

## 1 Tongues

that to be true in Acts 4:31 where it tells of the great filling with the Spirit of the people. The house was shaken, they were filled with the Spirit and they spoke the Word of God with boldness. Nothing is said about whether they spoke with tongues or not. You go on to Chapter 8 and we find that over in Samaria there after the people believed we are told that the Holy Spirit did not yet come upon them until Peter and John came up to Samaria and after Peter and John came up, then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit, but it doesn't mention speaking with tongues. Maybe they did and maybe they didn't, but it wasn't the important feature. That's the thing I am trying to bring out here. We go on to Saul's conversion in Chapter 9 and he received the Holy Ghost, in verse 31. He was baptized and he received the Holy Spirit but there is no mention made of his speaking with tongues at all. The Holy Spirit only is there mentioned. Now you get to chapter 10 and you have a second instance where speaking with tongues is mentioned. In that case it is Cornelius and you remember that Cornelius heard the Word of God from Peter's mouth and the people with him hear it and we read that in verse 44 if. that while Peter spoke these words the Holy Ghost fell on them that heard the Word and they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then answered Peter, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized?" Now this is very interesting. These people hadn't even been baptized. They hadn't become Christians and then waited awhile for the coming of the Spirit; they hadn't even been baptized in the name of Christ yet, and yet the Holy Spirit came upon them when they were hearing the message. I think that is very vital. We get these facts and when you want to make an interpretation, here is the regular system which should occur, then if you find it occurs in a different way in one or two cases it shows you can't be dogmatic that this is the way it's got to be and in this case before they had even been baptized they received