

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**Sunday, April 17, 2016**  
**Desire Fresh Fire**  
**6 What About Tongues?**

**TEXT:** 2 Timothy 1:6-7 / Leviticus 9:23-10:2

We began the year with this word: "Desire Fresh Fire, not strange fire". We looked at God's Word's to our church family. We then got a fresh revelation of what it means to be a member of a church. Pressing on to desiring fresh fire, we talked about getting hungry, the incense of prayer, the sacrifice or praise, last week, the Holy Spirit and Fire. We prayed for a fresh dose of holy boldness. Now what about them tongues?

1) What's the deal on these tongues?

- a) Tongues are a language given by God that the speaker does not understand. 1 Corinthians 14:2-14
- b) Tongues may be a known human language, or they may be of a purely heavenly nature. 1 Corinthians 13:1 men and angels
- c) They are given for both public and personal use: 1 Corinthians 14: 27-28 ... and let him speak to himself and to God.
- d) We are not to forbid their use, only give structure so that there is order and intelligibility. 1 Cor 14:39-40 ...do not forbid to speak with tongues. **Question:** How have you seen tongues and prophecy used in church? How about outside of church?

2) What are they good for?

- a) Praying with tongues provides personal edification. 1 Cor 14:4 / Jude 20 (Never just about you, but making you fit to help others) **Question:** What keeps you from praying in tongues regularly? Commit to 15 minutes every day for the next week. Set a time and a place.
- b) Establish and maintain conscious contact with God. 1 Cor 14:28
- c) A good form of praise and thanksgiving. 1 Cor 14:15-17 **Question:** Are you in the habit of singing in tongues? If so, what benefits do you experience? If not, try it!
- d) Allows the spirit to control the tongue. James 3:8 / 1 Cor 14:14
- e) It allows effective prayer in times when knowledge is lacking. Romans 8:26,27 / 1 Corinthians 14:2 **Question:** When you sense uneasiness in your heart, what do you do? For the next week, try praying in tongues every time you feel anxious.

3) How do I get them?

- a) Be filled with the Spirit as they were on Pentecost.
  - i) All spoke
  - ii) The Spirit gives the words, you do the talking. **Question:** This is the first episode in Acts where they were filled with the Spirit. Can you find the other 4? Do it!
- b) All God's blessings come by grace (they're free) through faith. (Mk 11:24)
- c) Luke 11:9-13 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (10) For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.
  - i) He is teaching on prayer (Vv 1-8)
  - ii) He is encouraging them that they will be heard and they will receive.
- d) (11) If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? (12) Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
  - i) A good father always wants his kids to be blessed.
  - ii) A good father never gives evil instead of good. He always gives the requests if he can.
- e) (13) If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"
  - i) God is a much better Father than you are! **Question:** What does the goodness of God mean to you? How does it effect the way you live? The way you pray? Lk 11:13 / Mt 7:11
  - ii) He wants you to have the Holy Spirit
  - iii) Two simple requirements: **Question:** Have you been filled with the Spirit since you believed? If so, describe how it has impacted your life. If not, See the simple requirements below.
    - (1) You must be a child of God: John 3:5-8 / Rom 8:15-16 / Rom 10:9
    - (2) You must ask Him. Mk 11:24