

# Acts 2:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

## Analysis

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The phrase 'wherein we were born' (Greek 'gennethe-men') emphasizes that the Spirit enabled perfect communication in native dialects, not mere foreign languages. This miraculous sign authenticated apostolic authority while demonstrating the gospel's accessibility to all nations. No linguistic barrier could hinder God's redemptive purposes - a foretaste of Revelation 7's vision of every tongue worshiping the Lamb.

## Historical Context

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The listed languages represented the eastern (Parthian, Median, Elamite), western (Roman, Cyrenian), northern (Cappadocian, Pontic), and southern (Egyptian, Arabian) reaches of the known world. This encompassed the entire Roman Empire and beyond, fulfilling Isaiah's vision of salvation reaching earth's ends.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the Spirit's multilingual miracle demonstrate that the gospel is for all peoples without cultural compromise?
2. What 'language barriers' - cultural, intellectual, or social - might hinder your witness that God's Spirit can overcome?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	πῶς	ἡμεῖς	ἀκούομεν	ἕκαστος	τῇ	ἰδίᾳ	διαλέκτῳ
<b>And</b>	<b>how</b>	<b>we</b>	<b>hear</b>	<b>every</b>	G3588	<b>own</b>	<b>tongue</b>
G2532	G4459	G2249	G191	G1538		G2398	G1258
ἡμῶν	ἐν	ᾗ	ἐγεννήθημεν				
<b>man in our</b>	<b>wherein</b>	G3739	<b>we were born</b>				
G2257	G1722		G1080				

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