

Tongue Twisters

Pt. 3 - Speaking In Tongues

Opening story - "Hubba Bubba"

Note - The Bible's sad commentary of the tongue.
"Unruly member." "Restless evil."

James 3:2,6, For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. 6 among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

· In the sad story of the tongue's dilemma, God loves to add a twist.

Mark 16:17, And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues...

Note - God promises to empower us with an ability to die to the natural proclivities of the tongue.

Acts 1:8, But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...

Note - Witness in the Greek is "Martyr."

Revelation 12:11, They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Note - We overcome Satan's tongue twisters by the power God provides to die to lies, criticism, complaints, gossip, profanity, boasting, lewdness and every other twisted ploy of our enemy.

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- The initial sign one has received this power is the ability to speak in an unknown tongue.

Acts 10:44-45, While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Note - Unknown tongues and unlearned tongues

- This twist is a second work of grace, distinct and in addition to salvation.

Acts 19:1-2, While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

Note - It is for every believer, not just a few.

Acts 2:39, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call."

The Benefits of the Twist

1. Power

Luke 10:19, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

2. Boldness

Acts 4:31, When they finished praying, the place where they were meeting was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim God's message

with boldness.

Note - As the world grows more bold in its perversion, we must allow God to make us more bold in our faith!

Example - Peter

3. Direct communication with God

Romans 8:26, And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

4. A stronger faith

Jude 1:20-21, But you, beloved, building up yourselves in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God as you await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you eternal life.

Note - If this gift endues you with power, emboldens you and gives you a direct connection with God, how could it not provide you with a stronger faith?