



Acts Chapter 18 and 19 Feasts and Tongues!

During last weeks study we left off at verse 18 of chapter 18 where we're told that Paul had taken some kind of Jewish vow, and we're really not told what kind of vow that it was that Paul took.. but we do know that it wasn't a Nazerite Vow because we don't see any evidence of their being any sacrifices being made, and we don't see Paul going to the Temple like we do in chapter 21, so we don't see any of the things that a Nazerite Vow would mandate, or require.

Now I know that a lot of people may be thinking that the reason that there were no sacrifices being made were because Yahshua Jesus was our sacrifice at the cross.. but that sacrifice dealt strictly with sin. The sacrifice of our Messiah only dealt with sin, and sin alone. It did not deal with the many other reasons that God gives man to sacrifice at the alter.. there are sacrificial offerings for burnt offerings, offerings for guilt, offerings for peace, and so on.. and that's another whole teaching that we won't get into here today.. but just so you know.. there were other reasons aside from sin.. that man was commanded to present sacrificial offerings to our Father, and a Nazerite vow requires both a burnt offering and a peace offering, and you can read more about that in Numbers chapter 6.

So with that being said.. we're pretty sure that Paul was not under a Nazerite vow at that point in time because there would have most likely been more to the story, other than the fact that Paul simply cut his hair. And we spoke about how the so called "Early Church Fathers" tried to sweep the fact that Paul even took a Jewish vow, under the rug because of they chose to believe that Paul had renounced being a Jew early on... even though once again... that's not found anywhere in the scripture.. in fact.. we're told the exact opposite about Paul in Acts chapter 21 verse 24.

So for more information on all of that I would simply point you back to last weeks study because we covered all of that in detail last week.. but as for now we're going to move forward and we're going to take a look at Acts chapter 18 verse 19 and continue on with Paul in his journey.

Act 18:19 And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

Act 18:20 When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined.

Act 18:21 But on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set

sail from Ephesus.

Act 18:22 When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch.

Now.. I want to stop here for just a moment to point out some differences in some Bible translations. In the “English Standard Version” it says in verse 21:

ESV:

“But on taking leave of them he said, “I will return to you if God wills,” and he set sail from Ephesus.”

but in the “King James Version” it says something a little different.. the same verse.. verse 21 says:

KJV:

But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

So whats missing here is that we can clearly see that Paul is anxious to get to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast... now we're not told which “Feast” that it is.. some say Pentecost, some say Passover and we won't debate that here for times sake but the point is this.. Paul himself was indeed keeping and participating in the Feast Days of Yahovah and the reason that this text is not found in many of our different Bible versions and translations I would submit to you is once again for political reasons.

We have to remember that some Bible translations are translated from other Bible translations. Some Bible translations are translated from the Catholic created Latin Vulgate. Some Bible versions are translated from the original manuscripts and from the Texas Receptus.. and so you have all kinds of Bible translations out there that have been translated from different sources, and manuscripts.. some of them older, some of them newer.

Now.. knowing that.. it shouldn't be to hard for us to understand and recognize why those who put their faith in the Roman Catholic religion and her popery... do not want us to see the fact that Paul was trying to get to Jerusalem to keep the appointed Feast that many of our ignorant and unstudied brothers and sisters think belong to the Jews.

Anyone who has read the whole Bible and not just half of it will clearly be able to tell you that Gods Feast Days do not belong to the Jews. God says that his appointed Feast Days are HIS.. Feast Days.. not the Jews.. The Jews were one tribe out of the 12 tribes of Israel.. and yes the “Oracles” of God along with his Feast Days and his Calendar were all given to the Jews just as it is written in Romans chapter three verses one and two, but the appointed times of our Father and his Moedim.. and his “Feast Days”... belong to him.. and the Scripture is extremely clear

about this fact.

But you see Catholicism and her popery don't want us to see that. They want us to believe that they themselves have usurped the authority of those wicked Jews. You see.. Catholicism has literally stolen the scepter from Judah.. at least as far as the World is concerned and her little (g) god. But I can assure you my friends... Catholicism and her popery have not stolen the scepter from Judah as far as the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob is concerned.

