

Speaking with One Voice

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“Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.”

Genesis 11:5-9 ESV

The dynamic of foreign languages was birthed at the tower of Babel when God scattered a disobedient people who were on the verge of achieving the impossible:

The *impossible* would have been *possible* because of two factors: a united people and a shared language. The people’s outright disobedience would have been hailed a success. God put an end to their nonsense by confusing the languages and scattering the people to the four corners of the earth.

Our human existence *began* with one language, and I believe it will *end* with one language: the language of God-wonder. Scripture tells of the day of Pentecost:

And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it...we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” (Acts 2:6-7, 11 ESV)

Multitudes gather when heaven finds voice on earth. When we have something to say, God finds a way for others to hear it. No one was left out. When we speak His words by the power of His Spirit, astonishing things happen. I long for this unified expression of God-wonder. Even more powerful than a common earthly language is the collective power of saying the same thing. On the day of Pentecost the declarations of heaven invaded earth and all who were present knew it.

Our God Most High is triumphant. His glorious love and wondrous mercy know no bounds. I am hungry for something so much more! I believe we are yet again on the threshold of heaven finding a collective voice on earth.

Whether you believe in speaking in tongues or not, a bigger question is on the table. Will we use our words in a way that unites the Church so we can glorify God? Let’s declare His flawless works and allow a unifying work of His Spirit to begin! Commitments to unity will not work unless all the participants are aligned with a higher cause. Let’s glorify Him.

What is the Holy Spirit saying to me?

ACTIVATION

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak words of unity through you.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to direct your path to those who need words of hope.
- Pray the power of God’s Spirit will give you a boldness to speak of His mighty works.

FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 19:14, 1 Samuel 3, 1 Corinthians 13, Romans 8:6