If a person wants to live a victorious/overcoming life that is not controlled by the past they need to let God have FULL CONTROL. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit needs to be in charge of their life, not themselves. They need to walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Be filled with God's Holy Spirit. Be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

When a person is healed from the wounds of the past, they can become vessels of honor for the Kingdom of God. They can have a powerful testimony. Their 'desert places' can become a garden for others. They can be used by God in a powerful way. An amazing way. God can give them boldness to share about their past and testify to the healing power of God.

Those who are Baptized by the Holy Spirit are not afraid to talk about the wounds of the past. They are not afraid to talk about their shortcomings, failures, sins, of the past. They are not fearful of man. Those truly Baptized in the Holy Spirit will walk in holiness and purity. They will not justify sin in their life. They will confront it and repent of it. They will ask God to anoint them to be powerful testimonies for the Kingdom of God. They will ask God to use them in the gifts of the Spirit so that they may be effective in ministry.

If a person will apply the biblical principles taught in the *Moving Beyond the Past* Course, they will become free from bondages that have occurred in their life from past experiences and unhealthy choices they have made because of past experiences. They will experience deliverance in their life.

The reason that many individuals do not maintain their victory over the wounds of the past, the sins of the past, the poor choices of the past is that they do not maintain the victory they have through Jesus Christ. In order to maintain the freedom that Jesus has given them, they need to allow God to fully reign in their life. They need to walk in the Spirit, they need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. To be baptized in the Holy Spirit. We are not talking about being born again, saved. We are talking about walking in the fullness of God and going forwards, not backwards. Every Christian should be filled/baptized in the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit gives individuals the power to walk in victory over sin and to walk in boldness, not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are different words used for the phrase baptism in the Holy Spirit:

<u>Baptized in/with Holy Spirit</u>

Acts 1:4-5, 7-8; Acts 11:15-18, Luke 3:16

Acts 1:4-5 (KJV)

⁴ And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from *Jerusalem*, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be <u>baptized with the Holy Ghost</u> not many days hence.

⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath

put in his own power.

⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 11:15-18 (KJV)

- ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.
- ¹⁶ Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be <u>baptized</u> with the Holy Ghost.
- ¹⁷ Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?
- ¹⁸ When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Luke 3:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall <u>baptize you with the</u> Holy Ghost and with fire:

Spirit Coming On or Falling Upon

Acts 1:5-8, Acts 8:12-19, Acts 10:44-47, Acts 11:15-17, Acts 19:1-6

Acts 1:4-5 (KJV)

- ⁴ And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
- ⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.
- ⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.
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Acts 8:12-19 (KJV)

- ¹² But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
- ¹³ Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
- ¹⁴ Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:
- ¹⁵ Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:
- ¹⁶ (<u>For as yet he was fallen upon none of them</u>: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
- ¹⁷ Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
- ¹⁸ And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given,

he offered them money,

¹⁹ Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10:44-47 (KJV)

- 44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.
- ⁴⁵ 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 Ghost.
- ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
- ⁴⁷ Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

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Acts 19:1-6 (KJV)

- ¹ And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,
- ² He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.
- ³ And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
- ⁴ Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.
- ⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, <u>the Holy Ghost came on them</u>; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Spirit Poured Out

Acts 2:14-18, Acts 10:44,-47

Acts 2:14-18 (KJV)

- ¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
- ¹⁵ For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.
- ¹⁶ But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
- ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will <u>pour out of my Spirit</u> upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:
- ¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I <u>will pour out in those days of my Spi</u>rit; and they shall prophesy:

Acts 10:44-47 (KJV)

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- ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
- ⁴⁷ Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Receiving the Spirit

Acts 8:14-19, Acts 10:44-47, Acts 19:1-6

Acts 8:14-19 (KJV)

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- ⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Gift of God or Gift of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38-39, Acts 10:44-47, Acts 2:1-4, John 3:34-35 (AMP)

Acts 2:38-39 (KJV)

- ³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the <u>gift of the Holy Ghost</u>.
- ³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

(The context in this passage appears to speaking about being born again than specifically being baptized in the Holy Spirit. However, when you look at the same phrase in other passages, it is specifically talking about the baptism in the Holy Spirit.)

Acts 10:44-47 (KJV)

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- ⁴⁷ Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

(The following passage does not say the gift of the Holy Spirit, but it is the experience that peter references to in Acts 10:47)

Acts 2:1-4 (KJV)

- ¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- ³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

John 3:34 (AMP)

³⁴ For since He Whom God has sent speaks the words of God [proclaims God's own message], God does not give Him His Spirit sparingly or by measure, but boundless is the gift God makes of His Spirit!

