

The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit

This week we continue our study of the *gift of tongues* and introduce the *gift of the interpretation of tongues*.

“...to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another **different kinds of tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues**.” ~ 1Corinthians 12:10

From our study last week we learned what the gift of tongues is, and some of the ways that we see the gift manifested in the New Testament. Now let's look at the apostle Paul's instructions about how we are to use the gift in a public setting.

- 1) Read 1Corinthians 14:1-5

According to the apostle Paul what prevents us from understanding what someone is saying when they speak with the gift of tongues?

Why do you think Paul wrote, “*I wish you all spoke with tongues*” (vs. 5)?

Compare vs. 2 with vs. 5; how is the *gift of interpretation* different than what occurred on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2?

- 2) Read 1Corinthians 14:6-19

How can a person acquire the gift of interpretation?

Paul uses a lot of ink in these verses to talk about the difference between the *gift of tongues* and the *gift of prophecy*. According to the apostle what should be our motive for using any spiritual gift?

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3) 1Corinthians 14:20-25

These few verses are some of the most difficult passages in the New Testament to understand. For those who would like to wrestle through this text I would encourage you to read David Guzik's commentary at: <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/1-corinthians-14/>.

4) Read 1Corinthians 14:26-28

If you have the gift of tongues under what conditions are you allowed to use it in a public meeting?

What should you do if those conditions aren't met (see vs. 13 also)?

5) Read 1Corinthians 14:39-40

In Paul's closing commentary on the use of spiritual gifts in a public setting what three instructions does he give to us?

How are you personally responding to these three instructions (provide examples)?