

TONGUES WILL CEASE (Part One)

This is our 7th lesson in 2016 Spiritual Gifts series. It would be very important for you to study [lessons 5](#) and [lesson 6](#) in order to understand Paul's discussion of certain spiritual gifts being done away and ceasing during the church age.

This lesson will study five aspects of Paul's teaching that Tongues Will Cease during the church age.

(1 Cor.13:8b) "If there are tongues (glossa/ nplm), they will cease (pauo/ f.m.ind.3pl)."

1. Notice that pauo [will cease] is in the future tense, intensive middle voice, indicative mood, and 3rd person plural.
 - **Future tense** means sometime in the future time of the church age from Paul's writing of 1 Corinthians (55AD).
 - **Intense middle voice** is important. It calls attention to the subject. Tongues produce the action rather than participating in it ([Dana Grammar, pg.159 on 1 Cor.13:8](#)).
 - **POINT:** The emphasis is the role of tongues in the action of them ceasing.
 - It is an **intransitive verb** meaning that something inside itself will cause it to cease ([Dana, pg.154](#)). It does not require something outside of it to cause it to cease.
 - The **Indicative** is the mood of reality in the future of the church age (1 Cor.12:12-27) [spiritual gifts make-up the body of Christ] Sometime between Pentecost and the Rapture tongues will cease.
 - Notice **tongues is plural** because it was spoken in all the different Gentiles languages of the world (Acts 2:8-12) [16 languages and many dialects] (Acts 2:6-8) (language/ dialektos).
2. We know that Paul put certain spiritual gifts into three sections (1 Cor.12:8-10). Then he pulled one out of each section to show which ones would be done away and which ones would cease in 1 Cor.13:8-10).

Now we will study the way Paul listed them in 1 Cor.12:8-10 and the importance of which one he pulled in 1 Cor.13:8-10.

In lessons 5 and 6 we learned that prophecy and discerning spirit was in a set and that tongues and interpretation was also a set

- **Section one:**
 - The gift left word of wisdom
 - The gift pulled word of knowledge
- **Section two:**
 - Two gifts left faith, healings, and miracles
 - gifts pulled prophecy and discerning spirit (**set**)

- **Section three:**

- No gifts left The gifts pulled (set) tongues and interpretation of tongues.
(1 Cor.14:27-30).

NOTE: It seems to me that there were **four sets**. We learned that the one pulled identified the others as either done away with or ceased.

3. The Gift of Tongues was a prophetic sign to the unbelieving Israelites from 30-70AD.

(1 Cor.1:22) “For indeed **Jews ask for signs** and Greeks search for wisdom.”
(2 gifts: tongues and word of wisdom)

Interpretation of tongues: (1 Cor.14:5, 13, 27-28) “Unless he interprets (diemeneuo), so that the church may receive edifying.”

- **(1 Cor.14:20) (New Covenant):** “Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature
 - (1 Cor.13:11) “When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me”.
 - (Isa.28:11) Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues, God will speak to this people,
 - (Luke 24:44) “He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”
 - (1 Cor.14:21) ‘By men of strange tongues and by the lips of strangers I will speak to this people (Judean Jews), and even so they will not listen to Me,’ says the Lord.
 - (1 Cor.14:22) “**So then** tongues are for a sign, **not to those who believe but to unbelievers**; but prophecy is for a sign, not to unbelievers but to those who believe.”
- **Isa.28:11 (Old Covenant):** “Indeed, He (God) will speak (dabar/ piel impf.3ms) to this people through stammering (lag) [barbarian] lips (saphah) [speech] and a foreign (acher) [another] tongue (lashon) [language].”

4. This prophetic sign from Isaiah 28:11 (28:1, 9-13) was 1 of 6 prophetic woes given to Ephraim (northern kingdom) (Isa.28:1) which will fall under the 5th cycle of divine judgment as the priest-nation to the Assyrians (Deut.28:47-49, 53-57, 64-68 and Lev.26).

- The disciplinary foreign tongue that Ephraim (No. Kingdom) will hear will be **Assyrian (722BC)**.
- The disciplinary foreign tongue that Judah (So. Kingdom) will hear will be **Babylonian (586BC)**.
- The disciplinary foreign tongue that Judah will hear will be **Roman (70AD)**.

NOTE: The 5th cycle of judgment meant removal of Jews from the Promised Land by a Gentile power.

(Isa.28:13) “So the word of the Lord to them will be, ‘Order on order, order on order, line on line, line on line, a little here, a little there,’ **that they may go and stumble backward, be broken, snared and taken captive.**”

This prophetic woe sign was also a warning to the Judeans (Isa.28:14, 16; Rom.9:32-33; 1 Pet.2:6-8; Eph.2:20).

5. The spiritual gift of tongues, and interpretation of tongues operated through the church from 30-70AD by the gospel of Christ Jesus being preached by converted Jews in Gentile languages and interpreted as a sign of the coming judgment (5th Cycle) upon Israel.

First century Judah would once again be put under the 5th cycle of judgment for rejecting God's prophetic Word and finally rejecting God's son (Matt.21:33-46) [Parable of Tenants] (John 1:11-13; Acts 2:22-24).

The message delivered by "**different kinds of tongues**" but the **same message**, the Grace Gospel of Jesus Christ. It offered grace salvation and turning the cursing of the 5th cycle of judgment into **spiritual blessing in Christ (Eph.1:3b)**.

The Book of Acts is evidence of this type of evangelism (Acts 2, 8, 10-11, and 19) [There were four Pentecost's recorded].

The Gifts of tongues and interpretation will cease with the 5th cycle of divine judgment upon Judah when Gentiles (Rome – 70AD) disperse the Jews from the Promised Land