Filled with the Spirit

Acts 2:1-4, Acts 4:31, Acts 9:17

Acts 2:1-4 (KJV)

- ¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it <u>filled all the</u> house where they were sitting.
- $\frac{\overline{3}}{3}$ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

⁴ And they were <u>all filled with the Holy Ghost</u>, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 4:30-31 (KJV)

- ³⁰ By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.
- ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Promise of the Father or the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4-5, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 2:33, Acts 2:38-39,

Acts 1:4-5 (KJV)

- ⁴ And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from *Jerusalem*, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
- ⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

The following is the fulfillment of the promise of the Father Acts 2:1-4 (KJV)

- ¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
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- ⁴ And they were <u>all filled with the Holy Ghost</u>, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:32-33 (KJV)

- ³² This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.
- ³³ Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father <u>the</u> <u>promise of the Holy Ghost</u>, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Acts 2:38-39 (KJV)

- ³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the <u>gift of the Holy Ghost</u>.
- ³⁹ <u>For the promise</u> is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

I. What is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

A. The baptism in the Holy Spirit (being filled with the Holy Spirit) is the fulfillment of Jesus' words concerning the 'promise of the Father'.

Luke 24:49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

It is a baptism of with power! Jesus is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit, and through this experience the Kingdom of God is manifested in our lives.

B. It is a distinct and separate act of God from being "baptized into Christ by the Holy Spirit". This initial baptism refers to our "born again" experience into the body of Christ, His church.

Galatians 3:27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
- C. The Holy Spirit baptizes us into Christ, but Jesus baptizes us in the Holy Spirit. When this occurs, we are totally filled and surrounded by God.
- D. The phrase *baptism in the Holy Spirit* means to be immersed in a relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- II. What is the Result of Being Baptized of the Holy Spirit?
 - A. After receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, we have the power to resist sin and the devil, to live a victorious life through the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - B. After receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, we have the power to witness:
 - 1. To be bold in sharing what God has done in our life, our story of deliverance.
 - 2. To be bold in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - C. After receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, we have the power to be all that God intended for us to be in His Kingdom. We can fully walk in the calling God has for us.
 - D. After receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we have the desire to be vessels of honor, used by God, and desire to walk in the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit. We want to be full equipped with the character and power of God.
 - E. Edified or built up. (Jude 1:20)
- III. When is a Person Baptized of the Holy Spirit?

- A. A person cannot be baptized in the Holy Spirit prior to being born again. John 20:19-22, Acts 1:4-8, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 8:12-19, Acts 19:1-6
- B. Before being water baptized. Acts 10:44-48; Acts 9:17-19
- C. After being water baptized. Acts 1:5-8; Acts 19:1-6
- D. Baptism in the Holy Spirit normally is separate from being born again. Acts 1:5-8; Acts 4:8; Acts 19:1-6; Acts 8:14-19

IV. A person can be re-filled in the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

A. Acts 4:29-31

²⁹ "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond- servants may speak Your word with all confidence, ³⁰ while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

V. The Evidence of Being Baptized of the Holy Spirit.

A. Boldness

- 1. Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
- 2. Acts 2:14-36 Peter speaks with boldness.
- 3. Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.
- 4. Acts 6:3-8 ³ Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom...
 - ⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost...
 - ⁶ Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.
 - ⁷ And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in *Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.*

⁸ And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

B. Prophesying

- 1. Acts 2:11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God (this could be seen as a form of prophesying)
- 2. Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

C. Praising God

- 1. Acts 10:46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God.
- 2. Acts 2:11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God.
- D. Something Amazing Occurs When Baptized With the Holy Spirt Acts 8:17-19
 - ¹⁷ Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
 - ¹⁸ And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, ¹⁹ Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

E. Tongues

- 1. Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.
- 2. Acts 2:11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."
- 3. Acts 10:46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God.
- 4. Acts 11:15 "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us at the beginning." (Tongues happened at the beginning.)
- 5. Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

VI. What Hinders the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- A. Taught that it is the same as salvation or that it occurs at water baptism with no evidence of it occurring.
 - 1. In scripture, it is clear that Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a separate experience that being saved or water baptized. It can occur at the same time as salvation, prior to water baptism or after water baptism.

- 2. In scripture, it is clear that there is some kind of evidence of being baptized of the Holy Spirit. Every instance of the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the Bible shows this to be true.
- B. Taught that the teaching of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is of the devil. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a gift from God, not the devil.
 - 1. Acts 1:4-5 (KJV)
 - ⁴ And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from <u>Jerusalem</u>, <u>but wait for the promise of the Father</u>, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
 - ⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.
 - 2. It is blasphemy to call a gift/promise from God of being of the devil. Jesus confronted the Pharisees for accusing Him of doing the work of Satan. Saying anything that the Father, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit does as being of the devil is blasphemy.

