

Tongues for Each Language

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

If you have a Bible, please open it to **Acts chapter 2**. This is a very important section of Scripture. We read - **And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place**. Who were the **all**? They were the disciples of the Lord. They were meeting, praying, waiting on the Lord **in one place**, because they had been told to do that by the Lord, and they were obeying the Lord. They were obeying but they also had very expectant hearts, because they had been promised the gift of the Holy Spirit. What does this mean? This means that the Lord Himself, as He ascended to Heaven, was then going to send His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third party of the Trinity, the third Person. He is God. He was going to come and He was going to do the work of Christ in and through them, because He was going to give all the glory to the Lord. The work of the Holy Spirit, when He filled the believers, was going to do it as if Christ was there doing the work. This is awesome, because this is normal Christianity! When we come into Christ, we are born of the Spirit of God. We do not have to somehow keep hoping something different is going to happen different. Everything is available to us in Christ, but we need to be in accord: wanting what He wants, obeying what He is saying and being entrusted with the work of His Spirit to give all glory

to Jesus Christ.

Verse 2 **When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. . . . it filled the whole house in which they were sitting.**

I have no idea how great a noise that was. I have heard people speak about terrible experiences with tornadoes and hurricanes, but I have no idea how violent a noise this was. It goes on to say -

3 **And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them.** Each person was identified by God the Holy Spirit and each person knew what it was for the Lord to light upon them by His Spirit, for there was to be the equal filling of the Spirit on each of these. It was not just certain ones who would be the spokesmen. It was for the Holy Spirit to separate them up and each one knew that glorious experience of being filled with the Spirit of the Lord.

4 **And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words].** In other words, right then in Jerusalem, there were Jews who had been gathering for the Feast of Pentecost. This is Pentecost that we are talking about. On the Day of Pentecost, these various ones were there speaking their

different languages. If you are like me, you are very limited as to how many people you can speak to in different languages. Suddenly, they found that with the ones they were speaking to, they were able to speak and communicate with that person in the language to which they belonged. Isn't that amazing? What were they speaking about? Well, they were not bragging about what they could do or what had happened to them; they were humbly speaking of the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. They were speaking of Him!

5 Now there were there residing in Jerusalem Jews, devout and God-fearing men from every country under heaven. How God always organizes the moment! Have you ever been waiting and waiting and waiting? You see, God had to wait for all these people to come together from all those different places and here they were all together. Also, He was on time: this happened on the Feast of Pentecost.

Then we read -

6 And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together, and they were astonished and bewildered, because each one heard them [the apostles] speaking in his own (particular) dialect.

7 And they were beside themselves with amazement, saying, Are not all these who are talking Galileans?

8 Then how is it we hear, each of us, in our own (particular dialect) in which we were born? .

9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, and Pontus, and [the province of] Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and the transient residents from Rome, both Jews and the proselytes [to Judaism from other regions].

11 Cretans and Arabians, too – we all hear them speaking in our own native languages [and telling of] the mighty works of God!

Has it ever occurred to you that through your available life, as a born-again believer, the Lord wants you to realize that the message of the glorious Gospel is meant to go to all languages, to all peoples? Will you say to the Lord today, *It is not just the experience of what these people went through on that day, but the purpose behind the timing. I want to be in on that, Lord, to reach the lives that You have placed around me.*

For the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose Name I pray. Amen.