

Should I speak in Tongues?

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“If you (church of Christ) claim to restore NT Christianity, why aren’t you: baptizing in the Holy Spirit; speaking in tongues, and handling snakes, Working miracles, etc.”

Holy Spirit Baptism:

- Was promised to a chosen few; not to all and never a command
- Only two recorded baptisms of the Holy Spirit
 - Apostles (Acts 2)
 - Cornelius (Acts 10)
- Only one baptism today (Eph. 4:5)
 - Water Baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:39)

What Was “Speaking in Tongues?”

- The Greek word *glossa* translated *tongues* appears in the Greek New Testament fifty times
 - James 3:5 - Refers to the physical tongue
 - Acts 2:3 - Once in reference to the flames of fire shaped like tongues
 - Acts 2:26 - In a metaphorical sense when referring to speech as in the statement, “my tongue (speech) was glad (joyous)”
 - Acts 2:4, 6, 8; Rev 5:9; 7:9 - A language

But What About:

- “New” in Mark 16:17? “And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues”
- “Other” in Acts 2:4? “they began to speak with other tongues”
- “Unknown” in 1 Cor. 14:2, 4, 13, 14, 19, 27? (KJV)
- “Speaks not to men but to God) (1 Cor. 14:2)

Why did they “Speak in Tongues?”

- To ***Communicate*** the Gospel
(Acts 2)
- To ***confirm*** the gospel message
(Mk. 16:16-20; Heb. 2:2-4; 1 Cor.
14:22;)

Should we Speak in Tongues Today? No!

- ✓ Spiritual gifts have ended (1 Cor. 13:8-10)
- ✓ Those that imparted them have died (Acts 8:14-17)
- ✓ Word is complete and doesn't have to be confirmed (Heb. 2:2-4)