Gen 49:8 "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you.

Gen 49:9 Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?

*Gen 49:10 **The scepter shall not depart from Judah,** nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.*

Now some people will say “well this is talking about Yahshua Jesus” and I would agree! But who was Yahshua Jesus? He was a Jew.. who came out of the House of David, and the tribe of Judah as was prophesied in 2nd Samuel chapter 7 verses 12 through 17:

2Sa 7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2Sa 7:14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,

2Sa 7:15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.

2Sa 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

2Sa 7:17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

So getting back to the Roman Catholic Church and why she doesn't want us to see Paul keeping the Feast Days of God.. You see... according to the world.. and those who have made themselves friends of this world.. Catholicism and her Popery are the replacement of God on Earth.

They teach and preach that their Pope is the “Vicar of Christ”... the replacement of Yahshua Hamashiach.. Jesus Christ on Earth. And they teach and preach that those old nasty Jews have nothing to do with God anymore. And it is all about them... and it's all about her authority on earth.. because the little (g) god of this world has blinded the minds and hearts of those who have made themselves friends of this world.. and they believe that they need to bow down and

kiss the golden ring of today's Jesuit Black Pope.. who sits upon his golden throne in Rome... while breaking every single commandment God our Father has ever commanded of us concerning bowing our knee to other gods be they of wood, stone.. or flesh.

And its because of this wicked Pagan Popery and his self proclaimed authority.. that they have changed the times and the laws of God just as it was prophesied that they would clear back in Daniel chapter 7 verse 25.

This monolithic Pagan Beast has indeed changed the times and the laws of the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob and her daughter Protestant churches have followed right along in step with her giving her the authority and the power that she craves.. all the while... leading Gods people directly into the pit.

We have to remember that it was the Roman Catholic Church that stole the scriptures from Gods people back in the Dark Ages and murdered anyone who was found reading or translating the scriptures. The Roman Catholic Church murdered whole societies of people like the Albigenses and the Waldenses, and she has the blood of millions of true scripture believing God fearing, Christians on her hands... drunk on the blood of the martyrs... does she ride her scarlet beast.

And so because she stole the very scriptures of God and translated them into the lost language of Latin so that only her Priests and Monks could read or understand.. it should not be so hard for us to understand why the Latin Vulgate does not want us to know that Paul was in a hurry to get to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.

It doesn't surprise me... and it shouldn't surprise you either that these words have been removed from many of our modern day Bible translations. And so we'll find that certain words and phrases have gone missing from many of today's Bible translations.. and other words have been slipped in and inserted in order to give credence to one denominational teaching or another... and not just in the English Standard Version, or the King James Version. And so this is why we need to be diligent in our studies... and know and understand that there is another agenda... another plan... another adversary who is known as the "Prince Of The Air".

And once again my friends.. many of today's (so called) modern day Protestant "Church Fathers" are part of our adversaries plan to blind and to deceive...if it were possible... even the very elect. Preaching and teaching that all of Gods laws are nailed to some tree somewhere, and that their man made, man created, man fabricated Jesus came to create his own Sabbath, and his own birthday, and his own holidays, and his own rituals, and his own myths... completely ignoring what he himself told us in John 7:16 through 18.. or John 12:49 and 50.. or Matthew 5:14 through 18. Lets be clear my friends... what they are teaching and preaching... is another "Jesus".

2Co 11:4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

2Co 11:5 Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles.

2Co 11:6 Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

2Co 11:7 Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached God's gospel to you free of charge?

And so we need to be aware of these things my friends.. when we ask for the discernment that can only come from our Father and his Ruach Hakodesh that his son sent to us.. we need to be doing the things of our Father.. and keeping his 7th day Sabbath, and his appointments, and his commandments, and his precepts.. . Because if we're asking for his discernment, and we want him to show us things... and we're not obeying the things that he's already shown us.. we're not going to receive anything else from him.. and in fact it's written.. that even what we have will be taken away from us.

