

The Christian Center Newsletter 10-27-24

The Benefits of Speaking in Tongues

In 1982, I drove across an intersection in Lawton, Oklahoma at 19th and Pollard; and my life changed forever! There I was baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit anointed me that night, and 42 years later I am still living a spiritual life that most people have no clue that they, too, can live. When this happened to me, I was introduced to a new way of speaking. God gave me a spiritual language that I've been speaking in for these 42 years. I've enjoyed talking to God from my newborn spirit, instead of just talking to Him through my mind. While I've been talking to Him in my spiritual language, I've had God reveal to me things that are just out of this world's ability to understand. The ministry of The Christian Center was birthed out of my speaking in tongues. Now I'm going to give you Scriptures today that will show you how God gives this wonderful gift of speaking in a spiritual tongue to people, and this Newsletter is to give you a desire to receive this gift or inspire you to pray more in your heavenly language.

The first account of when this gift was given was when the Church started.

Acts 2:1-4 KJV And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. [2] And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. [3] And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

In these verses God gave this gift to only the Jews, but later He gave the same gift to the Gentiles.

Acts 10:44-47 KJV While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. [45] And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. [46] For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, [47] Can

any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Acts 11:1-18 KJV And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. [2] And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, [3] Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. [4] But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, [5] I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from Heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: [6] Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. [7] And I heard a Voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. [8] But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. [9] But the Voice answered me again from Heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. [10] And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into Heaven. [11] And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me. [12] And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: [13] And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; [14] Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. [15] And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. [16] Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that He said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. [17] Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as He did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? [18] When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Now I have given you a lot of verses to study. Please do your best to meditate on them, and you will see that God wants His church to speak in tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:1-2, 14-15 KJV Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. [2] For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

[14] For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. [15] What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

Jude 1:19-20 KJV These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. [20] But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

This Sunday, at The Christian Center, I will be speaking on this subject. I hope you will be there and receive the revelation of speaking in tongues; it will set you free! If you're out of town, you can watch on line streaming on our app. To download go to your App Store and search The Christian Center. You can also enjoy previous messages on the App.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Acts 10

Tuesday Acts 11

Wednesday Acts 12

Thursday Acts 13

Friday Acts 14

Saturday Acts 15

Sunday Acts 16

STAY CONNECTED

** Men's Fellowship: Saturday 9am at Golden Corral

** If you need prayer, call our Prayer Line 580-704-0505

** Singles will be eating after Services at: Golden Corral 2632 NW Cache Rd

** The Christian Center app- -<https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>

** You can text to give through the TCC app.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 9:45am

Children — 6 months - 5th grade

Youth — 6th -12th grades

Young Singles/College & Career —ages 18-26 Eliav/Kim Nash

ADULT CLASSES

*Foundation 1 - Pastor Paul

*Healing - Lester/Monica Witherspoon

*Faith - Mike Whitley

*Marriage -Danny/Demetrice Williams

*Foundation 2 - Mike Wiggins

*Prayer - Joe Cunningham

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

* Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday 6:15-7:15am

* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Fri 10-11am in the Gym

* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Fri 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app

Weekly

** Sunday Services: 9:45 am classes; 10:45am Main Service

** Monday Night Care Group: In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm

** Wednesday Night Prayer: 6pm before Services in the Foundation 1 Classroom

** Wednesday Night: Adult and Youth Services 7pm (Youth meet in Youth area)

** Mobile Prayer: Fri 2-3:30pm Hobby Lobby parking lot

** Friday Night Prayer: 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony

Monthly

*** Men's Fellowship: 1st Saturday 9am at Golden Corral

*** Crosses at the Corner: 1st Saturday 11am-1pm corner of Sheridan and Cache Rd.

*** Women's Meeting: 2nd Saturday 9am in Fellowship Hall

*** Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thursday 5pm in Sanctuary

*** Horse Ministry: 3rd Saturday 10am -1pm at Camp Faith

*** Relationship Class: 4th Saturday 10am-12 in Fellowship Hall. Childcare 4 years old and up