

**The Gift of Tongues**

**has been replaced by**

**God's Gift of the Scriptures**

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**MARK 16:**

14 Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. 15 He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

19 After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. 20 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

***The Eleven are being discussed***

***The quotation begins.***

***some will . . .***

***Acts 5:16***

***Acts 2:4***

***Acts 28:2***

***Not recorded***

***Acts 5:16***

***End of***

***quotation here***

***Past events:***

***Preached,***

***worked,***

***confirmed***

***Final comment***

***written by***

***Mark before 70***

***AD.***

## **HEBREWS 2:**

1 We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. 2 For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, 3 how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. 4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

***The Old Testament - the written Word***

***The message of Christ had been confirmed (before 70 AD) by signs, wonders, miracles and gifts.***

***The message was confirmed before A.D. 70.***

***“Speaking in tongues” was a part of that confirmation.***

***There are only 3 examples of speaking in tongues in the history of the New Testament Church, the book of Acts.***

***They are:***

***Acts 2: 1-12***

***Acts 10: 44-48***

***Acts 19: 1-7***

26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

### **ACTS 2:**

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment.

### **Case #1**

*The 12 were given the power to speak in tongues.*

*The tongues were known languages*

***The 12 apostles were the only ones speaking in tongues.***

## **ACTS 10:**

44 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. Then Peter said, 47 “Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

## **Case #2**

***Peter is unlocking the kingdom for Gentiles. Matthew 16:18.***

***The coming of tongues was proof that Gentiles could be immersed.***

## **ACTS 11:**

15 “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17 So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?” 18 When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life.”

***The “coming” of the Spirit was unusual. Peter cites Pentecost as the one example***

***The Cornelius case of tongues was further proof to the other Apostles at Jerusalem.***

## **ACTS 19:**

1 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.” 3 So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. 4 Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” 5 On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

## **Case #3**

*immersion for the wrong purpose is not valid.*

*water baptism.  
Acts 10:47-48.*

***The apostle Paul conveyed the gift of tongues to “non-apostles” through the laying on of hands.***



## ***Summary:***

***1. How did 1st century Christians receive tongues?***

- A. The Apostles (12), directly from God.***
- B. The first Gentiles, directly from God.***
- C. Others received it from the Apostles.***

***2. Were these “tongues” languages?***

***In every case. The Greek word for language is always used. The word “unknown” is not in the Greek text and not in most English Bibles.***

### ***3. Were tongues a permanent sign of Christianity?***

***NO!***

- A. When the Bible was written, tongues ceased.***
- B. When the Apostles and those they had empower died, tongues ceased.***

### ***4. The PERFECT REVELATION, the Bible, contains signs of Jesus himself and these signs cannot be abused or imitated.***

***NOT: Tongues so you can believe***

***BUT: A written record so you can believe***

**JOHN 20:30 —**

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

# MIRACLES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

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Book	Date Written	Comments	
		Miracles?	
James	47	Yes	James 5:14-16 discusses miraculous healing by the elders. Cp. Mark 6:13.
Galatians	49	No	Two miracles are mentioned as past. 1:15,16; 2:2.
Matthew	50	No	Only as past events during Jesus' Ministry.
1 Thess.	51	Yes	Past, as in 1:5. Present as in 5:20
2 Thess.	51	No	But Satan's representatives will work miracles. 2:9-10.
1 Corinthians	54	Yes	They were current in this church. 1 Corinthians 1:5,6; 12:7,29,30; 14:26
2 Corinthians	55	No	But 1 Corinthians shows that they had them. Also 12:2 and 12 speak of past ones.
Romans	56	Yes	Several of the gifts listed in 12:3-6 are miraculous and current. Past: 15:18-19.
Luke	59	No	But Luke carefully details Jesus' miracles of 30 years before.
Colossians	60	No	
Ephesians	60	No	In 3:3 and 4:6 Paul speaks of past miracles.
Philemon	60	No	
Philippians	61	No	Notice that Epaphroditus was sick and was not healed by a miracle. 2:25-27.
Acts	61	No	Luke told of those that <b>had</b> happened during events in Acts.

1 Peter	62	No	
1 Timothy	64	No	The gift of 1 Timothy 4:14 was probably the gift of the evangelistic office. Ephesians 4:7 - 12.
Titus	65	No	
2 Peter	66	No	
2 Timothy	67	No	1:6 probably refers to Ephesians 4:7 + 12; 4:20 reveals another sick preacher.
Mark	68	No	16:19-20 speaks of the confirming miracles as past.
Hebrews	69	No	2:3 - 4 speaks of the confirming miracles as past.
Jude	75	No	
John	85	No	But John carefully details Jesus' miracles of 55 years before.
1 John	85	No	The anointing of 2:20 is received by each believer. Compare 2 Corinthians 2:21; Acts 2:38.
2 & 3 John	90	No	
Revelation	96	No	

**Miracles through the Apostles are not recorded as happening after A. D. 60**