

At Bethany our desire is: to T*each* the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, to preach R*epentance* toward sin, to encourage U*nderstanding* in God's Word, to T*rain* our members how to share their faith, and to lovingly H*elp* our community and beyond to know the T*RUTH* that make's one free. *John 8:32*



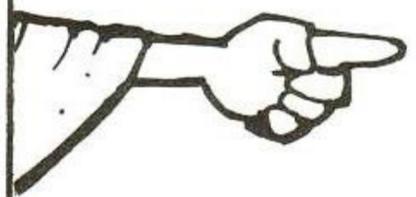
A Series On – Who Is Telling The Truth??

1. Jesus Shares Truth That Encourages Living In Truth
2. Who Believes The Unsaved Burn Forever? Jesus Did!!
3. Once Saved Always Saved-Is It To Good To Be True? No!!
4. The Baptism Of The Spirit Do I Need To Pray For It? No!!
5. Does The Word of God Say Jesus Is Jehovah God? Yes!!
6. Worship is Optional, isn't it Pastor? No!!
7. Does God call and gift women with the Ministry of a Pastor? No!!
8. The New Covenant just adds Gentiles to the Old Covenant? No!!
9. Are Only Certain Portions of the Bible The Words of God? No!!
10. Is It True Tongues Is Not A Spiritual Gift For Today?
11. God Created Marriage Primarily for Procreation?

The Purpose Of Spiritual Gifts

SPECIAL GIFTS

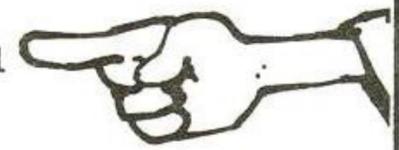
- APOSTLES
- PROPHETS
- EVANGELISTS
- PASTOR-TEACHERS



