**Speaking In Tongues**

**Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8**

**Study of 1 Corinthians 12-13-14**

This subject needs an appeal to logic. Something **‘better felt than told”** is not profitable. Questions:

* Do you have the Holy Spirit?
* How do you know?
* How can you prove it?
* How can I know you do?
* What is the “gift” of the Holy Spirit of ***(Acts 2:38) Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.***

Quote from a Charismatic preacher, “When you really get the Holy Ghost you **WILL** speak in tongues.”

**The Real love of Chapter 13**

Chapter 13 is in the middle of a rebuke to the carnally minded Corinthians. Try to read the chapter with this in mind.

Remember the tone of Paul’s rebuke.

The Corinthians were proud of their gifts.

It’s the same pride most charismatics have regarding their special gifts to speak in tongues**. “I’ve got the Holy Ghost and I’ll prove it by this miracle or by babbling something unintelligible.”**

Definition of tongue: **1100. glossa, gloce'-sah; of uncert. affin.; the tongue; by impl. a language (spec. one naturally unacquired):--tongue. [Strong’s Concordance], a distinct human language [cf Acts Chap. 2] without any prior study or training.**

The point that is missed by the Charismatics is that there was an intelligible purpose in speaking in tongues; not some ecstatic falling on the floor or raising hands and voice to the disruption of the edification of all.

When asked, **“Do you always understand what you are saying when you speak in tongues?”** The Charismatic will answer, **“I don’t have to understand because the Spirit interprets it for me.”** ***(Romans 8:26-27) Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. {27} Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.***

Hear what the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write about this matter: ***{13} Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. {14} For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful…{15} What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.***