

We Believe in Speaking in Tongues

IDENTITY Series- Week 7

Speaking in Tongues- *“The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance. The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues, but is different in purpose and use.”*

-Truth #8 from the Assemblies of God Statement of Fundamental Truths

Question #1: What is speaking in tongues?

Speaking in tongues is speaking in languages one has never learned and does not understand by the enabling of the Holy Spirit.

Three Categories of tongues:

1. Evidential Tongues (Acts 2:1-11, 10:44-48, 11:15-18)
2. Personal Tongues (1 Corinthians 14:2,4)
3. Public Tongues (1 Corinthians 14:5)

Question #2: Why is speaking in tongues important?

- Because the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is important and tongues is the evidence by which you know you have experienced it.
- Because speaking in tongues becomes a wonderful and intimate way to pray and fellowship with God.
- Because speaking in tongues publicly can be used by God to encourage and edify the church, but only if accompanied by interpretation. 1 Corinthians 4:4-6
- Because speaking in tongues publicly with interpretation can be a sign to unbelievers, bringing them closer to Jesus. 1 Corinthians 14:22

Question #3: Who should speak in tongues?

Everyone who has been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

The ABC's of receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

- **ASK.** Tell God you want everything He has for you and ask Him to baptize you in the Holy Spirit.
- **BELIEVE.** After you ask, believe that God will give you this good gift. Be like a child and receive it. Luke 11:13
- **CONFESS.** Use your mouth to step out in faith just like Peter used His feet to step onto water. Begin to speak the new sounds, syllables or words that come out.