

Interpretation of Tongues

The second gift of utterance is the gift of interpretation of tongues.

What is the Gift of “Interpretation of Tongues?” This Gift is the supernatural verbalization of the meaning of a message just delivered to the church by a member of the body of Christ in a language he does not understand.

What is the purpose of this Gift? The purpose of Interpretation of Tongues is to interpret and render a message intelligible that was given forth in and unintelligible tongue. The ministry of the Gift is to edify and build up the church.

TONGUES + INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES = PHOPHECY

“Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret – 1 Corinthians 14:13.” The interpretation of tongues requires a measure of faith.

First, I want to identify that each Spirit Filled person has a devotional language or tongue which is given by God for their individual edification and comfort. The public tongue is given for edification of other individuals or the entire audience. Most people don't realize that what we call the Epistles appear to be an interpretation of a public tongue and they begin with a greeting like Galatians 1:2 "Unto the Church of Galatia", Ephesians 1:1-2 "To the faithful in Christ Jesus, grace and peace be unto you". I did not discover this until I had interpreted numerous public tongues. This makes it so simple to start and if you have the interpretation, the words will flow easily after the greetings, very much like addressing a letter to a relative or friend. My wife, Luella, has a public tongue and quit often we will minister to dozens of people and even hundreds of people with her giving a tongue and my interpretation of that tongue. Quite often, this is received more readily than a prophecy, even though the Bible says they are equal. Since we have ministered this way for many years, we have had no less than hundreds of people confirming the accuracy and fulfillment of the word spoken.

One example was in an Oklahoma City breakfast meeting. We always knew when Mr. Gene Stumps came in that we were going to receive a message in tongues and quite often, I interpreted these tongues. This FGBMFI breakfast was no different, with Gene giving the message and I interpreting. After the meeting, a man grabbed me by the arm and drug me to Gene's side. As he held on to both of us, he ask "what's going on here?" This stranger knew the word was from God but this type of presentation was completely foreign to him. The result was, him being filled with the Holy Spirit with his own heavenly language. He told me that he was a professional detective and owned a detective agency. His remark was "grab a hold of all the participants and don't let them go until you find the answer" which he did.

This man and his wife were on the verge of divorce and with these words and interpretation thereof, his marriage was restored and they developed a ministry which became a part of a large church in the Oklahoma City area. Their ministry restored numerous homes and became recognized throughout the Southwest USA.