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*The Mission Made Possible*

Acts 2:1-13



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1. They were dramatically empowered by the coming of the Holy Spirit.
2. They were uniquely united by the inauguration of the church.



# The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

1) The baptism of the Spirit as an action that takes place at the moment we are converted – and placed into the body of Christ

“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body” *1 Cor. 12:13*

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2) At that time the Holy Spirit takes up residency in the saved person's soul. There is no such thing as a Christian who does not have the Holy Spirit.

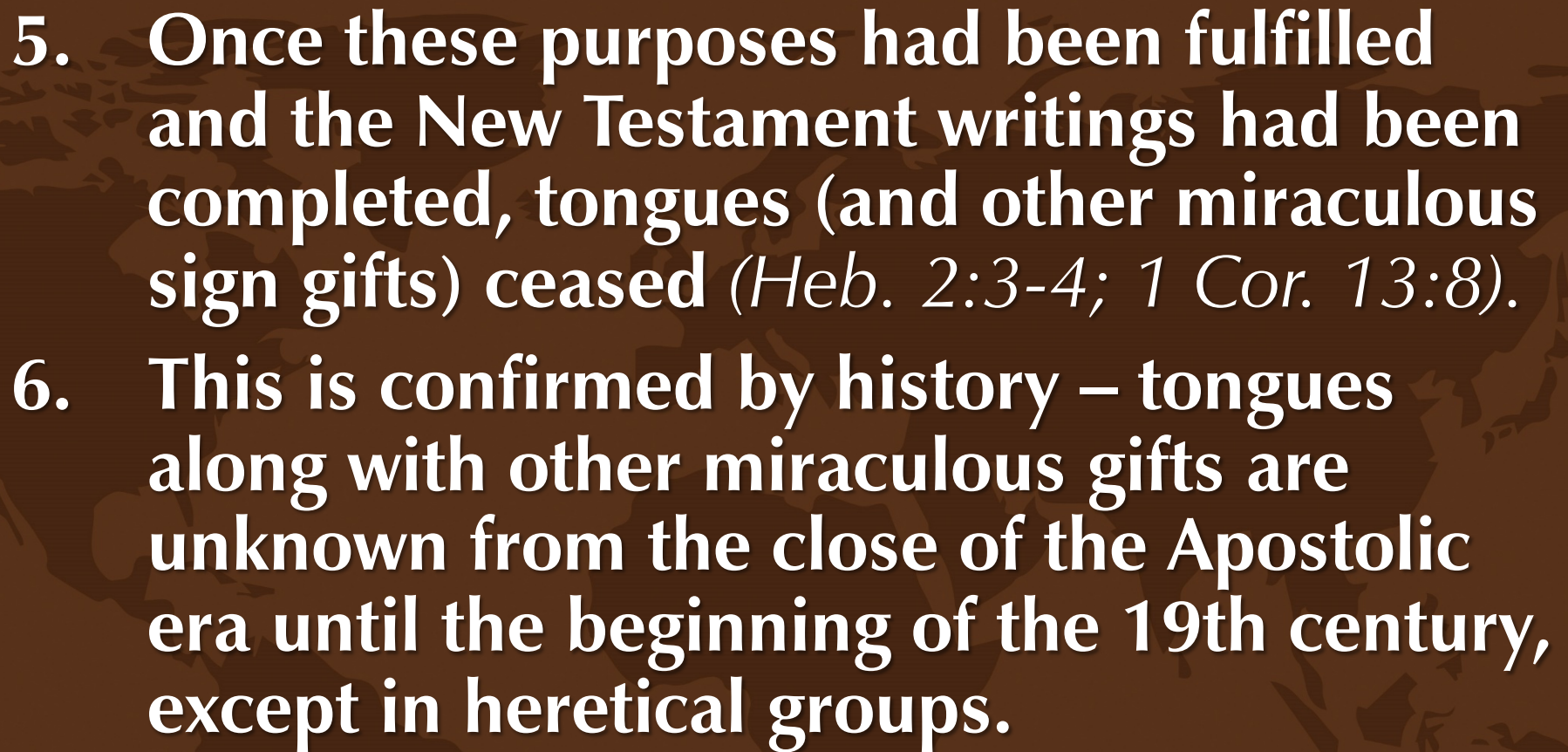
"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, He is none of His" *Rom. 8:9*



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- 3) This record of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, occurring sometime after salvation and accompanied by miraculous signs, was a unique experience for specific groups of believers in the book of Acts.
- It was unique because it hadn't happened before. When these believers evidenced their faith in God's Son, the Holy Spirit had not been given.
  - It was authenticating a change in God's working in believers' lives—change had to be verified.