We have people out there who want to know where God is when they need him... they want to know why he's not more prevalent in their lives... they want to know why they can't be blessed, and why they can't see him, and why their prayers go unanswered.. And the first thing I ask them is are you keeping his 7th Day Sabbath that he said would be a sign between you and him.. a perpetual agreement for all generations forever... or are you keeping the Catholic created man made.. first day of the week Sunday Sabbath?

Are you remembering the very day he died.. on Passover day according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, or are you keeping the Catholic created man made, man created, man fabricated "Good Friday" and teaching your children the divination and pagan magic of Easter bunnies that lay eggs and fat men in red suits who come out of the fireplace to give your children all the desires of their hearts.. if their names are written in...his good book?

Do you know that he was unleavened and with out sin on the day he died, and that he was in the grave for three full days and three full nights just like he said he would be... do you know that he arose from the dead on "First Fruits" and that he himself was the "First Fruit" that waved the sheave offering before his Father.. signaling the new harvest?

Do you know what the greatest commandment is, and are you keeping it?.. Do you know what the biblical definition of the love of God is.. that's written in 1st John 5:3?.. and are you loving God with all your heart, mind and soul, and are you teaching these things diligently to your children and are you talking about them when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise?.. Are you writing them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates?

What do we want discernment for.. if we don't intend on keeping the things that he shows us?

So... moving forward... looking at verse 22.. lets read that:

*Act 18:22 When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted **the church**, and then went down to Antioch.*

Now.. we've mentioned this before in this study, but it's been a while since we've talked about this and so I just want us to understand that Paul did not land at Caesarea, and go up to great the Christian "Church"... that had a pagan "obelisk" for a steeple and stain glass windows, and rows of pew's and an organ with a pulpit that we have today.

The word that they've translated as "church" is actually the Greek word "*ekklesia*" and it means : "*a calling out, that is, (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): - assembly, church.*".

So the word "Church" can be somewhat misleading and intellectually dishonest if not understood properly.

An "*Ekklesia*" is simply a group of believers... those who were known as "The Way" who believed in... and had faith in... Yahshua Hamashiach the Messiah. Most of them worshiped right along side of the Jews in the Synagogues, and when they couldn't worship there, they worshiped in the square, or in their homes.

Now as we move forward we're introduced to this brother by the name of "Apollos" who was not from Jerusalem.. but he was a diaspora Jew that came out of the largest Jewish center outside of the holy land at that time... which was Alexandria, Egypt.

Alexandria at that time was a cosmopolitan city of all kinds of cultures, and one of the things that Alexandria was known for was it's magnificent library, and there was a treasure chest of Jewish thought that was created and stored in that library so it's no surprise that this Apollos that we're being introduced to would be so knowledgeable and so well studied.

Alexandria was also the place where the first Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible was created three centuries earlier.. and this was this Bible that most of the Jews used back in that time... today we know this Bible as the Septuagint, and many of us who love to study biblical history still have copies of that particular translation.

The first thing we need to understand about Apollos was that it's said that he was an eloquent speaker, and that he was well studied in the Tanakh which was known as the Hebrew Bible which we unfortunately know today as the "Old Testament".. but I want us to also see in verse 26.. it says that Apollos was speaking boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila

heard him.. they took him aside and explained the Gospel to him more accurately.

And once again my friends I just want to interject the same point here that we made about the Apostle Paul.. with all of his grand knowledge and all of the wisdom that he had attained from the teachings of men and their higher learning.. neither Paul nor Apollos recognized the Messiah as being their Messiah until the Messiah revealed himself to them.

And this is important to take note of... once again.. no matter how many degrees a man or woman has hanging on their wall... if they are not keeping the commandments of God... then they are liars and the truth is not in them according to 1st John 2:4. The scriptures tell us that the wisdom of men is foolishness in the eyes of God... so it is important to remember that where we get our understanding from, and where we get our beliefs from... is indeed extremely important.

And so Priscilla and Aquila bring the wise old Apollos up to speed.. and then once he has the truth he really begins to make a difference. And again if we look at verse 28 we see that boldness that comes from being filled with the Ruach Hakodesh of God that all the disciples had. That boldness to speak the truth of Gods Word no matter who dose or dose not like it, and no matter what the consequences might be. It's called "Contending for the faith".

