

Article of Faith 7

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We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, and so forth.

There are churches out there that believe in the gift of tongues. But they believe in speaking in strange tongues not what the LDS Church believes and teaches. The LDS Church believes that the gift of tongues is to easily learn a different language. In the MTC they teach different languages on what I consider a fast track method. The Holy Ghost makes it possible for this to happen. This kind of gift was spoken of in Acts chapter 2 on the day of Pentecost:

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.

And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.¹

Revelation and prophecy are other things the LDS Church believes in. They believe in the same revelation that Moses used when he walked the Earth as spoken of in the Doctrine and Covenants:

Yea, behold, I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart.

¹Acts 2:1-6

Now, behold, this is the spirit of revelation; behold, this is the spirit by which Moses brought the children of Israel through the Red Sea on dry ground.²

All of these things are possible through the Gift of the Holy Ghost, which was spoken of in Acts 2 above. They are called gifts of the spirit:

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.³

It makes sense that God uses the spirit to enable us to do things and experience life to its fullest. God uses the spirit to communicate with us and helps us understand that which is of God. They say that we pray to communicate with God and God uses the scriptures and the spirit to communicate with us.

²Doctrine and Covenants 8:2-3

³1 Corinthians 12:8-11