

Sermon Notes

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

“Manifestation Gifts: Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues”

1 Corinthians 14:26-33 (ESV)

- A. Tongues in the Bible
- B. Tongues Throughout Christian History
- C. What Was Happening at Corinth
- D. Paul’s Instructions to the Church at Corinth

13 Biblical Teaching About Tongues—1 Corinthians 14

1. Tongues are to build up the church (vv. 5; 12)
2. It is better to say 5 words with your mind than 10,000 words in tongues (v. 19)
3. Do not be childlike in thinking about tongues (v. 20)
4. Tongues are a sign to unbelievers not believers (v. 22)
5. There should only be 2 tongue-speakers in a service, at most 3 (v. 27)
6. Tongue speakers are to speak one at a time (v. 27)
7. Someone is to interpret the tongues (v. 27)
8. If no one is there to interpret, keep silent (v. 28)
9. Weigh what is said (v. 29)
10. The gift of tongues is a lesser gift. Proclamation rather than tongues is how you learn and are encouraged (v. 31)
11. Tongues should bring peace not confusion to a congregation (v. 33)
12. Long after proclamation rather than tongues (v. 39)
13. All things should be decently and in order in the worship services (v. 40)

- E. The Purpose of Manifestation Gifts: To Validate the Gospel Message

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²⁶What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. ²⁷If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. ²⁸But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. ²⁹Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. ³⁰If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. ³¹For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, ³²and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. ³³For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

As in all the churches of the saints,