And this pretty much brings us to the end of chapter 18 of the book of Acts... so lets dive into Acts chapter 19... and lets read verses 1 through 7:

Act 19:1 And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples.

Act 19:2 And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

Act 19:3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism."

Act 19:4 And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus."

Act 19:5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Act 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

Act 19:7 There were about twelve men in all.

The Gift Of Tongues:

Now... with that I want to stop right here and idle for just a little while because it's this very scripture, and others like it.. that have lead some of our unstudied brothers and sisters to fall into the trap of the man made, man created, man fabricated doctrine of "Speaking in Tongues".

Now with that being said.. there is a gift in the scriptures known as the gift of Tongues, and

there are some people who genuinely have this gift called “The Gift Of Tongues”... however... it is not and I repeat...not.. needed as proof.. that someone has the Ruach Hakodesh... the Holy Spirit of God.

And I want to make that perfectly clear here today. If we learn nothing else here today... I want us to know with out a doubt that you do not need to speak in any one certain kind of tongue.. whether it be human, or angelic.. in order to prove that you have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God.. that punches your ticket into the gates of Heaven.

Did people receive the gift of tongues when the Apostles laid their hands on them.. yes.. at least most of the time. In some instances we're simply not told whether they spoke in tongues or not..now the Pentecostal belief is that everyone spoke in tongues.. can we prove that everyone spoke in tongues through the scripture.. no we can not, and even if they did.. this does not in any way shape or form prove that everyone must speak in a tongue in order to receive the Holy Spirit of God.. in fact.. our Messiah gives us a much different criteria for receiving his Holy Spirit and we'll see that as we move forward.

Now.. with that being said I think it's only fair to warn you before you start sending me all kinds of emails about the gift of Tongues... I was a sitting elder in a Pentecostal church for four.. close to five years... and during that time I attended every sermon, and every Bible study given except for possibly one or two.. so I am well aware of the Pentecostal denominational teaching about receiving the gift of tongues as being evidence that you have the Ruach Hakodesh.. (also known as the Holy Spirit).

So please... do not send me any emails trying to convert me back into something that I am already very well aware of concerning Pentecostalism, or their doctrinal belief concerning the gift of tongues and how they use it... because it simply won't work. And with that being said... let me put some truth in your hearing and let me minister to those of you who are still under the denominational doctrine that claims that you must speak in tongues in order to receive the Holy Ghost.

First of all.. I want us to understand that when I was serving in the Pentecostal church.. I loved... and I mean I really loved the openness of worship in that church. I saw many tears fall in that place, and there was no doubt in my mind.. that the Ruach Hakodesh of God visited there often.. and the people there were some of the nicest people in any church that I ever sat in.. and I say all of that to say this.. That church could have made a real difference.

That church could have sky rocketed in membership, and it could have really made a difference in the world today if it would have simply stuck to the scriptures instead of teaching and preaching half of what Gods Word says... and half of what it's denominational charter of men says.

There were times that we would have what we called “sing ins”.. and the whole community would come together, and all kinds of Christian musicians and singers and performers would come to sing and play music... not for money mind you... but just to fellowship and to worship the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob in one place... and the house would be packed.. that is until... someone started screaming out at the top of their lungs... in tongues.. and then another.. and then another, and then another.

The whole place emptied out inside of ten minutes. People were literally running for the door.. why? Because it looked, and sounded like people were being possessed by the Devil himself.

I want to read you something from the writings of the Apostle Paul.

1Co 14:23 If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds?

1Co 14:24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all,

1Co 14:25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

So what Paul is clearly telling us is to not let what happened in my Pentecostal church.. to happen in yours. Paul clearly knew that if the whole church speaks in tongues, that outsiders would think that they were out of their minds.. and I have witnessed this with my own eyes my friends... I've seen it happen first hand.

Now... with that being said... how are tongues supposed to be used in the church according to scripture? Well lets read that in the scripture.. the best way to define scripture is through scripture so take a look at first Corinthians chapter 14 verses 27 through 32:

1Co 14:27 If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret.

