

# “Tongues are spoken Languages”

## All Scripture is KJV: 1 Corinthians 14

### INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY?

**Today I would like to bring a message on the false tongues.**

This is primarily taught by the Charismatic church. The word Charismatic is taken from the Greek word charisma. Which simply means “gift”?

So they have identified themselves by the use of this word relating to the false doctrine that they teach.

- This is misused by the charismatic church.
- It is promoted as an angelic language.
- It is also promoted as a sign of salvation – when you have received the gift of tongues.

But this of course is false doctrine taught mostly by the Pentecostal church and the charismatic church.

- Of course this is a gross misunderstanding of the scriptures.

First of all there is know where in scripture that teaches a doctrine like this.

- ❖ In the OT it is safe to say that everyone will admit that when the word tongue or tongues is used it is talking about the physical tongue or it is talking about an understood local language that everyone spoke.
- But how is it when you come to the time of the NT that the charismatic church wants to change the meaning of the word tongues?
  1. And the reason why this is a big deal is that the wrong interpretation of the word is used.
  2. They call it speaking in tongues, but the KJV never uses that term at all in the scriptures.
  3. Also the charismatic church leads to other heresy or false doctrine.
- Some of their wrong doctrine is when they say that unless you are “slain in the spirit”, which means that they are saying unless you have the gift of tongue speaking you not saved.
- And that the gift of “speaking in tongues” is only given to those who are saved.
- This of course is heresy and blasphemy, and goes against what the bible teaches about salvation.
- Off course this is just gibberish, and what is known as ecstatic speaking or *glossolalia*, is also nonsense and not biblical.

- ✚ But what they bible does speak about is, speaking with tongues or speaking in another tongue.
- ✚ But it never speaks about "speaking in tongues". They derive that from the NIV and other bibles.

1. So if you going to have a doctrine that promotes speaking in tongues then you should have scripture that teaches that. And in fact if you look up this term that the charismatic's use, it says that it is "the phenomenon of (apparently) speaking in an unknown language, especially in religious worship.
2. They say It is practised especially by Pentecostal and charismatic Christians".

- ❖ So apparently it is an unknown language.  
Well then if it is an unknown language that in itself should tell you that no one can understand rubbish that is spoken. Because it is not a known language.

Now.....If we are going to understand what the word tongue or tongues means then let us look up every time that it is used in the "King James Bible".

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Now I don't want to spend too much time in the OT use of this word, because we should all know that when tongue or tongues is used it is either talking about the tongue in your mouth or it is referring to known languages of a nation.

#### **For example. Bible search results**

##### [Genesis 10:20](#)

These are the sons of Ham, after their families, **after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.**

##### [Genesis 10:31](#)

**These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.**

##### [Psalm 31:20](#)

Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of **tongues**.

##### [Psalm 55:9](#)

**Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.**

[Psalm 78:36](#)

Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their **tongues**.

[Psalm 140:3](#)

They have sharpened their **tongues** like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.

[Isaiah 66:18](#)

**For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.**

[Jeremiah 9:3](#)

And they bend their **tongues** like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the Lord.

[Jeremiah 23:31](#)

Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that use their **tongues**, and say, He saith.

1. So now that we have seen that every time the word tongues was used in the OT it always referred to either the person's physical tongue or it referred to the different languages that the people spoke out of every nation.
  - ❖ So then why should the NT be any different?
  - ❖ So if we go to the first mention of this word in the NT we find it in Mark 16.
2. **But no.....when the charismatic's see Mark 16:17 they make a distinction.**
3. But they have failed again in reading what the bible is actually speaking about in this verse. The just start reading from verse 17, and forget about what just came before the verse 17, and so build a doctrine on one verse which is taken out of context.

**Here is Mark 16:17. Which is after the great commission that was given by Jesus.**

**Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;**

**But here is the whole context. (which they don't tell you).**

**Mark 16:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

<sup>17</sup> **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.**

**19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.**

**20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.**

1. Now the Charismatic's or those in the tongues movement will point to this, and will have you go to this scripture, and they will teach that.....see if you believe.....you are going to speak in tongues.
2. Any many will say that if you don't speak in tongues you are not saved.
3. So they would say that; that would be the sign of those that believed. That they would be able to "speak in tongues".

❖ Well.....if that was the case of being able to speak in tongues to be a sign of salvation or being saved.....then these people would also have to take up serpents, and drink deadly things for the signs to be present.

✚ Now the question: Is that happening today, where people are taking up serpents and drinking deadly things, to be saved?

1. So the proper interpretation of this event was taking place at that time of the Apostles, and remember Jesus also appointed another 70 apostles during his time here on earth in Luke 10.
2. Remember Jesus appointed Barnabas and he was one of the 70 apostles, but was not one of the previous 12 apostles.

**Luke 10:1** After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

3. So in Mark 16 we find that this is what was taking place at that time. Not now.

✚ So.....it was the Lord working with them confirming the signs that he had just given to them.

✚ It was for their time not the present.....because if it was for the present then we would have to take up serpents.....and drink deadly things.....

✚ But this did take place then, and we can see the fulfilment of this in Acts 28, where Paul is bitten by a serpent and shakes the serpent off and noting happens to him.

✚ And we also see the fulfilment of this in Acts 2 when they spoke in new tongues.

4. But it is not for today folks.
5. But we will see that in the scriptures that God some of these gift to some and other gifts to others, but not all received the same gifts.
6. So how can it be that every Christians needs to be able to speak in this unbiblical "so called tongues gibberish" to be saved.