to EQUIP God's people

SPEAKING GIFTS

- PROPHECY
- TEACHING
- EXHORTATION
- WORD OF WISDOM
- WORD OF KNOWLEDGE



to EXPLAIN God's truth

SERVING GIFTS

- SERVING
- HELPS
- LEADERSHIP
- ADMINISTRATION
- GIVING
- SHOWING MERCY
- DISCERNING OF SPIRITS
- FAITH
- HOSPITALITY



to ENABLE God's work

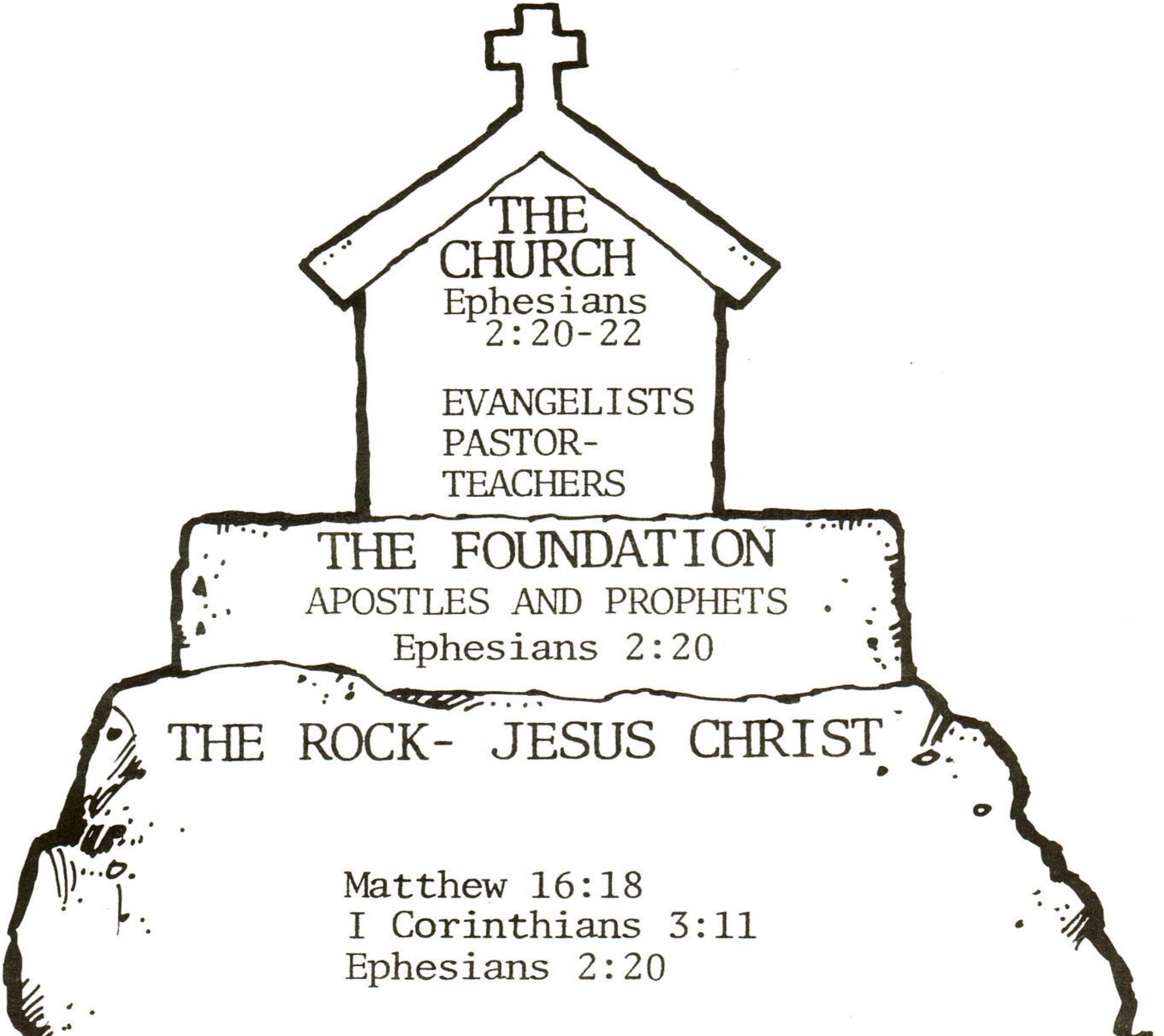
SIGN GIFTS

- TONGUES
- INTERPRETATION of TONGUES
- MIRACLES
- HEALINGS



to ESTABLISH God's authority

Ceased after Apostolic era



THE
CHURCH
Ephesians
2:20-22

EVANGELISTS
PASTOR-
TEACHERS

THE FOUNDATION
APOSTLES AND PROPHETS
Ephesians 2:20

THE ROCK- JESUS CHRIST

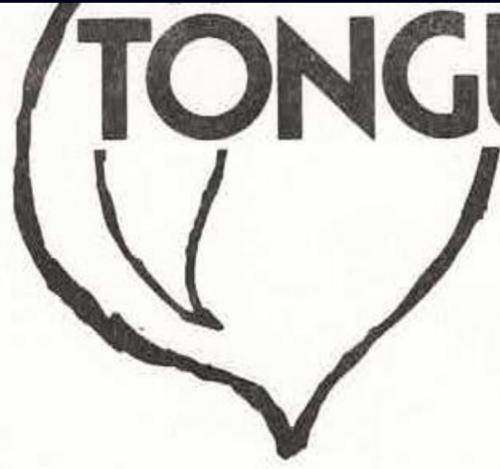
Matthew 16:18
I Corinthians 3:11
Ephesians 2:20

Sign

Gifts

TONGUES	The ability to speak in foreign languages without any previous knowledge of that language	DAY OF PENTECOST Acts 2:4-11
INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES	The ability to translate (for the benefit of others) the message of the one who speaks in tongues without any previous knowledge of the language being spoken	CHURCH IN CORINTH I Cor. 14:9-19
MIRACLES	The ability to perform supernatural acts which clearly demonstrate God's power as being greater than that of Satan	PHILIP Acts 8:5-13
HEALINGS	The ability to cause a complete and instantaneous physical healing by direct command and/or touch	PETER Acts 3:1-10, 16; 4:7-16; 5:15-16; 9:32-43

THE PURPOSE OF TONGUES



POSSIBLE VIEWS:

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| 6. AUTHENTICATION OF APOSTLES AND THEIR MESSAGE | 6 Yes-a Primary Purpose |

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

WHAT IS THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. The "PROMISE of the FATHER"-Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5
2. The "GIFT of the HOLY SPIRIT"-Acts 2:38-39;10:44-45; 11:15-18
3. "RECEIVING the HOLY SPIRIT"-Acts 10:47;19:1-5
4. The work of the Holy Spirit that makes you a part of the "one body" of Christ-I Corinthians 12:13

WHO BAPTIZES YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

JESUS CHRIST-Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16

WHEN ARE YOU BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. It never occurred until the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2-Acts 1:4-5
2. It happened at other times and places than the Day of Pentecost-Acts 10:44-48;11:15-18
3. It happened when the individual believed in Jesus Christ-Acts 11:15-18;19:1-5
4. There is only "one baptism" of the Holy Spirit which all believers experience-I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5

The Purpose Of Tongues

1. Evidence of the Baptism of the Spirit.

For the Apostolic era Jews of the early church, but for ALL today it happens at Salvation!

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body-(Christ), whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

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2. Fulfillment of Joel's Prophecy.

Started but not completed.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit.

The Purpose of Tongues

3. Evangelism. Primarily for the Jewish Nation.

1 Corinthians 1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

1 Corinthians 14:21 In the law it is written (*Isaiah 28:11-12*) *With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people-(Jewish Nation); and yet for all that will they not hear Me, saith the Lord.*

22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying *serveth* not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

The Purpose Of Tongues

4. The Edification of Believers. When used correctly!

1 Corinthians 14:12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. 13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue pray that he may interpret. 27 If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by* three, ... and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 37 ...the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

The Purpose Of Tongues

5. Sign To Israel! Warning of Judgment to Come

Isaiah 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make-(act in) haste. 17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. 18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it

The Purpose Of Tongues

6. Authentication of the Apostle and their Message.

2 Corinthians 12:12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *Him*;

4 God also bearing *them* witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers-(various) miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will?