NOTE: “If any speak in a tongue”

1Co 14:28 But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God.

1Co 14:29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said.

1Co 14:30 If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent.

1Co 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged,

1Co 14:32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets.

This is the ONLY WAY... and I mean the ONLY WAY... that tongues are to be administered in the church according to the scripture... and I think that it's more than evident why this is. This is

not a suggestion that comes from Paul.. Paul is speaking on behalf of the Messiah who gave him what to say, and I can tell you with out a doubt from my own experience... that Paul knew what he was talking about.

So now with that being said and with that knowledge under our belts... lets turn to the age old question.. “Do you have to speak in tongues to be certified as a Christian?... do you have to speak in tongues in order to prove to some Pastor, Priest, Bishop, or Pope... that you have received the Ruach Hakodesh... the Holy Spirit of God?” and if so... where are we told that... EXACTLY... in the scripture?

My friends I would submit to you that this is not and I repeat...NOT WRITTEN IN THE SCRIPTURE ANYWHERE! No where are we commanded by any Apostle, any Prophet, any Priest, not by the Messiah, not by his Ruach Hakodesh, not by the Father, not by anyone... that we are required to prove that we have the Holy Spirit of God by speaking in ANY KIND... OF TONGUE whether it be human or angelic in nature.

It's not in there, and you can't find it, and the reason you can't find it... that's right... is because it's not in there.

So what does the scripture say about the gifts of the Ruach Hakodesh and who gets what gift?

1Co 12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

1Co 12:5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

1Co 12:6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

1Co 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1Co 12:8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

1Co 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

1Co 12:10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1Co 12:11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

1Co 12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Clearly.. the Ruach Hakodesh.. the Holy Spirit of God apportions to each of us.. these gifts individually.. as he sees fit...not us..not any Pentecostal denominational charter of men, and not even how Paul, Timothy, Peter, or James.. sees fit.. but only how the Spirit sees fit.. and the Spirit alone. And I did not say that my friends.. the scripture says that... and I think that anyone with at least a third grade education can understand what is written here.. provided...provided...

they have not already been programmed by one denominational charter of men or another.

And so it is that the Holy Spirit apportions to each one of us individually as he wills not according to any denominational charter of men, not according to any doctrinal theology, or higher philosophical wisdom of men... not according to Paul, or Peter, or Timothy.. but according to the scripture and the scripture alone..it is the Spirit who decides who gets what gift.

So how is it then that we know that we have the Holy Spirit of God? Well I would submit to you my friends that we allow the scripture to define the scripture for us:

1Jn 2:3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

1Jn 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

1Jn 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Here's what our own Messiah says about how a believer receives his Holy Spirit:

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Joh 14:24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

Joh 14:25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

Joh 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Nothing here about speaking in a tongue of any kind my friends..nothing here says that you must do anything short of keeping his commandments, which is the biblical definition of the love of God according to first John 5:3.

If we want the Spirit of God and his son to live in us... then we will keep his Word.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

1Jn 5:4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

1Jn 5:5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of

God?

And before I turn this loose... let me submit this to you as well... According to the Apostle Paul the greatest gift is not tongues.. it's prophesying. Think about that for just a moment.. the most important gift according to the Apostle Paul... is not the gift that ensures you have the Holy Spirit so that you can gain entrance into the gates of Heaven... no... it's the gift of Prophesying.. Lets read:

1Co 14:5 Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

So Paul says that he wants everyone to speak in tongues... but this does not in any way mean that everyone will speak in tongues... why... because we've already read that only the Spirit apportions these different kinds of gifts to each one individually as he wills...not Paul... it does not say that Paul apportions these different gifts to each one individually as he wills... it says the "Spirit" does..

And so Paul goes on to say here that the one who "Prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues"...now stop... right there for just a moment and lets ponder this statement from Paul.

Now according to the Pentecostal faith and it's doctrinal understanding of the gift of tongues.. you MUST SPEAK IN TONGUES or you don't have the Holy Spirit of God.. and if you don't have the Holy Spirit of God then you can't get into the kingdom of Heaven!

