**These Signs Shall Follow**

**Tongues:**

“Speaking in tongues means speaking miraculously in a language

unknown to the speaker, as the Spirit gives utterance.”

**Tongues can be classified in two ways, according to function:**

1. **Speaking in other tongues as the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.**

Speaking in other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance is the manifestation God has given as the definite, indisputable, supernatural witness or sign of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. {Acts 2:4, 10:46, 19:6}

It was prophesied by the prophet Isaiah as the rest and the refreshing (Isaiah 28:11-12}, foretold by Jesus as a sign that would follow believers of the gospel {Mark 16:17}, and experienced by Jews and Gentiles alike.

1. **The gift of tongues as mentioned in I Corinthians.**

The gift of “divers kinds of tongues,” mentioned by Paul in I Corinthians 12:1-10 and concerning which he gave regulations in I Corinthians 14:1-40, is given both for self-edification {I Cor 14:4} and for the edification of the church {I Cor 14:27-28}.

In church meetings, the gift of tongues is used to give a public message, and it is to interpreted. Since this gift can be misused in public it needs proper regulation (I Cor 14:23-28}. Not all believers exercise the gift of tongues, which is different in function from tongues given by God as the initial witness of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Paul said, “Forbid not to speak with tongues” (I Cor 14:39} and “I thank My God, I speak with tongues more than ye all” {I Cor 14:18}.

**Have tongues ceased?**

(1 Cor 13:8 KJV) Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.(1 Cor 13:9 KJV) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

(1 Cor 13:10 KJV) ***But when that which is perfect is come,*** *then that which is in part shall be done away.*