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*The following is taken from the Brother Sam's study manual,
The Doctrine Of Baptism...*

Of all the foundational principles, this "Doctrine of Baptisms" is the most crucial because within this doctrine is found so many principles. As one searches this doctrine out, they will find many loose ends being tied up. Controversial issues such as the Trinity, Eternal Salvation, Water Baptism, Baptism in the Holy Ghost, the nature of man, the nature of God, etc. are all defined in this doctrine. This is essential sound doctrine without which one cannot move into the deeper truths in God.

The sum of this doctrine states the three-fold God, created a three-fold man and for that man, He gave a three-fold salvation and a three-fold baptism. This doctrine could really be called the three-fold principle. My heart's desire and prayer for you is that you find meat to eat, answers to your questions, a greater foundation upon which to stand in the Word, as well as a more intimate knowing of our precious Savior, Jesus.

In Proverbs 22:20-21, Solomon says, "*Have not I written unto thee excellent* (excellent in Hebrew means "threefold or weighty")

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things in counsels and knowledge, That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightiest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?" God's revelation is threefold (a wheel within a wheel, written within and without, etc.) and weighty or very deep. This doctrine is deep, so launch out with me now (Luke 5:4) into the deep and let's catch a great draught of meat. May God receive glory, Jesus be exalted, the Holy Spirit be blessed, and you edified and taught.

Jesus is Precious!

Samuel Greene

Below are notes to 1 of the 65 chapters in the Doctrine of Baptism highlighting the important of speaking in tongues for every believer:

I. Tongues Are the Evidence of the Baptism of The Holy Ghost

A. I Corinthians 12:7 – *"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal."* – Every man baptized in the Holy Ghost is given the manifestation of the Spirit. I believe in particular this is speaking about tongues. Below are the accounts of baptism and the manifestation:

1. Acts 2:1-5
2. Acts 10:43-48
3. Acts 19:1-7

In all of the above cases, it is obvious that upon receiving the baptism, they spoke with tongues.

4. Acts 9:17 – *"And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost".* (I Corinthians 14:18) – In Paul's account there is no

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mention of him speaking in tongues, but that does not mean it did not happen. We find later in I Corinthians 14 that he does speak in tongues. This would confirm to me that he did.

5. Acts 8:14, 18 – In this account, we notice that Simeon “saw” that through laying on of hands the Holy Ghost was given. What did he see? Let’s compare this with Acts 2:33. I believe he saw and heard them speak with tongues. Even if the last two accounts (Acts 9:17 and Acts 8:14, 18) could not be proven, we have three witnesses, which according to the Word, establishes this as principle.
6. There is a sign in all three baptisms – Most people don’t mind a baptism of the Holy Ghost, in fact some denominations believe in a second experience, but the one thing they all cannot flow with is speaking in tongues. Evidence in all three baptisms:
 - a. Baptism of Blood – a clean heart, a changed life
 - b. Baptism in Water – a soaking, drenched body
 - c. Baptism in Holy Ghost – speaking in tongues

II. Two Types of Speaking in Tongues

A. This is where most people get confused!

1. Manifestation of the Spirit (prayer language)
 - a. I Corinthians 12:7 – *“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal”*.
 - b. I Corinthians 14:2, 28 – *“²For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries...²⁸But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.”*

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- c. I Corinthians 14:14-15 - *"¹⁴For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."*
- d. I Corinthians 14:4 - *"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church".*

This is the prayer language of the Spirit, which every believer is to use to be edified, built up, pray and worship with. These tongues are simply spoken unto God.

2. The gift of Tongues

- a. I Corinthians 12:10, 30 - *"...¹⁰To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues...³⁰Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?"* - This is the supernatural gift of speaking in tongues. It is used to speak to men for God. It, along with the interpretation of tongues, is the same as the gift of prophecy.
- b. I Corinthians 14: 21-27 - These are the tongues that must be interpreted. These tongues are meant not to edify the individual, but to edify and build up the church.

B. How Can We Understand This?

1. I Corinthians 12:29-30 - *"Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracle"s? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues?"*

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do all interpret?" – These verses here bring more confusion than any others. We must rightly divide the Scriptures here.

- a. *"Are all apostles?"*
- b. *"Are all prophets?"*

This is referring to the gifts; both ministry offices and supernatural gifts. Not everyone is called to, or given the ministry offices of an apostle, nor is everyone given the supernatural gift of tongues (which is speaking for God to men, not for private worship and edification). But everyone is called to prophecy; everyone is called to preach; and all are to speak with tongues (prayer language) (I Corinthians 14:5, 30; I Corinthians 12:7).

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