

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

1 Corinthians 14.6-25 // February 3, 2019

WHAT IS TONGUES?

1. Tongues is speaking in human languages that the speaker does not know. See **Acts 2.1-14** and **Acts 11**.
 - Some believe there to be two different versions of tongues, one that is human languages and one that is angelic or "ecstatic" unknown languages. But it is unlikely as Paul calls it "the same gift" in **Acts 11**. The argument from **1 Corinthians 13.1** does not work because that is clearly hyperbolic in nature.
2. **According to Paul, he seems to equate speaking in tongues as akin to prophecy, but in a different language.**
 - OT and NT prophecy can either be directed to people and to God, just as tongues is described.

THE PURPOSE OF PROPHECY AND TONGUES

Why this particular gift to establish the church in the New Covenant? Thinking back to the Tower of Babel, the people were divided because of their desire to make themselves great, to glorify themselves. But under Christ, people from every *tongue*, tribe, and nation will be gathered together to create one body, one people. The gift of tongues was a sign of inauguration that God's people will no longer be relegated to one people group, the Jews, but that the dividing wall of hostility was being torn down so that the nations could be welcomed into the Kingdom.

The gift of tongues was a significant sign to outsiders that they were welcomed by the blood of the New Covenant, that any who would come to Him would not be turned away.

FOR US TODAY

Regardless of where you land in the discussion, Paul's point can be taken by people from every perspective. Gifts are given not to build ourselves up, but to build up others, specifically the church. In our day and age, the church is in major need of people who will seek the gifts for the purpose of seeing God's church built up.

- Understanding of the Word and ability to communicate it
- Wisdom and discernment
- Speaking the truth in love
- Selflessness and generosity
- Boldness to share the Gospel
- Servanthood

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalm 116:7-8

"Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling."

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 14.6-25**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

What do these verses reveal about God's heart for the world, and how do you think it ties into the Great Commission?

Repent and Ask for Provision

The Corinthian church had their pursuits all out of order. It's easy to get focused on our own perceived needs. In what ways have you been seeking your own needs, rather than the building up of the church? What ways do you want to pursue God that would help you have a mind and heart to build up the church?

Your Life Mission

You have been uniquely gifted by God. You have also had a unique story up until now, and given a unique personality, passions, hobbies, and desires. How might you consider ways you can use *all* of those various gifts, whether physical, experiential, or spiritual gifts, in order to see the church built up? How can you serve those around you more with what you have been given?

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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