

Stand Alone: 9-23-18: "Do We Have To Speak In Tongues To Be Saved?" - Notes Page

Intro: The question "Do we need to speak in tongues in order to be saved?" is one that has been around for many years, and has caused significant damage and division within the church.

My goal for today is to do three things:

- 1 - Help you understand where this idea came from.
- 2 - Help you understand why it is not supported in the text of scripture.
- 3 - Help encourage you to press in closer to the Holy Spirit in your own life.

1 - A Foundational Issue: Where did this belief come from?

A - 1906 - Azusa St revival. How many of you have heard the phrase "You must be saved, and Baptized in the Holy Spirit - evidenced by speaking in tongues..." _____

B - Two Camps

1 - Because they prayed for the Holy Spirit and this is what happened, then this is what it must look like if the Holy Spirit is in your life. _____

2 - Because these events are not normally recorded throughout the history of the church they must be false, and probably evil. _____

3 - Both sides were wrong.
The manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit have no scriptural support for using them as a litmus test to determine who is - or is not saved... _____

C - How do we get saved?

Romans 10:9-13 _____

John 3:16-18 _____

Mark 16:16-18 _____

D - Lets switch gears: Let me ask this again: "Is the text of scripture our source of truth?"

1 Corinthians 12:11 _____

Is it possible that the Holy Spirit could manifest a gift of the Spirit through a non-believer in order to reach someone with the Gospel message...? _____

Matthew 7:22-23 _____

2 - The Textual Difficulty With Modern Day Tongues

A - When people talk about the gift of tongues, they typically go to Acts 2

Acts 2:1-13 _____

1 - Do we know what terms - phrases - sounds - etc, that the disciples were uttering...? NO _____

There is a miracle here that almost always goes un-noticed

Who is speaking in tongues in this passage: Christians or Non-Christians? Who is interpreting: Christians or Non-Christians? _____

B - Here is the last one: The language itself:

In Acts 2 we have one language that becomes many... Where else in scripture do we see that?

Genesis 11, the table of nations... _____