**The God I Never Knew: Video 6 - Does He Speak in Tongues?**

**1. It’s Scriptural**

**1 Corinthians 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.

**1 Corinthians 14:14-17** For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

The Holy Spirit did not cease to operate in 393AD when the Bible was canonized. All of His fruit and all of His gifts are still available for all of His kids.

**1 Corinthians 14:18** I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all.

**1 Corinthians 14:39** Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

**2. It’s A Benefit**

**1 Corinthians 14:4** He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

**Ephesians 6:17-18** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; **praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit**, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

**Jude 20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit

**3. It’s A Choice**

**1 Corinthians 14:14-15** For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding.

**Gift of Tongues:** A prophetic message ***from*** God in a language that is unknown to the speaker, or a prayer language that is accompanied by an interpretation. Given as a manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

**Prayer Language:** Praying ***to*** God in an unknown prayer language – a work of grace (divine enablement). We can start and stop at will. We use our will to pray His perfect will.

**1 Corinthians 14:32** The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

Praying in tongues is not demonic.

Demons are referred to as serpents and scorpions.

**Luke 10:19** Behold, I give you the authority to trample on **serpents** and **scorpions**, and over all the power of the **enemy**…

**Luke 11:11-13** If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a **serpent** instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a **scorpion**? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

No man can tame the tongue, but the Spirit can.

**1 Corinthians 14:5** I wish you all spoke with tongues…