

A BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES, WHAT IT IS, AND WHY IT'S FOR YOU.

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1 Corinthians 14:1-2

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. ² For anyone who speaks in a tongue^[a] does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

1. Praying in the Spirit is praying the perfect will of God

Romans 8:26-27

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers^[a] in harmony with God's own will.

2. Praying in the Spirit strengthens you and builds you up

Jude 20

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit

**Building up / Epoikodomeo' = to build on a foundation that has already
been laid / to increase and grow stronger**

3. Praying in the Spirit is a decision we make. We can start and stop at will.

1 Corinthians 14:15

Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit,^[a] and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.

4. Praying in the Spirit or a “prayer language” is separate than the gift of tongues.

5. We Speak “as the Spirit gives the utterance”

Acts 2:4

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Tongues = glossa / an unknown language, not naturally acquired or learned

Utterance = apothengomai / to send the data or information

John 7:38-39

Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given,