

Conclusions about the Cessation of Biblical Tongues

1. The purpose of Tongues

1.1 Cor. 13:8 “Tongues shall cease”

1) Verb “Pauo” = cease

2) Middle Voice = willing cessation

2. Tongues were a sign to unbelievers (1 Cor. 14:22), which authenticated the apostles and their message because they were writing the scriptures. God was breathing His Word through them.

3. The Apostles were foundational (Eph. 2:20). You cannot re-lay the foundation any more than you can the cornerstone, which is Jesus Christ.

4. The first 500 years of the church there were no Christian tongues after 70 AD. The only group who spoke in tongues during this time were the Montanists. They were a cult. Montanists claimed to be the Paraclete - Greek word for Holy Spirit.

2. If biblical instructions were followed the modern tongues movement would die.

1. Do not seek the gift (1 Cor. 12:11, 18)

2. Keep silent without an interpreter (1 Cor. 14:28)

3. ‘Tongues’ is not a prayer language (1 Cor. 14:22), 14:4 is condemnation, Rom. 8:26 is intertrinitarian or communion on behalf of all believers – “unutterable.”

4. No angelic language (1 Cor. 13:1-3) Says “IF”

5. Pray with spirit and mind (1 Cor. 14:15)

6. It’s a sign to unbelievers (1 Cor. 14:22)

7. Love edifies others (1 Cor. 13:5, 14:12,26) whereas, tongues used with believers edifies self only (1 Cor. 14:4)

3. Speaking in tongues, as it is done today, does not demonstrate the spirituality of a person or anything else.

5. It is not the sign of “baptism with the Holy Spirit”

1) Spirit baptism is for all (1 Cor. 12:13)

2) Tongues is not for all (1 Cor. 12:30)

3) Acts records many receiving baptism by the Holy Spirit without speaking in tongues.

6. It does not prove you are spiritual

1) The Corinthians are the most carnal church in the New Testament; Paul called them carnal (1 Cor. 3:1), and yet there the gift is most prevalent

7. It does not demonstrate or prove you are filled with the Holy Spirit

1) This is commanded for all in Eph. 5:18, while tongues is only for some (1 Cor. 12:30)

2) This is demonstrated by the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

8. The definitive passages in the New Testament on being filled with the Holy Spirit do not mention tongues, e.g. Eph. 5:18-22 and Gal. 5:16-26

9. The evidence of being filled with the Spirit is:

1) Eph. 5:19 – singing from our heart to the Lord

2) Eph. 5:20 – thankful to the Father

3) Eph. 5:21 – submissive to our brothers and sisters

- 4) Gal. 5:22-23 – the Fruit of the Spirit
10. It does not demonstrate or prove that the Holy Spirit is still causing the gift of tongues
 - 1) Biblical ‘tongues’ is a known, verifiable, human language, which is learned supernaturally
 11. Modern ‘tongues’ is mere babbling of a string of meaningless, unintelligible, non-syllabic sounds. In other words, speaking in tongues is mere gibberish
 12. Gibberish predates, was contemporaneous with, and post dates biblical tongues among galaxies of immoral, non-Christian pagans and heretics have spoken and speak gibberish
4. **Therefore, the presence of gibberish in Christian circles not only does not disprove the cessation of the biblical gift of tongues, but rather substantiates that biblical tongues ceased.**