Prophesied in Old Testament

Isaiah 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people,

A result of being filled with the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

A sign that we are believers:

Mark 16:17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

Acts 10:45-46 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

A sign to non-believers

Acts 2:10-12 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

1 Corinthians 14:21-24 In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all.

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Temporary (for our earthly life only)

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is [complete] perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

Praying in the Spirit

Edifies ourselves but not others

Jude 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

Eph 6:10,18 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.... Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

Bypasses the mind – spirit directly controls tongue

1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

Speaking in tongues

Must be used in love

1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

We speak to God, not men

1 Corinthians 14:1-3 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. 2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. 3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

Edifies ourselves but not others

- 1 Corinthians 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.
- 1 Corinthians 14:18,19 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Jude 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

Not essential for all believers but to be desired by all believers

- 1 Corinthians 12:30,31 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the [greater] best gifts.
- 1 Corinthians 14:39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

A gift of the Holy Spirit for the benefit of all

- 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by [a]the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
- 1 Corinthians 12:28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

Ephesians 4:11-12 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Interpretation of tongues

Interpretation of tongues is prophecy and edifies the church

1 Corinthians 14:5,6 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification. But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching?

To be done in an orderly manner and must be interpreted.

- 1 Corinthians 14:26-28 How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. 27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let (some)one interpret. 28 But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.
- 1 Corinthians 14:13 Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.