

The Gift of Tongues

**The purpose for the
gifts is that:**

**The body of Christ is built up.
The church is effective.**

**The gift of tongues is when
someone speaks a language
they did not previously know or
learn.**

New Testament References:

**Mk 16 they will speak in new
tongues .**

**Acts 2 The Day of Pentecost. 120
believers spoke in languages
they had not previously known**

**Acts 10 The Holy Spirit came
upon the Gentile believers who
spoke in tongues .**

**Acts 19 When Paul went to
Ephesus he began to share, he
placed his hands upon the
people, the Holy Spirit came
upon them and they spoke in
tongues**

Paul's letter to the believers at Corinth

This was an enthusiastic church who had several issues requiring attention and instruction - amongst them was the exercise of the gift of tongues.

- 1. Love is to be the motivation. Chap 13 one of the most wonderful passage ever written on love**
- 2. Chap 14:1 Follow the way of love**
- 3. Eagerly desire spiritual gifts - so that the church might be strengthened v 26**
- 4. Speaking in tongues (without interpretation) is far inferior to speaking intelligibly**

5. Paul would like all to speak in tongues v 5, and says do not forbid it v 39

6. Everything must be done in an orderly way v 40

Paul's Instruction:

There must be an interpreter present

Two or three at the most may speak in tongues during a service

Speaking in tongues strengthens the individual spiritually, but does not strengthen the mind..

**God refuses to be placed
in a box. He is God and
we are called to trust
Him even when we don't
fully understand.**