

Questions for Charismatics & Pentecostals

1. Name an instance in the Bible where someone spoke tongues and a Jew was not present!

Key: They can't. I Corinthians 14:21; 1:22; Isaiah 28:11.

2. What language do you speak when you speak in tongues?

Key: Real languages were always spoken, not gibberish. Acts 2:6, 8-11

Note: I Corinthians 13: 1, Paul did not mean he spoke in an angelic tongue. See the meaning of "though" -Job 13:15; and Proverbs 11:21 (hypothetical situation).

3. Do women speak in tongues your church?

Key: They are commanded not to-I Corinthians 14:34. This is right in the middle of a tongues and prophecies passage and pertains to this activity. Since these gifts have ceased (I Corinthians 13:10) preaching is limited men only (I Timothy 2:12; 3:2 and 12). Scripture does not bar women from teaching children and other women; neither does it mean women have to be mute in church. When taking I Corinthians 14:34 in context it is clearly seen that this is talking about women prophesying and speaking in tongues.

4. Why do you speak in tongues in church when Paul said, "Yet .in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue."?

I Corinthians 14:19.

5. If tongues did not cease, prophecies did not fail, and knowledge did not vanish away upon completion of the Bible (which is perfect) Revelation 22:18 and 19, what is stopping anyone from adding to the Bible whenever he pleases?

(Example- Joseph Smith of the Mormons).

Key: I Corinthians 13: 8-13, is not talking about Jesus' return.

a. In verse 10 "that" is an inanimate object.

b. Verse 12 is talking about prophecy being a foggy mirror or dark glass, but when "that which is perfect is come" (verse 10), it shall be a clear image, "I know even as also I am known" (verse 12). The Bible is described as a mirror in James 1:23.

c. One of the three things that still abides is faith, and "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17. The Word of God (the King James Version, 1611 A.D.) should be the believer's only guide, not babblings. I Timothy 6:20.

6. Let's say you have a genuine gift of tongues, why are you not on the foreign mission field preaching the gospel with it?

Key: Probably because you are not saved, you wicked devil.

7. Considering that I Corinthians is a rebuke to a carnal church (I Corinthians 3: 3), name one or more epistles in the New Testament that suggests we speak in tongues.

Key: Not once in 20 of these main doctrinal books is it mentioned.

8. How do you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost?

Key: Not by tarrying, begging, or asking, nor by being prayed upon, but at the moment of salvation. Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:13. (Note-There is only one baptism of the Spirit, Ephesians 4:5).

9. Where are you commanded ever to hold a healing service in scripture?

Key: Nowhere. (Note- James 5:14 says "...let him", the one who is sick, call for the elders.)

10. Is it always God's will for everybody to be healed?

Key: No. II Corinthians 12: 7-9; Philippians 2:25-30; II Timothy 4:20; Hebrews 12:6-14; I Corinthians 11:30-32.

"And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" Acts 13:10