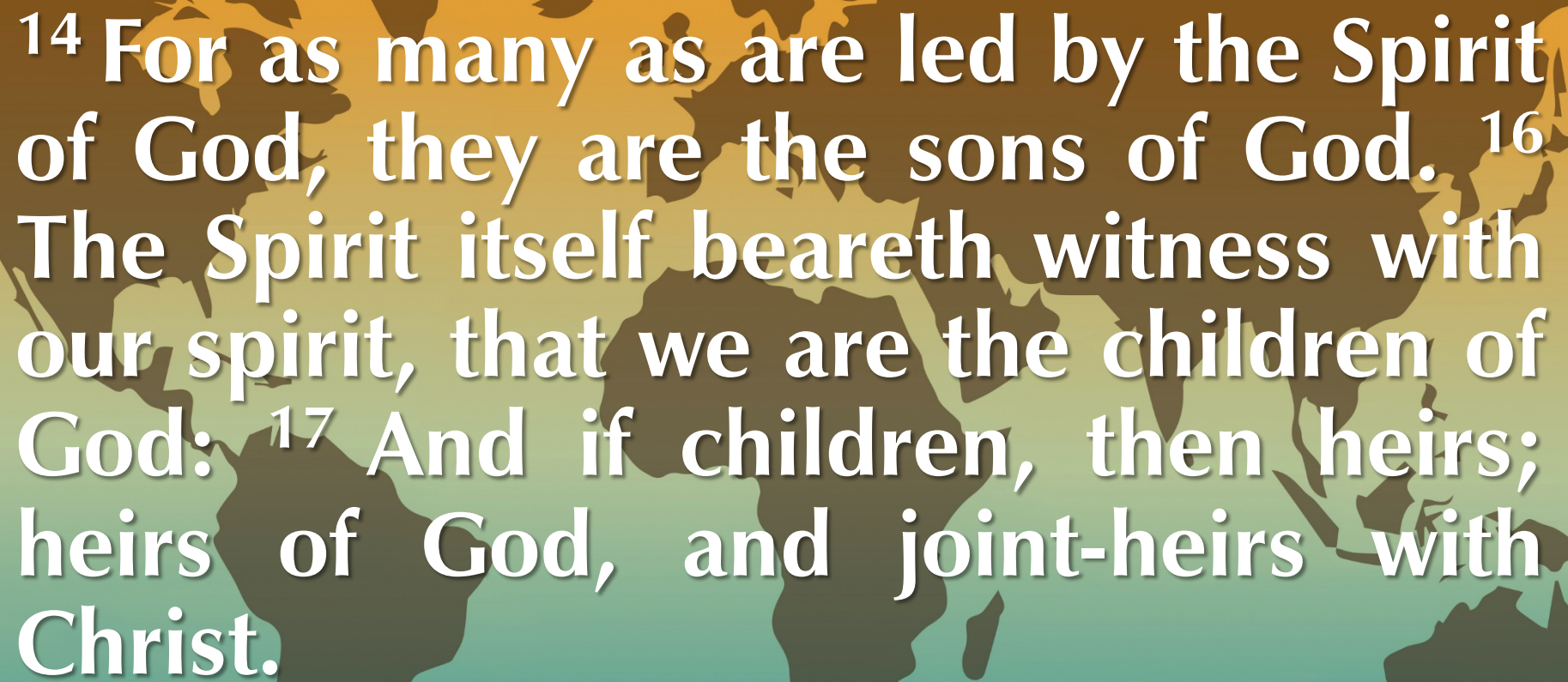
1. The gift of speaking in tongues was clearly known human languages.
2. The miracle of tongues was not a miracle of hearing. It was that they spoke a language they did not know.
3. The miracle of tongues was given for a specific purpose (*1 Cor. 14:21-22*) – as a sign to Jewish unbelievers.
4. Throughout the history of God's people, Scripture records miracles as given to verify or authenticate God's hand of approval or confirmation of change in His program.

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5. Once these purposes had been fulfilled and the New Testament writings had been completed, tongues (and other miraculous sign gifts) ceased (*Heb. 2:3-4; 1 Cor. 13:8*).
  6. This is confirmed by history – tongues along with other miraculous gifts are unknown from the close of the Apostolic era until the beginning of the 19th century, except in heretical groups.





***What does this mean?***



<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. <sup>16</sup> The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: <sup>17</sup> And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.

*Romans 8*