Now think about that for a moment.. if this was true... how then.. could the one who prophesies be greater than the one who speaks in tongues? The very gift that proves that you have the Ruach Hakodesh... the Holy Spirit of God... that you must have in order to enter the gates of Heaven according to our Messiah.. and Paul says that the gift of tongues which the Pentecostal doctrine of men says you must have to be saved... is less important than prophesying?

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Joh 3:7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

So according to our Messiah we must be born of both the water and the Spirit or we can not enter the kingdom of Heaven.. and according to the Pentecostal doctrine.. we must have the gift of speaking in tongues too...so that we can PROVE.. that we have the Holy Spirit of God... and yet Paul says.. that the gift of Prophesying is greater than the gift that ensures you getting into the gates of Heaven?

Do we hear how absurd this false doctrine is? Do we understand why so many people are left turning away from God because they were told that they could only enter into the kingdom of Heaven if they spoke in tongues.. and when they don't receive the gift of tongues... they simply give up and turn away from the faith because they've been told that they're not worthy to accept the free gift of salvation that our Messiah is offering them because they can't speak in tongues.

And how many other people are simply babbling on just to trying and fit in with the crowd, not only deceiving themselves.. but others as well, and in the end are doing nothing more than making a mockery of the Gospel message of our Messiah?

This whole doctrine of demons is simply another trick of our adversary to turn people away from the truth of the Gospel message that our Messiah and his Apostles so desperately want us to have... so desperately... that they gave their very lives to give it to us.. and our adversary works day and night against us my friends... to get men to twist and turn the scriptures into knots, and to make us feel like we're just not loved by God...there's just no point.. I can't speak in tongues.. he won't give me the gift... so I guess it's all over for me.. and off they go.

And others just as I've shown.. and Paul has stated... run in fear that your out of your mind because the whole church is screaming and shouting and flailing around all over the place and rolling on the floor and jumping off the chairs and running around the building and all kinds of things... so what do we expect them to do? They run... and rightly so I might add.. they head for the hills... and it doesn't matter how much truth the Pastor has to tell them... because they're never going to be able to have the chance to hear it. How sad... how sad this is my friends I can not tell you.

Listen to what Paul clearly says in first Corinthians chapter 12 verse 27 through 31:

1Co 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1Co 12:28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

Now stop... I want us to notice which things are given first... first Apostles, then prophets, then teachers, then miracles, and then come the different kinds of gifts, and which one is last?... various kinds of tongues..not first.. not second.. not even third or forth... but last. Lets continue:

1Co 12:29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

1Co 12:30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

1Co 12:31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Clearly not all speak with tongues any more than all poses gifts of healing, or work miracles..says...Paul. But rather the Spirit decides.. who he gives each gift to according to the

will of the Spirit..not Paul, not us, and not the Pentecostals.

I would submit to you my friends.. that this is simply another man made, man created, man fabricated denominational doctrine simply not found in the scriptures anywhere... if it does not work for the good my friends... then it is against the will of God, and there is no mistake about it. Paul says this in first Corinthians chapter 14 verses 1 through 4:

1Co 14:1 Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

1Co 14:2 For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.

1Co 14:3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

1Co 14:4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.

You can not stand in the house of God screaming out in tongues.. and build up the church my friends. Not according to the scripture.

And listen to how Paul closes his letter because I think this is important for both those who do believe in the gift of tongues and those who don't believe in the gift of tongues to hear this.

1Co 14:37 If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.

1Co 14:38 If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

1Co 14:39 So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

1Co 14:40 But all things should be done decently and in order.

This is a scripture that the Pentecostal denominational charters of men around the world need to see and hear... and then... we'll try and help them with their belief in the Catholic created man made, man created, man fabricated, fist day of the week Sunday Sabbath, Good Friday, Easter, Chirst-Mass.. and the rest of the truth that they also so desperately need to see and hear.

In any case my friends... comb through these scriptures and take these things to your prayer closet, and bow your head, bend your knees, face the promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yahshua Hamashiach if these things be true... or not.. and if you will ask, seek, and knock.. the door will be opened to you.