

## **Praying in Tongues. 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 Adoration**

**David has already talked about spiritual gifts and one of those gifts is praying in tongues. This often seems mysterious and complicated, but actually it's quite simple. You receive more revelation. It's a Gift not an effort. You speak without trying and it will flow.**

### **Now Paul says in 1 Corinthians 14:**

**“1 ¶ Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. 2 For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no-one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. 3 But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. 4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. 5 I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.” “Now, brothers, if I come to you and speak in tongues, what good will I be to you, unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or word of instruction?” (1Co 14: 1 - 6 NIV)**

**So this gift of tongues is to edify ourselves. i.e. to grow in our relationship with God and this is very important to God – in fact the most important thing!**

**By praying in tongues you will receive more revelation, and understanding. Your relationship with God will go deeper. Your hunger for God will increase. – a deeper desire to know Him and walk His ways.**

**You'll have a greater understanding of the Word of God and a desire to LIVE it.**

**A desire to be free of the negative things, that are not like Jesus and a desire to become more CHRISTLIKE.**

**A desire to know Him – not simply know about Him becoming more like your Heavenly Father, who is love!**

**It's really a giving of yourself to God so that God can flow through you. \***

**It is God praying in and through you - a yielded vessel. Your voice + your tongue yielded to the Spirit.**

**But, we shouldn't pray publicly in tongues unless an interpreter is present, although we can pray privately in tongues without knowing the interpretations because it says in Romans 8: 26, 27,**

**“26 ¶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And**

he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.” (Ro 8:26-27 NIV)

**It is the Holy Spirit praying for your growth in Grace and CHRISTLIKENESS, for maturity in your walk and relationship. God begins to transform us.**

**You build yourself up in your faith, in this growing relationship.**

**Praying in tongues is really useful when we don’t know what or how to pray about some particular situation, although Its not really about getting things from God. The Spirit knows what you need and knows what to pray for you and your spiritual development.**

**The Spirit prays about the wrong things in us, all the stuff. We get bogged down.**

**We pray that these wrong things will be refined out of us and that we come more and more in line with the perfect **Will of God.****

**God developing us.**

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**As I already said, When you have the gift of tongues  
Then you have to be careful of its use in Public.**

**1Co 14:13-14 says:**

**“13 For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.”**

**And verse 27 says:**

**“If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three— should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret.”**

**And 1Corinthians 14:26-28 saya**

**“26 ¶ What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church. 27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three— should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. 28 If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and God.”**