

- C. We should be telling *anyone* who would listen about the gospel and not just wait for a voice to single someone out. Everyone needs God's Word presented to him or her. It is up to them to decide if they want to obey it or not.

3. CONTEXT IS KING

The reason that there is misunderstanding about how the Spirit indwells one is largely due to the fact that people ignore the context of their proof-texts. The following are some of the main passages used for teaching the lodging of the Holy Spirit within an individual, but an examination of the context proves otherwise.

John 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 said to you.*

John 14:16-17 -- *And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.*

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

Ephesians 5:18 -- *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.*

Romans 8:11 -- *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.*

John 14:26 & 14:16-17 (as is plain by the context that starts at the beginning of chapter 13) are referring to the Apostles only. *They* were to receive the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (See Acts 1:8). If you believe that it refers to all Christians, then we all are to follow the command to preach the gospel to the whole world, starting in Jerusalem.

John 3:5 refers to the gift of salvation by the Spirit through water baptism (See parallel passages found at Ephesians 5:26 & Titus 3:5. See also Ephesians 1:13-14). Ephesians 5:18 and Romans 8:11 will be explained in the next section.

Ephesians 4:8-13 -- *...And He gave gifts to men... until we all attain... to a mature man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.*

- B. **They are a sign that you are unbelievers, if it is gibberish.**

1 Corinthians 14:23 -- *If therefore the whole church should assemble together and all speak in tongues, and ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad? [The quote from Isaiah 28:11, in the context, is to show that God was telling Israel that the sign of their going into captivity will be when they could not understand the speech of those around them.]*

- C. **An uncontrollable tongue is not according to God's order.**

1 Corinthians 14:31-33 -- *For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets; for God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.*

- D. **Gifts were not a guarantee that one is acceptable to God.**

Matthew 7:22-23 -- *Many will say to Me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?" And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you;... you who practice lawlessness."*

When charged that the tongues they are speaking are nothing but gibberish, the charismatic claims that "tongues" are not speaking to men, but to angels and God (1 Corinthians 13:1 & 14:2).

Actually, in the first passage, Paul is engaging in Hyperbole and the actual tongue of angels is not meant. Paul *appears* to accept the Corinthian's claim that their gibberish is talking to God, but as the context progresses, he begins to redefine what they are doing. Their "speaking to God" is really "unedifying to anyone's understanding" (vv. 2-3), "lacking distinctive worth" (vv. 7-8), "speaking into the air" (v.9), "barbaric" (v.11), "mindfully unfruitful" (v.14), "a sign of unbelieving" (v.22), and "madness" (v.23). A tongue is defined in Acts 2.

Acts 2:4,6-8 -- *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues... each one hearing them speak in his own language...we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?..."*