 2; 10:44–48; 11:15–18.
 - Others by the laying on of the apostles' hands: 19:5–6; 8:14–22.

Question #4

- What purpose did tongue speaking serve?
 - “Tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe **but to unbelievers...**” (1 Cor. 14:22).
What did the SIGN say?
 - That this message was from God—they were designed to confirm the message. (Acts 2)
 - Mark 16:15–20.
 - Hebrews 2:1–4.

Question #5

- Can Christians still speak in tongues today?
 - Does the word need further confirmation?
 - Do we have living apostles to lay hands on us?
 - 1 Corinthians 13:8–10.