

We Believe!



Four Defining Truths of the Assemblies of God



God and "Tongues"

James, Romans

God's Language...

- From the beginning, man has had a problem: Language!
 - It confuses us (Eve); betrays us (Cain); and causes rebellion in us (Babel)!
 - We need our lips/tongues made new!
 - God has a plan!!! Isa 50:4; 59:21



James

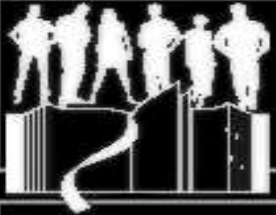
1:26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.

3:5 So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! **6** And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

3:8 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

God's Goal and Purpose

- From the beginning we needed help - THE WORD
- God has tried to put this in us...



Romans 10:

8 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

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 - Prophets spoke and prophesied
 - Dreams and Visions gave new "words"
 - Apostles, filled with the HS preach the Gospel!
 - Each believer has this promise, not just a few...



Acts 2:

38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

Why we need tongues...

- A prayer language that sets free our hearts...
 - This is different from the “gift of tongues for the edification of Body, 1 Cor 12-14
 - We pray HIS prayers... “Thy will be done”
 - Brings oneness of heart – Acts 1,2,4...etc
 - Takes from the Throne, and fills us with Father!!!
 - This prepares and strengthens us for witness!



Romans 8:

26 ¶ In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Why we need tongues...

- A way to reveal our hearts before God...
 - 1 Co 2:11 Getting the Word directly planted!
 - Search me oh God... know my heart! Ps 139:23
 - When we are alone with God... no veil needed!

Why we need tongues...

- Key to confession
 - 1Co 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.
 - Jesus, Paul, John... carried in the Spirit
 - Not only of sin, but of our need... David's Psalms
 - Clears our minds of the lies of flesh/old nature

God's Gift...

- Jesus said it was to our advantage, best interest!
- Gift of tongues defeats our problem tongues!
- Prayer is empowered and focused!
- Phil 2:11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father