

Tongues The Power of Unity

Genesis 11:1-9

- 1 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.
- 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.
- 3 Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." 5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

- 6 And the LORD said, "Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.
- 7 Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. 9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The people built this city and tower to reach into heaven, by themselves and for themselves:

"let us make a name for ourselves" (v.4) "the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built" (v.5) "the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them" (v.6)

Say the Same Things

1 Corinthians 1:10-12

10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."

The Spirit brings Unity

Ephesians 4:1-6

1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

- 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;
- 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

"walk worthy of the calling with which you were called"

We are instructed to do this with:

- all lowliness and gentleness
- longsuffering
- · bearing with one another in love
- endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

Tongues Holy Spirit gives the Utterance

Acts 2:4

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Tongues and Unity

Acts 2:44

Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common



