

## THE SOUND THAT IS A SIGN

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Isa 28:11-12 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.<sup>2</sup> To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

Mark 16:15-17 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

The purpose of a sign is to indicate something. To let you know things, to confirm, to identify.

The God that we worship, is a God who believes in signs.

He gave Noah a sign, a rainbow, something he could identify, to let him know that the world would never again be destroyed by water.

He gave Moses a sign, (his rod turned into a snake) to let him know that He was with him.

He gave the children of Israel a sign, a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, to let them know that He was with them and when it was time to move.

Whenever it was time for the High Priest to offer up a sacrifice as an atonement for the sins of the people, there was a sign given to let the people know that God had accepted their sacrifice.

Lev 9:24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

I could give many more examples but the sign I want to focus on today is the sign that comes whenever a person is filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

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

Speaking in tongues is the sound, it is the sign, and it is the evidence, that the Holy Ghost baptism has taken place.