SIGNS AND WONDERS



APOSTLES II Cor. 12:12

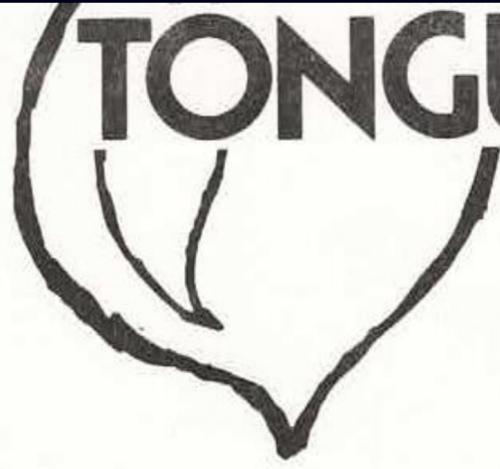
Hebrews 2:3-4



APOSTLES and TONGUES

1. Supernatural Gifts are the "signs" of Apostleship- 2 Cor. 12:12.
2. "Tongues" were a "sign" to confirm the spoken message of the Apostles- Mark 16:17-20; Hebrews 2:3-4.
3. Explains intervention of Apostles in Acts 8.
4. Miraculous signs were always done in the presence of, or with the direct help of, an Apostle.
5. Jews, as a nation, could accept additional revelation of the New Testament when accompanied by "signs"- I Cor. 1:22.

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Is It True Tongues Is Not A Spiritual Gift For Today?

1 Corinthians 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

12 For now we see through a glass-(mirror), darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

When The Perfect Comes

I Corinthians 13:10

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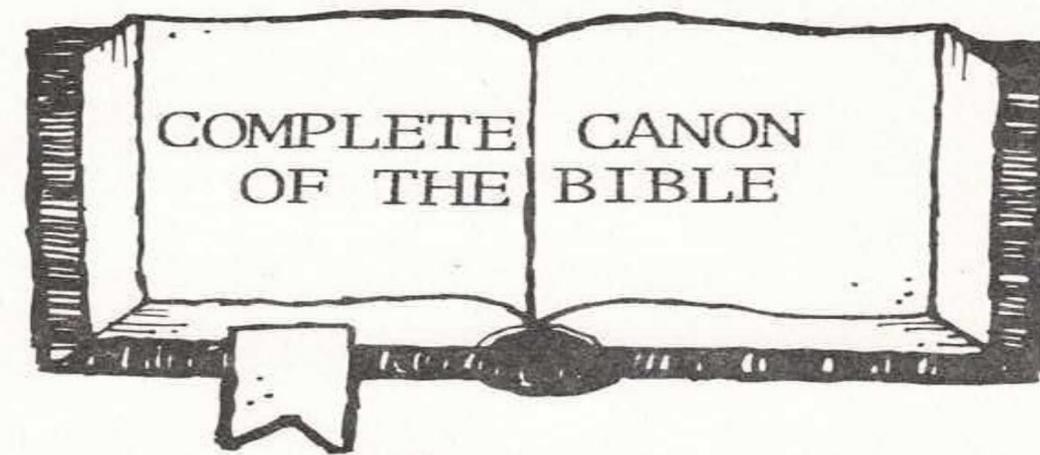
Greek- "TO TELEION" (neuter singular adjective)

- 1** JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF
I Corinthians 13:12- "face to face"
- 2** SECOND COMING of CHRIST (as an event)
I Corinthians 13:12- "then I shall know fully"
- 3** MATURITY ("perfect man")
Ephesians 4:13- "to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ"
- 4** BODY OF CHRIST (from Pentecost to the Second Coming) I Corinthians 12:27-31
- 5** COMPLETED CANON OF THE NEW TESTAMENT
"mirror"- James 1:22-25- "the perfect law, the law of liberty"

The Perfect Thing

I Corinthians

13:10



1. Neuter singular adjective- "TO TELEION"
(same in James 1:25)
2. The "PERFECT" is the same in substance as
as that which is "PARTIAL"-I Corinthians
13:8-10.
 - * "PROPHECIES" and "KNOWLEDGE" are refer-
ring to REVELATION from God.
 - * At the writing of I Corinthians they were
prophesying and knowing "in part".
 - * "PROPHECIES" and "KNOWLEDGE" are done
away with when the "PERFECT" comes.
New revelation from God ceased with the
writing of the Book of Revelation.
(Revelation 22:18-19)
3. The illustration of the "MIRROR" is used of
the Word of God- James 1:22-25.
4. "TONGUES" come to an abrupt stop when the
"PERFECT" comes. As a sign gift, they were
needed to confirm God's Word until it was
completed- Mark 16:17-20; Hebrews 2:3-4.

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James 1:22 But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass-(mirror)

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

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2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass-(mirror) the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory (reading) to glory (reading), *even as* by the Spirit of the Lord.

Application **Proposition:**

1. TRUE BIBLICAL GIFT= **NOT TODAY**
The ability to speak in foreign languages without previous knowledge of that language.

2. SATANIC COUNTERFEIT= **YES TODAY**
Ecstatic utterances, stimulated by an individual or group, usually accompanied by strong emotional environment.