

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*



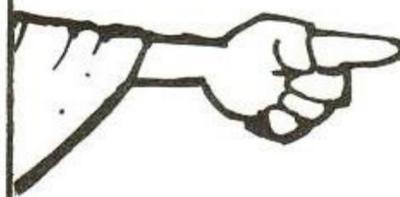
## A Series On – Who Is Telling The Truth??

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? Yes!!
11. OK, Tongues is not for today; but praying in Tongues is--right?
12. God Created Marriage Primarily for Procreation?

# The Purpose Of Spiritual Gifts

## SPECIAL GIFTS

APOSTLES  
PROPHETS  
EVANGELISTS  
PASTOR-TEACHERS

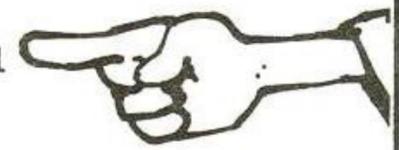


to EQUIP God's people

## 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

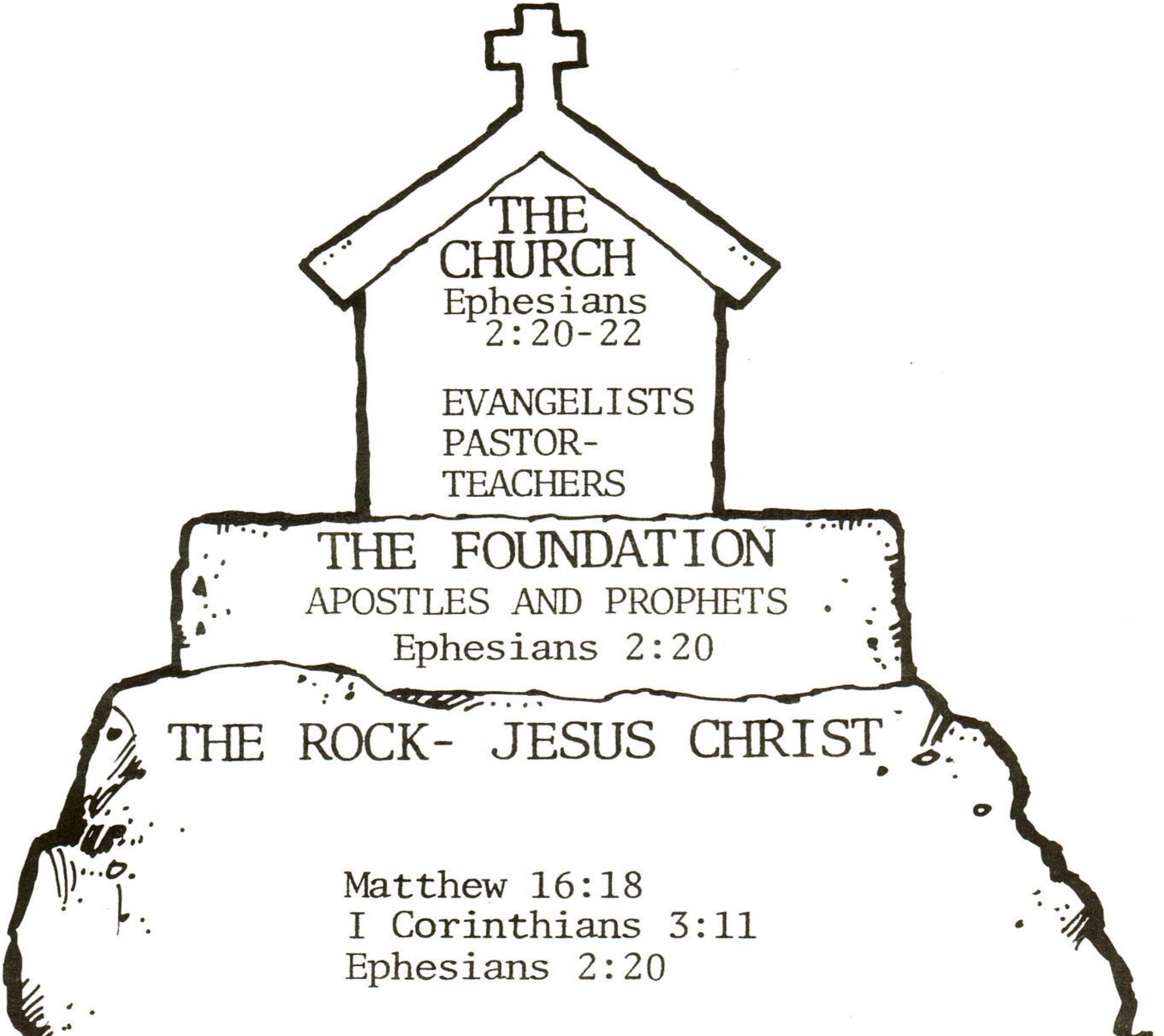
## SIGN GIFTS

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

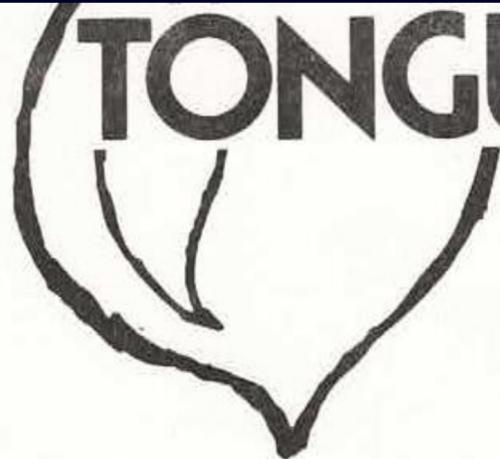
INTERPRETATION  
OF TONGUES

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

# THE PURPOSE OF TONGUES



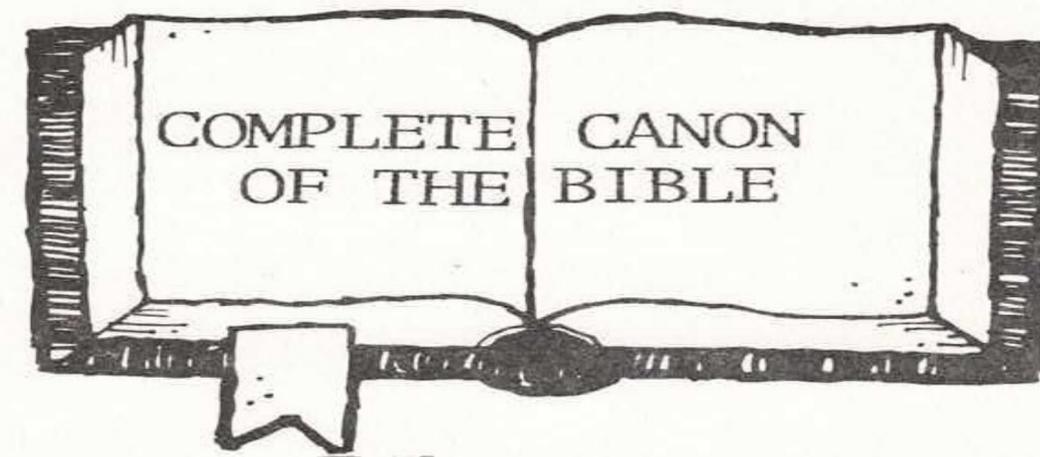
## POSSIBLE VIEWS:

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT   | 1 Yes-For the Apostolic era Jews |
| 2. FULFILLMENT OF JOEL'S PROPHECY               | 2 Yes-Started but not Completed  |
| 3. EVANGELIZATION                               | 3 Yes-Primarily for the Jews     |
| 4. EDIFICATION OF BELIEVERS                     | 4 Yes-When used Correctly        |
| 5. SIGN TO ISRAEL                               | 5 Yes-a Warning of Judgment      |
| 6. AUTHENTICATION OF APOSTLES AND THEIR MESSAGE | 6 Yes-a Primary Purpose          |

# 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.

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

**1** *Corinthians 13:9* 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.

**11** When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

**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.

**13** And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

# 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.

OK, Tongues is not for today; but Praying in Tongues is--right?

