

SUN 21ST JUNE '20 - BENEFITS OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Welcome 2 our Sunday service – it's sooo good 2CU all 😊
We've missed U & been praying 4 each of U - 4 your health, provision & U'd
come back stronger & more in love with Jesus than ever b4

NEEDS / P & P RPTS – PLEASE LET US KNOW

Our services R back at IC, however we're asking every1 2 register whilst restrictions
remain in place – check inbox & social media platforms 4 details

Publicly thank people this morning 4 all they've done over the last few months to
ensure IC continues 2 function & meet needs

Jane, Luke & Hayley, Naomi & Aaron, Damien, Dean & Lisa, Steve & Gina, Ryan H,
Harry & George, David S & Althea & our connect group leaders

Thank U 2 all who've supported our online services & 4 your continued generous giving
– we couldn't do what we do w/o U - thank U everyone

PRAY – HS This Is Your Msg – HS Reveal Yourself As I Speak Bring Life, Hope, Faith, Courage, Awareness, Healing, Hunger 4 Jesus!

2 start with I want 2 lay a brief foundation 4 where I want 2 go with this msg
I want 2 look at a few passages & then launch this baby 😊

Mk 16:16-18 Whoever believes & is baptized will be saved, but whoever doesn't believe will be
condemned. **THESE SIGNS WILL ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO BELIEVE:** In my name they
will drive out demons; **THEY WILL SPEAK IN TONGUES;** they will pick up snakes with their
hands & when they drink deadly poison, it won't hurt them; they'll place their hands on the sick &
they will be healed"

It's clear there's certain benefits for a believer

By faith we have power over all the works of the enemy & can live in freedom

By faith we overcome fear in facing dangerous **situations & seasons**

By faith we enjoy the protection of God in our lives

By faith we enjoy wholeness & healing bcoz we're a believer

But with speaking in tongues, the benefits aren't immediately apparent!

Let's Look At A Few Things That **S.I.T.** Isn't:

S.I.T. doesn't get us saved – it's the result of being baptised in the **HS**

U DON'T NEED 2 S.I.T. 2B SAVED

Eph 2:8-9 It's by grace U have been saved, thru faith & this not from yourselves, it's the gift of God—
not by works, so no one can boast

S.I.T. isn't a status symbol of Christian spirituality

S.I.T. isn't a shortcut 2 instant spiritual maturity – still takes time & devotion

S.I.T. isn't a zombie like state in where a person has no control of their faculties

S.I.T. is **HS** inspired speech in a language unknown to the speaker

It's an evidence of the baptism of the **HS**

It can be spoken in a Christian's private prayer life, or in a public worship
service with interpretation – **1 Cor 12 & 14**

In looking at passages in the **NT**, we discover whenever a person was
baptised in the **HS** - they also spoke in tongues

This was the “**normal**” experience of a believer in the early church

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in 1 place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven & filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire separated & came to rest on each of them. **ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HS & BEGAN TO SPEAK IN TONGUES** as the Spirit enabled them

Some believe only the apostles could experience the in-filling of the **HS** with evidence of speaking in tongues

However, reading **Acts 9** speaks against this belief

Saul was on a journey to arrest Christians – however he was saved on the road to Damascus thru a supernatural appearance of Jesus

Jesus told Saul to go into the city & would be told what to do next

Saul went to the city, but for 3 days he was blind & didn't eat or drink

Acts 9:10-12 There was a **CERTAIN DISCIPLE** named Ananias & to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias" & he said, "Here I am, Lord" Then Jesus said, "Arise & go to the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, he is praying & in a vision he's seen a man named Ananias coming in & putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight"

Ananias was that **certain disciple** – **today that certain disciple could B us!**

Disciple simply means a follower or student of Jesus Christ

Ananias was not one of the 12 apostles of Jesus – see what He does next

Acts 9:17 Ananias went & entered the house & laying his hands on Saul he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight & **BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**"

This champion tongue talker of the **NT** was ministered the in-filling of the Holy Ghost by a **certain disciple**, Ananias

We know Saul's baptism of the **HS** included him speaking in tongues bcoz

1 Cor 14:18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you

In **Acts 10** Peter preaches the Gospel at Cornelius's home - a Roman Centurion Peter didn't give an altar call, bcoz somewhere in his msg people got saved

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT?

Acts 10:44-45 While Peter was still speaking these words, the **HS** fell upon all those who heard the word & those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the **HS** had been poured out on Gentiles too

They were baptised in the **HS** & **S.I.T.**

How did those with Peter know Gentiles received the baptism of the **HS**?

V. 46 FOR THEY HEARD THEM SPEAK WITH TONGUES & PRAISING GOD

Here's another example of people being baptised in the **HS** & speaking in tongues

Acts 19:1-6

Not only does this show us speaking in tongues was part of being baptised in the **HS**, it also shows us there's an experience with the **HS** subsequent to & distinct from salvation - the indwelling, re-creative power of the Holy Ghost

It's clear when people were filled with the **HS** there were manifestations, sounds, fires & prophecies

OH GOD – DO IT AGAIN - WHEN THE PRESENCE OF THE HS MANIFESTED, DEMONS FLED, THERE WAS A SOUND, THERE WAS FIRE & PROPHETIC ENCOURAGEMENT – DO IT AGAIN LORD!

HS – manifest your presence again & again in our meetings, our prayer times, our worship, our homes, schools & workplaces – take hold of us Lord!

When people were filled with the **HS** people praised God & spoke in tongues
Only The Sign Of S.I.T. Was Present On Each Occasion

So, this brings me back to my original thought
WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF S.I.T.?

