

1 Corinthians 36 – 14:1-12

Speaking in Unknown Tongues

1. Divisive Tongues

- a. The open door for tongue mess → Mark 16:17; Acts 2:1-4; 1 Cor 12:10; 13:11
- b. Every tongue talker is Pentecostal and ignorant of the mystery: Paul was neither.
- c. Some wrongly make it a sign of salvation, second blessing, or Spirit presence.
- d. 1 Corinthians cures all of these problems: 1 Cor 12:30; 3:1; 3:16; 6:11; 14:37
- e. Worst consequence: changing our final authority to experience, emotions, etc.

2. Tongues in Prophecy

- a. Languages separate people and God created the tongue confusion – Gen 11:6-9
- b. Other tongues (confusion) was a punishment – Psa 55:9, Jer 5:15, Isa 28:11-12
- c. In the prophesied kingdom Egypt speaks Israel's language – Isa 19:18
- d. He will make the language pure again – Zeph 3:9
- e. Pentecostal tongues were a sign of the kingdom come – Mark 16:17, Acts 2:4,6
- f. If the perfect/man/clear glass is not come then the kingdom/tongues continue.

3. 14:1-5 – Rather Ye May Prophesy

- a. Paul's theme: spiritual gifts are good, but confusion is bad for edification.
- b. Tongues in the Bible are always languages or the member – Gen 10:31, James 1:5
- c. Gift of tongues was a tool/sign for clear communication - Acts 2:4-8
- d. No *other* man present knows *unknown* tongues; they can't edify? Eph 4:12, 16, 29
- e. Prophesying is replaced now by what was fully revealed – 2 Tim 4:2, Col 2:2
- f. "Edify himself" because he understands. Not a mystical process; it is doctrinal.
- g. Knowing languages is most always a source of pride and puffed up - 1Cor 8:1
- h. Orderly use of tongues: "that the church may receive edifying"

4. 14:6-12 - Why Tongues are Not Great

- a. Paul talking in the Hebrew tongue to unbelieving Jews – Acts 21:40-2:2
- b. Paul spoke tongues only with doctrinal knowledge of the revelation of mystery
- c. Tongues are only used properly if the words are understood by other people!
- d. (7) Ex #1 – Instruments must carry a tune for the song to be recognized by others
- e. (8) Ex #2 – Trumpet warnings must be certain to alert soldiers to do something
- f. "speak into the air" and not to anyone is useless. Speaking gibberish is loony.
- g. (10) Ex #3 – Every language in the world has meaning to them
- h. Barbarian ~*def* someone not Roman or Greek: foreigners -Rom 1:14, Col 3:11
- i. 14:12 - Paul calls them out on their zeal towards selfish ends:
 - i. Excel in edifying the church, not in puffing yourself up – 1 Cor 13:4