**The Beauty of**

**Spiritual Language
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**Zephaniah 3:9**

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**Part One: A Bakers Dozen Myths about Pentecost and Pentecostals**

**Part Two: The Baptist IN/WITH the Holy Spirit**

**Part Three: Why it is difficult for some people to release**

**Part Four: The Beauty of Spiritual Language**

1. The Old Testament prophecies of Speaking in Tongues.
2. Isaiah 28:11-12

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue

He will speak to this people,

12 To whom He said, “This is the rest with which

You may cause the weary to rest,”

And, “This is the refreshing”;

Yet they would not hear.

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1. The distortion of language by men.
2. God gave the first language and it was totally pure.
3. Man messed up language at the fall introducing vulgarity, put downs, sarcasm, inappropriate comments and lewd statements.
4. At Babel language needed to be confused to prevent destructive forces from unifying.
5. The restoration of language by God.
6. God’s promise in Zephaniah 3:8 to restore a pure language is fulfilled in tongues where the Holy Spirit gives us pure Spirit led language in both earthly and heavenly languages.

1. Spiritual language is pure. There is no cursing or inappropriate language praying, worshipping or speaking in tongues.

2. The Spirit prays through you (although you cooperate in actually speaking).

1. “they may call on the name of the Lord” is reflected in I Corinthians 14:2 “For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God…”
2. “To serve the Lord in one accord” is reflected in I Cor. 12-14 where the gifts of the Spirit are part of the church building each other up in the unity of the Spirit.
3. The spiritual language of speaking in tongues is pure and Spirit directed, that’s why it refreshes you so much.

IV. The restoration starts with restoring your relationship to God.

1. Jesus died to pay the penalty for your sin and to be your bridge back to God.
2. You need to repent and believe in Jesus.

**Closing:** The restoration in worship and prayer.

**Discussion Items and Questions for Home and Small Group**

1. What does it mean that tongues is a “pure language”?

2. Why do you think it was important to God to restore a pure language to us?

3. If you have not been baptized in the Holy Spirit with the initial physical evidence of speaking with other tongues please take time to surrender and pray.

4. If you have, please take time to pray in the Spirit and worship in the Spirit as Paul encourages us to do in I Cor. 14:15.

**Notes:**