

## Q&A Sunday - May 20, 2018 - Keith Carroll

Questions: I have spoken in tongues over 30 years. Does the language ever change? Mine is the same. Also, if the Lord gave me a word in tongues for the church would it sound different or be like my prayer language?

One of the questions is asking about private personal prayer language versus a Message, which being, the gift of tongues given in the church or public worship.

This is short answer to a question answered in 10 Minutes not an expounded teaching on the subject...

Personal tongues..

Your Personal prayer language is to build yourself up spiritually.

1 Cor 14:4 One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church

Jude 1:20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit

1 Cor 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unproductive [because it does not understand what my spirit is praying

1 Cor 14:2 For one who speaks in an unknown tongue does not speak to people but to God; for no one understands him or catches his meaning, but by the Spirit he speaks mysteries [secret truths, hidden things].

A Message to group to is to build up and edify, if it is interpreted in church.

1 Cor 14:13 Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may translate or explain what he says.

1 Cor 12:7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit [the spiritual illumination and the enabling of the Holy Spirit] for the common good.

1 Cor 14:18-19 I thank God that I speak in [unknown] tongues more than all of you; Nevertheless, in public worship I would rather say five understandable

words in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue [which others cannot understand].

1 Cor 14:26 What then is the right course, believers? When you meet together, each one has a psalm, a teaching, a revelation (disclosure of special knowledge), a tongue, or an interpretation. Let everything be constructive and edifying and done for the good of all the church.

1 Cor If anyone speaks in a tongue, it should be limited to two or at the most three, and each one speaking in turn, and one must interpret [what is said].

1 Cor 14:1 Pursue [this] love [with eagerness, make it your goal], yet earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual gifts [to be used by believers for the benefit of the church], but especially that you may prophesy.

The Spirit distributes these gifts...

1 Cor 12:4 Now there are [distinctive] varieties of spiritual gifts [special abilities given by the grace and extraordinary power of the Holy Spirit operating in believers], but it is the same Spirit [who grants them and empowers believers].

1 Cor 12:6 And there are [distinctive] ways of working [to accomplish things], but it is the same God who produces all things in all believers [inspiring, energizing, and empowering them].

1 Cor 12:10 To another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Cor 12:7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit [the spiritual illumination and the enabling of the Holy Spirit] for the common good.

Your language could be different.

Acts 2:1-11

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place,<sup>2</sup> and suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> There appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were being distributed [among them], and they rested on each one of them [as each person received the Holy Spirit]. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out.

5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout *and* God-fearing men from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound was heard, a crowd gathered, and they were bewildered because each one was hearing those in the upper room speaking in his own language *or* dialect. 7 They were completely astonished, saying, "Look! Are not all of these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears in our own language *or* native dialect? 9 [Among us there are] Parthians, Medes and Elamites, and people of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Modern Turkey. Asia [Minor], 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and the visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes (Gentile converts to Judaism), 11 Cretans and Arabs--we all hear them speaking in our [native] tongues about the mighty works of God!"

My Personal testimony.... I have spoken in different Language's which have sounded like Native American Indian and other languages, especially when I'm interceding or giving a message in tongues in the church. I have also heard of people giving a message in tongues in the church and someone in the church spoke that language, and understood them.

Romans 8:26-27 In the same way the Spirit [comes to us and] helps us in our weakness. We do not know what prayer to offer *or* how to offer it as we should, but the Spirit Himself [knows our need and at the right time] intercedes on our behalf with sighs *and* groanings too deep for words. 27 And He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes [before God] on behalf of the saints.  
God's people in accordance with God's will.