✚ Then again, you will also notice that the tongues that they would be speaking would be known tongues (languages of known nations)....it was plural...

- ✚ so many tongues or languages were being spoken.....which meant they would speak in many languages

7. Why?.....Because this was so that the people would be able to hear them and receive the word of God in their own language.

- ✚ Not a heavenly or divine language only for the elite.....as is taught by the charismatic church.

But at the time of Pentecost - This of course did take place in the days of the Apostles and as we see it in the Book of Acts 2, 10 & 19.

- ✚ Now turn with me to Acts chapter 2. And as we turn there, ask yourself this question is not the reference made to tongues the same as those in the OT.

- ✚ **Read Acts 2.**

### [Acts 2:3](#)

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

### [Acts 2:4](#)

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other **tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

1. Now as we read Acts 2, what did Mark 16 say. It said that there would be signs, and they would speak in new tongues.
2. And what happens here in Acts 2. Well the fulfilment of Mark 16.
3. Isn't other tongues, new tongues, - The tongues of other nations which they could never speak before.
4. Now let's see what they spoke. – Was it just some sort of noise that they just rattled out that no one else could understand?
5. Did they just blurt out, supa kala frajo list expe alo doshis etc....and expect the people present to just accept that it was from God.
6. No.....they spoke human languages of the time.
7. Because look what the people present said.....

**Acts 2:5-6** <sup>5</sup> And there were dwelling at **Jerusalem Jews**, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that **every man heard them speak in his own language**.

8. So this was not just some mumbo jumbo that was being spoken, so other speaking in tongues as the charismatic's claim. No. It was known languages of all nations of the world.

**Acts 2:9-10** <sup>9</sup> Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

## Acts 2:11

Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

1. These were Jews (a religion) out of every nation which lived in Jerusalem
2. Remember in Ester 8:17 that spoke about the people became Jews because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. Proving again that the word Jews is not an ethnicity but a religion.
3. In verse 6 they are saying that they are hearing them speak in our own language, and in verse 11 they are saying we are hearing them speak in our own tongue.
4. And God even goes further to list the languages they are speaking. Just to make sure that there is no mistake in what they are saying.
5. God makes sure that we understand that tongues are "foreign languages"
6. Another tongue is a foreign tongue. It is another language according to God.
7. Another word for an unknown tongue would be and unknown language. That's all it means. Not meaning that is it unknown to anyone, but that it is unknown to you.

✚ To me Icelandic or Japanese, or Xhosa is an unknown tongue. It is an unknown language.

✚ But to them that speak it; it is not unknown. That's all it means.

8. It was the devout Jews that were dwelling in Jerusalem, who when they heard these Galileans speak in their own languages, that's when they were confounded.
9. They were not confounded because they did not understand what was being said. They were confounded because they heard exactly what was being said, each man in his own language. That's why.
10. Because look at the list of languages being spoke in Acts 2 verses 9-11.

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✚ These are the signs that Mark 16:17 spoke of that would take place.

✚ And what language they were speaking was dependant on who they were speaking to, from which nation.

✚ These were the 120 from the upper room in Acts 1 which went out to Jerusalem remember and they preaching in the streets in the city. They were basically what we would call soul wining. Going from house to house knocking doors and giving the gospel.

✚ So whoever they gave the gospel to on that day of Pentecost they were able to speak that language.

1. But now also remember that when the multitudes came from abroad they came from nations which the current Jews residing at Jerusalem did not understand.
2. These people which are referred to in the book of Acts 2:6 spoke languages which the local Jews of Jerusalem did not understand.

3. And that's why they said to the Apostle Paul in Acts 2:13 these men are drunk with new wine, because to them they did not understand those foreign languages being spoken.
4. Those Jews just did not want to believe that these signs and wonders which Jesus said would take place in Mark 16 would actually take place. But they instead did not want to believe the miracle, so they just came out and accused these 120 witnesses of God as just being drunk.

Now there are many more passages in the book of acts which repeats exactly what we have seen now. Such as Acts 10:46.

[Acts 10:46](#)

**For they heard them speak with tongues**, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

[Acts 19:6](#)

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they **spake with tongues**, and prophesied. (*means that they preached*)

[Romans 3:13](#)

Their throat is an open sepulchre; with **their tongues** (*languages*) they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

[1 Corinthians 12:10](#)

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**:

[1 Corinthians 12:28](#)

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**.

[1 Corinthians 12:30](#)

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

[1 Corinthians 13:1](#)

Though I speak with the **tongues** of men and of angels, and have **not charity**, I am become as **sounding brass**, or a **tinkling cymbal**.

[1 Corinthians 13:8](#)

**Charity never faileth**: but **whether there be prophecies**, **they shall fail**; **whether there be tongues**, **they shall cease**; **whether there be knowledge**, **it shall vanish away**.

[1 Corinthians 14:5](#)

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**.

[1 Corinthians 14:6](#)

Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with **tongues**, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

[1 Corinthians 14:18](#)

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

[1 Corinthians 14:21](#) 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.

- **Who else do you know today that speak in tongues, and draws billions of people?**

1. Is it not the roman Catholic church – the priests speak in Latin to their congregation.
2. Remember when they persecuted and Burnt woman and children at the stake for speaking English, when fathers and mothers taught the Lords prayer in English?

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