I believe there's many benefits & I want 2 create a hunger & desire in each of us 2b baptised in the **HS** & flow with all He has 4 us, including speaking in tongues

1. SPEAKING IN TONGUES KEEPS US CONSCIOUS OF HIS PRESENCE

1st & foremost praying in tongues focusses us on the Lord & what He's doing
It helps us be reminded of His presence surrounding us

Jesus said this of the **HS**

John 14:17, "HE IS WITH YOU & WILL BE IN YOU"

If we ever need 2b reminded of his presence, just begin praying in tongues
When our minds wander to things not good for us – pray in tongues
When we're tempted to do the wrong thing – pray in tongues

Tongues keeps us focussed on the **HS**

2. SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS HOLY SPIRIT INTERCESSION

Rom 8:26-28

How often do our prayer times turn into praying only 4 our needs?
Too often we forget the many needs around us & focus only on ourselves
As we yield 2 **HS**, He directs our prayer & they become Jesus centred
instead of us centred

Many Times, We Just Don't Know What Or How To Pray

It's in these moments we allow the **HS** to pray in & thru us

Many times, when **S.I.T.** we'll get a picture, a name, an impression of some1
I Believe It's The HS Asking Us To Reach Out To Them

Speaking In Tongues Helps Us To Fully Trust God

This is bcoz **S.I.T.** is an act of faith & abandonment to God
It's surrendering our tongue & lives 2 the **HS** & accessing His flow thru us
2 **S.I.T.** we must completely yield 2 God, surrendering our lives, situations,
of conflict & tension or have a deep unction 2 speak or sing in tongues

It's Believing The HS Will Guide Our Prayers – That He's Interceding & Releasing His Power Thru Us In Those Moments

We're aligning ourselves with a Divine Kingdom Agenda & when we act on it – lives change; healing flows; freedom reigns; provision is released!

3. SPEAKING IN TONGUES BUILDS US UP

When we've focussed ourselves on His presence, aligning ourselves with a **HS** direction & flow – we'll be better positioned 2 build ourselves up as we **S.I.T.**

1 Cor 14:4 HE WHO SPEAKS IN A TONGUE EDIFIES HIMSELF ...

Vines Expository Dictionary relates this experience 2a charging up
Similar 2 putting jumper leads on a battery that's got a low charge

We build ourselves up spiritually

When we pray in tongues, we receive spiritual strength & blessing

S.I.T. is the only gift the bible specifically says edifies the person speaking

Jude 1:20 AMP But U, beloved, **BUILD YOURSELVES UP** [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, **RISE LIKE AN EDIFICE HIGHER & HIGHER**], **PRAYING IN THE HS**

Don't wait 4 some1 else 2 encourage U - **S.I.T.**

S.I.T. is a refreshing from the cares of this world

Begin to **S.I.T.** & be rejuvenated in the presence of God

1 Cor 14:2 For **HE WHO SPEAKS IN A TONGUE DOES NOT SPEAK TO MEN BUT TO GOD**, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries

S.I.T. is our direct communication with the Father

It's a direct up-link to His Throne & His Heart

Many times, I've felt alone, isolated & struggling

Then I've begun 2 **S.I.T.** & felt a direct connection with Father

I no longer feel alone or isolated & that Help is at hand - **S.I.T.**

4. SINGING IN TONGUES IS A PERFECT OUTLET 4 WORSHIP

The **HS** helps us in our worship of God by lifting our hearts to God

1 Cor 14:15 So what shall I do? **I WILL PRAY WITH MY SPIRIT**, but I will also pray with my mind; **I'LL SING WITH MY SPIRIT**, but I'll also sing with my mind

We can take our praise & worship to another level by **Sing. I.T.**

It may be that we don't know the words of the song – **Sing. I.T.**

When our hearts are bursting just to worship Father – **Sing. I.T.**

I believe the prophecy of Joel & declaration Jesus made at the start of His ministry is being poured out now – today!

Joel 2:28-29 " .. I'll pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons & daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men & women, I'll pour out my Spirit in those days

Lk 4:18-19 "**THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS ON ME**, because He has anointed me 2 preach **GN** 2 the poor. He has sent me 2 proclaim freedom 4 the prisoners & recovery of sight 4 the blind, 2 release the oppressed, 2 proclaim the year of the Lord's favor"

Life & our culture has become so complex, so frantic & busy that I encourage us all to regularly seek a fresh baptism of the **HS** each day

Our world is in desperate need of an encounter with the Living God
I want 2C the Glory of God displayed in this place, in our homes, in our streets, in our schools & workplaces

S.I.T. – Become Aware Of **HS** Presence

S.I.T. – Become Aligned With A Kingdom Agenda!

S.I.T. – Build Yourself Up

S.I.T. – Belt Out A Song Of Praise & Worship

I'm believing 4 incredible, amazing, powerful & great manifestations of the **HS** to be seen & experienced by **ALL** people

LET'S PRAY – WHY NOT STAND WHERE U R, LIFT OUR HANDS

Pray 4 the baptism of the HS with the evidence of speaking in tongues

Pray 4a fresh touch, a fresh encounter with Jesus, to live like Jesus

If U Don't Know Jesus, But Want 2, Why Not Pray This With Me:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner & I ask 4 Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins & rose from the dead. I turn from my sins & invite You to come into my heart & life. I want to trust & follow You as my Lord & Saviour. In Your Name. **AMEN**

If you've prayed this for the 1st time – let us know how 2 contact U

We want to walk with U & provide U with some great resources

Just a quick heads up that **this Friday** is our next youth night at 7:00pm

Our services R back on @ IC – watch social media & website 4 details

You've Been Lit Up To Light Up - We've Been Renewed & Transformed 2 Bring Renewal & Transformation!