

Diversities of Tongues

Diversities of tongues is a grace gift, available to the "Spirit-filled" church. While the amazing, biblically stated advantages of speaking in tongues apply during its practice, God utilizes the grace gift of diversities of tongues to empower a higher level of service to, and with Him.

The following is a review from Session One of our series concerning the biblically stated benefits of speaking with unknown tongues:

- Fulfilling of Old Testament prophecy
- A gift and empowerment given at the birth of the church at Pentecost
- The Spirit of God within is the wellspring of speaking in tongues
- Communication through, and directly to God
- Speaking the mysteries (*mysterion*) of God
- Interpretation (*hermeneia*) must accompany the usage of this gift.
- Through interpretation, the line upon line of spiritual understanding is established
- Such understanding is gleaned in conjunction with partnering with God through Spirit-filled intercession concerning the progression of His eternal purpose for the world.
- This intercessory partnership expresses the eternal purpose of the person as it also serves the eternal progression of the will of God.
- The agape of passionate devotion to the will of God is essential to this gift, and it provides a necessary and unifying measure of service with the holy angels of God.
- The church must never forbid speaking with unknown tongues. Instead, the church must insist upon its use in conjunction with prophetically gleaning and stating the understanding of what the Spirit reveals during Spirit-filled intercessory exchanges between God and His people.

The Genos Factor

- The Five-Fold Offices/Divine Mindset and the Saints

Ephesians 4: 11-15 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

- The Placement of Diversities of Tongues in the Pastoral setting

I Corinthians 12:28-30 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, **diversities (genos) of tongues (genos glossa)**. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

- A Grace Gift

I Corinthians 12: 4-11 Now there are diversities of gifts (*diarsis charisma*), but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; -- To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; -- To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another **divers kinds (genos) of tongues**; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

What does *genos* mean?

Kinship.
Essential root and identity.
Beginnings (see Genesis).
"Orderly" generations of development.

What does *ginomai* mean?

Regularly: fruit or offspring

- "God forbid"
- I Peter 2:24 – *apogenomenos* versus the Mithras cult

Next Time.... I Corinthians 14 – So many kinds of *genos*