Matthew 12:31-32 (NASB)

- ³¹ "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.
- ³² "Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.
- C. The spiritual gifts and the baptism of the Holy Spirt were done away with at some point. There is not one verse that states or suggest this is the case.
- D. Fear
 - 1. Fear of looking or acting foolish. There is nothing foolish about being filled with the Holy Spirit. It is actually foolish to reject the working of the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. Fear of receiving something false or being a vessel of Satan. If you are asking God to fill you with His Holy Spirit He is not going to let you be filled with something else.

Luke 11:11-13 (NKJV)

- ¹¹ 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?
- 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
- ¹³ 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!"
- E. The Foolishness of Others. Because others make an overemphasis on tongues or other manifestations, because others teach you must be baptized with the Holy Spirit to be

saved, because others 'force' people to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, should not negate a person from receiving the promise of being baptized with the Holy Spirit.

F. Over Thinking. Using a natural mind to figure out a spiritual event. Becoming too logical and analytical, instead of operating by faith.

VII. What About Tongues?

It is clear in scripture that there were those who were baptized with the Holy Spirit that spoke with tongues. There is absolutely nothing in Scripture that shows tongues was done away with at some point of time. The Bible actual says "Do not forbid the speaking of tongues." 1 Corinthians 14:39

- A. It is the Spirit of God that gives the utterance-the words to say.
 - 1. Acts 2:3-4
 - ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.
 - ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.
 - 2. The Spirit gives the utterance, but you must speak. You must open your month and move your tongue, God is not going to force you to speak.
- B. Just as your mind tells you what to say when you want to speak, the Holy Spirit will give you the words to say when you speak in tongues. When you speak, your voice box, tongue, lungs, and mouth all working to together to form words. The same things happen when you speak in tongues.
- C. Many times the gift of tongues comes through worship and praise. As you give God worship and praise there comes a point when it seems like you have run out of words to give God praise and the Holy Spirit will give you the words to praise God.
- D. Other times the gift of tongues comes as hands are laid upon a person.
- E. There are various kinds of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:10); tongues for men or God (1 Corinthians 14:2), thus intelligible and unintelligible tongues. Tongues will not be understandable by you (1 Corinthians 14:14).
- F. Don't focus on the tongues, focus on God.
- VIII. Steps to receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
 - A. Remove all barriers.
 - 1.Sin, unforgiveness, doctrinal hang-ups, pride, or any unclean thing in you may block you from being baptized in the Holy Spirit.

- 2. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any unforgiveness, inner vows, bitter rood judgments, generational curses/sins, deceptions in your life.
- 3. Confess your sin, renouncing anything from your past or present that would hinder you from receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

B. Request

- 1. Jesus said that all we had to do is ask, and we would receive.
- 2. Tell the Lord you want to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to give you the evidence by giving you boldness, the gift of speaking in tongues, or some other evidence as found in the Book of Acts. Ultimately your life should reflect that you are baptized with the Holy Spirit.

C. Receive

- 1. Reach out by faith and take hold of this gift that God freely gives to all those who believe in Him.
- 2. Don't analyze it with your mind, but allow your spirit to receive this gift. Worship the Lord, and keep your mind on Him.

D. Release

- 1. By faith, co-operate with the Holy Spirit however He chooses to manifest Himself in your life.
- 2. As you are baptized in the Holy Spirit there will be joy and peace. Just as it became clear to you that you were born again, you will know that you are filled with the Holy Spirit.
- IX. Have the Heart of the Early Christians in the Book of Acts.

Acts 4:29-33

- ²⁹ "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence,
- ³⁰ while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."
- ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.
- ³² And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them.
- ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.
- vs 29: They prayed to be confident in the word of God

vs 30: They prayed for God to use them in miracles

vs 31: They cooperated with God filling them up with the Holy Spirit and they spoke with boldness.

vs 32: They were in unity

vs 33: They were walking in God's anointing, being used by God, and walking in the fullness of God's grace.

For in-depth Bible Study on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Tongues (based upon Scripture, not opinions or traditions of man), go to www.christianblogsites.com/pdf/Baptism-of-the-Holy-Spirit.pdf

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- Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Tongues
- Why Do We Need the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?
- Do We Need the Baptism of the Holy Spirit Today?
- Summary of What the Bible Says About the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- Tongues in the New Testament
- What are Tongues?
- Are Tongues for the Purpose of Preaching the Gospel?
- The Purpose of Tongues in the Book of Acts
- Tongues in 1 Corinthians 12 & 13
- Tongues in 1 Corinthians 14
- Instructions on the Use of Tongues
- What is the Purpose of Tongues?
- Objections to Speaking in Tongues
- Common Questions Regarding the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Tongues
- How Can I Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
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- Challenge to 'Tongues Speakers' and Non-Tongue Speakers