Primary Text: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Secondary Text: Acts 2:1-21

Supplemental Texts: John 7:37-39

**1.** **Pentecost occurrence in Acts 2:1-21**. The exact opposite occurred in Genesis 11:1-9 (Tower of Babel).

\* A new profound experience of the Holy Spirit allowed each person to understand another in their own native language (tongue).

\* This has never occurred in history before. People were bewildered. They couldn't explain it.

**2.** **How do we interpret Acts 2:1-21?**

\* Speaking in tongues is only the ability to speak/learn a foreign language

\* Speaking in tongues (mysterious language spoken from your Spirit to God) was a one-time occurrence of the Holy Spirt. That sort of thing doesn't happen anymore.

\* The speaking in tongues today in Pentecostal Churches is simply sensationalism, but it is not "true worship."

\* Speaking in tongues does occur today and this is still a Spiritual Gift.

\* The ECC acknowledges the gifts of speaking in tongues (mysterious language spoken from your Spirit to God) still occurs today. In practice, many in the ECC don't emphasize it or express having this gift.

# **3. The gift of the H.S. was promised by Jesus in John 14:15-17**

\*There is a distinction between receiving the gift of The Holy Spirit versus having the Holy Spirit living inside of you when you receive Jesus.

\*1 Corinthians 6:19-20-The Holy Spirit resides in us all.

**4. Primary Text 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

“Cold Case Christianity” by J. Wallace

\*Distinction between natural talents and spiritual gifts

\* **Talents Are Developed and Expected / Gifts Are Matured and Surprising**

**\*Talents Can Be Used Selfishly / Gifts Are Used to Serve God’s Purposes**

**5. Some of the Spiritual Gifts**

The word of wisdom  
The word of knowledge  
Faith (extraordinary trust and surrender)  
Gifts of healing  
The effecting of miracles  
Prophecy  
The distinguishing of spirits  
Tongues  
The interpretation of tongues  
Service

Justice  
Teaching  
Exhortation  
Giving  
Leadership  
Mercy  
Apostleship  
Evangelism  
Pastoral care

**5. One Body many Members. We worship in One Body and One Spirit.**

\*Use our talents to worship God

\*Use our talents to edify the body of Christ

\*Look at one another with love rather than distain.

Complete Your Spiritual Gifts Test and send your results to Lynn Black at [lynn@csidecov.org](mailto:lynn@csidecov.org)

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**Life Group Questions**

1. Do you personally or know anyone who has the gifts of tongues? Have you ever been witness to anyone speaking in tongues before? If so, what was your initial response?
2. What is your experience with having the Holy Spirit living inside of you? Can you sense when the Holy Spirit is prompting you to action?

Do you typically respond that prompting or do you ignore it?

1. 1 Corinthians 14 gives the longest explanation for the supernatural power/ability of speaking in tongues. The Apostle Paul makes some bold statements about how the gift should/should not be exercised. What are they? Which gift does he wish all Christ-followers had?
2. In light of the COVID-19 crisis, have there been agenda items you have been pushing too much? How will you chose to treat those around you with differing opinions and feelings? How about in the church when we re-gather?