



God Speaks To And Through His People

Series: "Real Christianity: How It All Started", Part 6 of 11

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Text: Acts 2:1-13

Big Idea: God speaks to and through His people.

Acts 2:4, "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Two Dominate Views Regarding Tongues:

The Continuationist View.

The Continuationist View affirms that all the gifts God has ever given are still valid today.

The Cessationist View.

The Cessationist View contends that spectacular gifts, including tongues, ceased during the first or second century AD.

► Humanly fabricated.

► Demonically inspired.

I. The Runway Leading Up To This Pivotal Moment.

Acts 2:5, "Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven."

Acts 2:11b, "We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

II. The Reality Behind This Event.

Acts 2:11b, "We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

Acts 2:6, "When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language."

III. The Immediate Response To This Manifestation.

Acts 2:12-13, "Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'
13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'"

Three Responses:

Amazement: wow, we didn't see this coming!

Perplexity: we don't really understand this.

Criticism: this threatens us in some way, and we don't like it.

IV. The Relevance Of This Gift Today.

A. While every genuine Christian is indwelled by the Holy Spirit, we can look forward to a lifetime of deepening experiences with Him.

B. We have no exegetical/biblical reason to conclude that any gift has completely ceased to operate among the Body of Christ.

C. Spiritual maturity is measured by fruit of the Spirit, not gifts of the Spirit.