



1 Corinthians 14

Tongues and Prophecy

1. Do you have to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and then speak in tongues as evidence of being born again, or do you receive Him when you believe and trust Christ? (Read Eph. 1:13; 1 Cor. 12:13; 1 Cor. 12:30).
2. The Holy Spirit produces in us the fruits of the Spirit, Christian service, He teaches, helps, comforts, convicts, leads, witnesses with our spirit, makes intercession for us, equips and empowers us.... Read Acts 13:2-4 and comment on what the people did and what the Holy Spirit did. How do surrender and being Spirit-filled interrelate? See also Eph. 5:18.
Comment on the following statement: Being filled with the Spirit is not so much an issue of us getting more of the Spirit, but of the Holy Spirit getting more of us.
3. Read 1 Cor. 14:1. Prophecy in its simplest form means to be a mouthpiece for God. Discuss P-Prophecy (Deut. 18:18-20) vs. p-prophecy (1 Cor. 14:32; 1 John 4:1; Prov. 11:14). What are some scenarios of us today being used as a mouthpiece for God...to speak into someone's life...?
4. Read 1 Cor. 14:2-19. Contrast speaking in tongues vs. prophecy. (see chart on pg. 2). Discuss your observations. How have Christians been hurt by churches who push speaking in tongues or those who say they no longer exist?
5. Read 1 Cor. 14:20-26. Notice that tongues are a sign to unbelievers. Speaking in tongues occurred three times in Acts as a sign of the fulfillment of John 16:7: Acts 2- a sign to foreign Jews; Acts 10- a sign to the Gentiles; Acts 19- a sign to OT disciples. What does Paul recommend in church meetings (v.24-40). Discuss.

Tongues	Prophecy
Earnestly desire spiritual gifts (v1)	Especially desire (v1)
A speaking to God	A speaking to men
No one understands it; It is a mystery to the person speaking it. It is confusing, like an instrument with no distinct sound. (13:1- clanging cymbal w/o love)	It is clear and instructive like a battle cry.
It edifies self (a powerful experience...).	It edifies (teaches, instructs), exhorts (encourages and advises), and consoles (comforts, calms, relieves) the church.
It is a lesser gift.	It is the greater gift.
It is of no profit to the church.	It is a profit to the church.
It is primal, like a barbarian.	It is revelation, knowledge, prophecy and teaching.
My mind is unfruitful.	The spirit and the mind are involved.
Need to pray for an interpreter.	No need for an interpreter.
It can't be given a heartfelt "Amen".	People can understand and give a heartfelt "Amen".
Paul speaks in tongues privately.	Paul speaks prophecy in the church.