

The Overlooked Value of Praying in Tongues GCF 5-18-08

It is a sign that will accompany those who believe.

- Mark 16:17, 18 – “*In my name they shall...*”
- One among others. (Denotes an impartation of supernatural unction.)
- The believers were told to wait in Jerusalem until they received power from on high. (Acts 1:8)
- Acts 19:1-6 – Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?

It is an evidence of the Spirit's empowerment in your life.

- It is an evidence of something greater → The Holy Spirit's empowerment.
- We are speaking unto God, not men. (1 Corinthians 14:1)
- When the bystanders heard the believers at Pentecost, they were glorifying God in their native languages. (Acts 2: 4-8)
- Exercising it will edify our spirit and build us up in faith. (Jude 20, 21)

The manifestation of the Spirit is given so that all may profit!

- 1 Corinthians 12:7 – (read v.1-11)
- It is to benefit us both individually and corporately!

We are encouraged to desire “spiritual gifts.” (1 Corinthians 14:1)

- v.39 – *Do not forbid to speak in tongues.*
- Colossians 3:1, 2 – Seek those things which are above (where Christ is seated) and set your affections on them!

Your spirit prays (apart from your understanding) directed by the Holy Spirit.

- 1 Corinthians 14:14 – “*...my mind is unfruitful...*”
- We speak mysteries. (v.2)
- Do both --- pray with the spirit and with the understanding. (v.15)
- Romans 8:26, 27 – The Holy Spirit prays through us according to the will of God.
- Tongues of men and angels. (1 Corinthians 13:1)