

A LETTER TO A WORLD BIBLE STUDENT

Dear Tendia Syava,

I will type our note to you so you will be able to read it. Our writing at our age isn't very readable.(:>) Smile.

It was good to hear from you and we will answer your questions by letting the Bible answer with the right verses. First part of your question about tongues that where Cornelius was given the Holy Spirit and tongues, so it would convince Peter that God had accepted the Gentiles as he had the Jews, or the Isrealites.

Here is why we believe that is a true statement.

One reason Peter was an unbeliever that the Gentiles were accepted by God

Because this is what is said in Acts 10.28. **he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.**

(This is why Peter was an unbeliever,he didn't believe that the Gentiles could be saved.)(He was a believer in God and Christ, and also, to save the chosen people of God, the Jews ,or Israelites.

KJV Acts 10:1-37 please read these scriptures and they will tell you the story of Peters vision, and why it was given, also the story of Cornelius becoming a Christian. About God giving him the Holy Spirit, like they received on the day of Pentecost.

In Acts 15:8,9.And God,which knoweth the hearts bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us(the Apostles);(verse 9.) and put no difference between us and them purifying their hearts by faith.(this was necessary , 1 Peter 1:22, Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

(Cornelius was a Gentile. God hears his prayer and answers, while he was not a Christian, he was worshipping God. The law wasn't given to the Gentiles, but that was all that Cornelius knew how to worship God with. Christ's covenant is for the whole world.)

(Romans 3:21,22. the righteousness of God without the Law (Law of Moses) is manifested, being witnessed by the law and prophets.

22.Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all, and upon all them that believe: for there is no distinction. As it says in Romans 10:12,13)

The difference in the Apostles and us .Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about

doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40. Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

41. Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, (Apostles), who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

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?

48. And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

(Peter said it was a gift of the Holy Spirit not the the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that we receive when we confess Christ as our Saviour and are baptized to wash away our sins. Acts 2:38.

(Here is two more examples of baptism.)

Peter preached on the day of Pentecost.

Acts:2: 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 gift of the Holy Ghost.

When Paul saw the Lord and heard these words from the Lord. Acts 9:5. And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

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And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

(Paul obeyed Jesus and Ananias was sent to him.)

Acts 9:15. But the Lord said unto him, (Ananias) Go thy way: for he (Paul) is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16. For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

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. (remember this is a gift that is imparted to him and not the indwelling that he received when he was baptized as the Lord promised in Acts 2:38)

18. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized and

Wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

(This is where the Jews reject the Gentiles and why. Paul sets them straight.)

KJV Acts 15:

1. And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

(The Gentiles were not circumcised like the Jews,or Israel.)

4. And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

5. But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to

command them to keep the law of Moses.

(Peter is given a chance to tell how Gentiles are accepted by God.)

6. And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7. And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9. And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

(Heart is used for our spirit, or mind. Where our heart dwells. It is not talking about the fleshy heart that pumps blood to all our body.)

In Genesis 6:5, God saw the wickedness of man was great in the earth

That every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. God knows the heart and can hear what is going on in

the heart, before a word is spoken out loud. Understandable words reveal what is in the heart.

Acts 15:17. That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

28. For it seemed good to the **Holy Ghost**, (Christ talked to the Apostles through the Holy Spirit **Acts 1:2, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost, hath given commandments unto the Apostles whom he had chosen.**)

and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29. That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30. So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

31. Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

This should be enough to prove that the Holy Spirit was given to convince the Apostles that the Gentiles had been accepted. The first one being Cornelius and his househole.

On the scripture you give for speaking in tongues I Cor. 14:4.39
The only

Truth that can edify us is in the written word. In Mark 16:15 through 20 shows

(the signs that followed them was to confirm the word.) The word has all been confirmed and there isn't any need for the signs today. Nothing else can be added to the word of God that we need to live the Christian life. It is perfect

to the saving of our souls. Hebrews 7:19, also in James 1:25, says we have the

PERFECT Law of Liberty.

Faith comes by hearing and that by the word of God. Verse 5, Paul says he would rather we prophesied, then speak in Tongues. (tongues are an understandable language not a lot of what is called unknown, but is a language spoken by different nations.

