

1 Tongues

over there thinking they could speak Chinese and finding the people couldn't understand it at all and if I understood him correctly she said that she had decided that they were mistaken, that the tongues speaking they were doing was not what is described in Acts 2 here. It wasn't the Pentecost tongues speaking at all but something else referred to somewhere else in the Bible. Now of course that raised a complicated situation naturally but this is vital. The tongues speaking in Acts 2 was speaking which could be understood by the man of the street speaking other languages. So far as I know there is nothing of that kind anywhere today. You've never taken a Jap and a Korean and a Chinese and a Persian with you and gone into a place and had them all hear their own language spoken in the place where people were talking with tongues. There is no analogy to that whatever today. So much then for this vital factor about Acts 2 here the speaking of tongues.

Now we notice at the end of the chapter in verse 41. They that gladly received his word were baptized and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls and all began to speak with tongues. It doesn't say that. The rest of the chapter tells you about the wonderful enthusiasm and joy in the Lord of these people converted and it doesn't say a word about their speaking in tongues. That doesn't mean they didn't, but it does mean that it was not considered the outstanding important feature of the conversion of these new men. Whether they spoke with tongues or not we don't know and I think that is vital, to go on and note that in instance after instance after this in Acts where we find it told that people became Christians great stress is laid upon their speaking the Word with boldness. Great stress is laid upon their fine life in Christ, but if I am correct in my hasty glancing over the evidence I have only found two more places in Acts where there is any record whatever to speaking with tongues and in all these other cases we have the Spirit mentioned and many things about the Spirit but speaking with tongues is not even mentioned, so if it was present, it at least was not considered the important and outstanding feature. I found