**NO!**

1. Praying in Tongues as a Heavenly language is Satan's primary deceptive teaching for this pagan practice today.
2. There is not a single example of a Heavenly language being used in the entire Bible.
3. Praying in our own language isn't easy, it requires a mature disciplined faith that understands what it means to be standing in the Grace of God.

1. Praying in Tongues is one of Satan's Deceptive Teachings  
*1 Corinthians 12:1* Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
- 2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.
- 3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
- 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man-(spiritual gifts) severally-(privately, separately) as He will.

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*1 Corinthians 12:28* And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

**29** *Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? (NO)*

**30** *Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? (NO)*

**31** *But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.*

# 1. Praying in Tongues is one of Satan's Deceptive Teachings

*1 Corinthians 13:1* Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

Paul's inspired hyperbole-(exaggeration, overstatement) statement is connecting the Corinthian believers to the truth of what is happening among them, satanic deception.

*James 3:16* For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.

# 1. Praying in Tongues is one of Satan's Deceptive Teachings

*James 3:14* But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

**15** This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.

**16** For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.

**1 Corinthians 3:3** For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

# 1. Praying in Tongues is one of Satan's Deceptive Teachings

*1 Corinthians 14:1* Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy.

**2** For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

**3** But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to edification*, and exhortation, and comfort.

**4** He that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

# 1. Praying in Tongues is one of Satan's Deceptive Teachings

*1 Corinthians 14:5* I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater *is* he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

**9** So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

**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.

# 1. Praying in Tongues is one of Satan's Deceptive Teachings

**1 Corinthians 14:14** For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

**15** What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

**16** Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

**17** For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

2. There is not a single example of a Heavenly language being used in the entire Bible.

*1 Corinthians 13:1 and Romans 8:26-27 are the primary verses used to support praying in Tongues.*

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Rom 8:27 And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God.*

3. Praying in our own language isn't easy, it requires a mature disciplined faith that understands what it means to be standing in the Grace of God.

*Romans 5:1* Therefore being justified “by faith”, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

**2** By Whom also we have access “by faith” into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Believers don't need a deeper spiritual life, but a disciplined spiritual life!

# Sharing The Gospel In An Ignorant World

## VI. Letting the Light Shine Through Prayer Clearly. *Matt 6:6-15*

Application: If we are only popcorn praying Christians, praying when things are hot, because of this childish faith we will miss out on the blessings of an intimate personal relationship with our Creator and Saviour and experiencing His marvellous works among us.

*Ephesians 3:20* Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

## VII. Letting The Light Shine Through Prayer Convincingly.

Fasting is abstaining from food, drink, sleep or the martial privilege to focus on a period of spiritual enrichment of our wills yielding with our Saviours. Fasting is not about punishing our bodies but demonstrating to our Lord and Saviour we are humbly serious about wanting His will to be done in and through our lives and not wanting to follow our desires. Often a physical crisis or a situation of spiritual helplessness will motivate a believer to prayer with fasting to seek God's will and His purpose to be revealed and fulfilled.

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*2 Peter 3:5*

## VI. Letting the Light Shine Through Prayer Clearly. *Matt 6:6-15*

1. Do go daily to your private location for scheduled prayer. *v6*

2. Do be specific when praying to your Heavenly Father.

*v9, Romans 8:15*

3. Do exult and praise His Holy Name. *v9-10, Revelation 4:8*

4. Do confess your sins and forgive those who hurt you.

*v12,14-15, 1 John 5:8-10*

5. Do present your request until you see or know the answer.

*v11, 13, 17:21 Luke 18:1-8*

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Application: Praying in Tongues is a wicked sinful practice that must be exposed in a persons life through the clear teaching of God's Word and obeying the command to test it.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try-(test) the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove-(test) your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates-(rejected)?