Spanish, German, Latin can be spoken and we would call them an unknown because we don't know those languages. Acts 2:6, Now when this was

noised abroad, the multitude came together and were confounded because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

Speaking in different languages, was very necessary for the Apostles

to teach all nations. In 1 Cor. 14.6, tells what they received when speaking in tongues, which is revelation, knowledge, prophesying or doctrine. After the revealed word and the apostles died there is no need for tongues, because we have the complete word of God revealed to us.

Ephesians 6:19 does not mention tongues. Praying in the Spirit is not doing it in an unknown tongue. It does not mention tongues here. We are to sing also in the Spirit. This does not mean we have to sing in and unknown tongue.

(Every word in The King James Bible that is written in italics(are in different print) is added by man. Men have inserted the word UNKNOWN. Men call it and unknown tongue, because they misunderstand God's teaching. God never does call it unknown. God's people always spoke languages. The Apostles spoke languages they had never studied. No one ever spoke a language that they had not learned, except the Apostles and the ones they laid their hands on.

Tendia do you know the unknown words you are speaking? Can anyone else understand what you say? Do you speak to God in silent pray with tongues?

Praying in the spirit does not mean speaking in tongues. How else could you sing. We would have to sing in an unknown tongue, too, but according to

1 Cor.14:15 we are to pray and sing with understanding. Verse 26, says when we all come together that all things are to be done to edifying. Every language needs to be interpreted. Understood by those we are talking, too.

Like if you can speak in a language and no one but you understand it. You need to be quite. Back then they could receive the word of God. Now we have the word

Revealed and in Verse.34, says let the women keep silent in the churchs.(in the public assembly for worship). Upon the first day of the week the Christians

assembled to worship. Acts 20:7.(please read).

1 Timothy 1:5, Now the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart

and of a good conscience, and faith unfeigned:

In Cor. 13:8, Love ,never faileth: but where there be prophecies, they

Shall fail(be done away);whether there be tongues, they shall cease,

Where there be knowledge, it shall vanish(be done)away.

We have the perfect law of liberty ,James 1:25; The pure religion and undefiled before God .It is to help the afflicted and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. All the things they needed in the first years of the church before all of God's truths were revealed to the followers of Christ ,miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit were given to the Apostles, and those that they laid their hands on would receive miraculous gift of the Holy Spirit. In 1 Cor. 12, it tells of all the gifts that were given to help the church to grow. But Love is greater then all of them, because Love never fails and all was given and the church was full grown. Love answers all laws to man. Now we have the prefect law of God in written word, James I:25 where we can all read, understand and believe an live. Here are the fruits of the Spirit.

Gal.5:22-26 ,Love,Joy,Peace,Longsuffering,Gentleness,Goodness, Faith ,Meekness ,Temperance, against Such there is no law.(Notice there is no mention of tongues as a gift of the Spirit.) They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with it's passions and lust. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk (or live) in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another and evening one another.

(The word of God has to be rightly divided to know who and why the

Words of God are spoken and who does it pertain to.)

Eph.4:1-18, Ephesians 4 this is the UNITY of the Spirit.

1. I Therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
2. With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
3. Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
4. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
7. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
8. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
9. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
10. He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness' of Christ:

14. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

17. This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18. Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19. Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20. But ye have not so learned Christ;

21. If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22. That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23. And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24. And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

25. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

26. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27. Neither give place to the devil.

28. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needed.

29. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Matthew 12:36, I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak

They shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37. for by thy words thou shall be justified and by thy words thou shall be condemned.

Proverb's 18:21, Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Tendai Syava,

We know this is a long letter, but we hope it will help you with your Questions.

Questions. Remember we can't make the Apostles teach contrary to each other. When we don't understand something in the Bible, pray to God for guidance

in understanding what you read. The Spirit will help you to find the

Truth of the words of God. You don't have to listen to what others

Believe, people can lead you wrong. Please pray and study for your own

Convictions. 1 Tim.2:15. tells us to study show our selves approved ,rightly

Dividing the word. 2 Tim.3:16, All scripture is given by the INSPIRATION

Of GOD. It is profitable for-

1.Doctrine,2.reproof,3.correction,4.Inrighteousness, verse 17.

That the man of God my be PERFECT thoroughly furnished unto all good work.

Thanks you for your interest in the word of God and the study we send.

We will remember you in our prayers. Remember us,also, please.

Your Helpers in Christ,

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