

Life in the Spirit: The Old Testament Foundations of Speaking in Tongues

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Text: Acts 2:1-21

The Old Testament Foundation of God's Plan to Bless/Redeem the Nations (Gen. 10-12).

- Why does God confuse their language?
- How is this significant to Acts 2 and Spirit empowerment?
- Why does Luke connect Acts 1-2 to Genesis 10-12?
 - When Luke uses the sign of speaking in tongues in Acts 2, he is telling readers that God is _____ to bless/redeem _____.

The Old Testament Foundation of Prophetic Speech (Num. 11:24-29; Joel 2:28-32).

- Observations from Numbers 11 and Joel 2.
 - Moses needs assistance to accomplish his _____.
 - What happens when the Spirit rests on the elders?
 - Joel advances the theme of Numbers 11:29.
- How is this significant to Acts 2?
 - Numbers 11, Joel 2, and Acts 2 point us to a doctrine that has been restored to the church through the Pentecostal movement –
The _____.

Putting it Together

- When the issue of speaking in tongues arises:
 - Don't let it _____.
 - Don't let it make you _____.
 - Realize, God is communicating His global, _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What was your first encounter with speaking in tongues? How did you respond?
- How has your experience and opinion of speaking in tongues changed over the years?
- Why do you think the Lord confused human language in Genesis 11?
- Read Genesis 12:1-3. After the rebellion in Genesis 11, why does God move to bless/redeem all the nations rather than judge them through another flood-like event?
- How do the lessons of Genesis 10-12 play out in Acts 2? What does this say about the nature of speaking in tongues and the nature of the church's mission?
- Why do you think God chooses to use prophetic speech (prophecy and speaking in tongues) to affirm His empowerment (Num. 11 and Acts 2)?
- Why do you think God wants his people to be prophetic? How might the prophethood of all believers shape our perspective on speaking in tongues?
- How does knowing the Old Testament foundation of speaking in tongues change your opinion of the practice?