

# Acts of the Apostles 2:4-12 \_ Lesson 06

## *Speaking in Tongues*

### 1. Acts 2:4 – The Holy Ghost - *review*

- a. This is not the first time the Holy Ghost worked mightily in people with power
- b. He comes and goes from people – Ge 41:38, Jg 15:14 1Sa 10:10, 16:13-14, Ps 51:11
- c. Just like “which gospel”, we must ask what the Spirit is doing/saying - John 15:26
- d. Rather than the Spirit leaving us, we are sealed by Him – Eph 1:13, 4:30
- e. The work of the Spirit in us today is in giving the mind of Christ. 1 Cor 2:12

### 2. Acts 2:4-11 – Jewish Witnesses of the King

- a. I believe in the Spirit given ability to speak in tongues, but God will not give it to me
- b. Every tongue talker is Pentecostal and ignorant of the mystery: Paul was neither
- c. Pentecostals have perverted the true meaning of what happened here.
- d. There is no Christian (Acts 11:29), or unknown tongue in this chapter.
- e. “*Jews*” – the only audience of Acts 2 – there is no Jew/Gentile body.
- f. “*speak in his own language*” – Not an angelic language, or gibberish
- g. The nations here represented are found in the epistles (1 Pet 1:1, Romans)
- h. “*wonderful works of God*” – Which at this point does not include the mystery
- i. The ‘wonderful works’ are here → Ps 40:5;78:4;107:21,31; 111:4

### 3. Acts 2:12 – The Tongues Controversy

- a. 2:12 - “*what meaneth this?*” – A question that has resulted in confusion and false teaching that this is a sign of salvation, second blessing, or the birth of the church
- b. Tongues as evidence of salvation, 2<sup>nd</sup> blessing, or Spirit presence is cured by 1Cor
- c. The gift of tongues was given for better communication, better understanding

### 4. Tongues in Prophecy

- a. 2:4 - “*speak with other tongues*” – as Mark 16:17 said would happen, but why?
- b. The restoration of language was something prophesied – Isa 28:11; 32:4, 35:5-6
- c. Consider the confounding at Babel – Gen 11:9 with the confounding here – 2:5-6
- d. Language became punishment – Jer 5:15 – in the kingdom a restoration
- e. When God intends to gather the nations in Jerusalem he restores languages
- f. The kingdom brings languages (and nations) together Ze 8:23, Is 19:18, Zeph 3:9
- g. Jesus came preaching the kingdom, and restoring tongues – Mark 7:32-37
- h. When the kingdom was rejected, tongues stopped, and Israel was scattered
- i. They were required for the kingdom come, and a sign to unbelievers – 1Co 14:22
- j. “*I thank God I speak with tongues ... yet...* ” – 1 Cor 14:18-19, 37
- k. If you can’t make all men see the fellowship of the mystery your ‘gift’ is useless