

INTRODUCTION

- * Living in a hedonistic, licentious society can have an affect upon the "set-apartness" of the individual believer and the gathering of believers.
- * A couple of weeks ago we began considering the "set-apartness" of worship.
- * Today, we begin to see how that set-apartness specifically affected the Corinthians, as we examine Paul's corrective instruction to them regarding their improper use of "tongues."
- * Remember, the context: Chapter 12 - Spiritual Abilities/Gifts were given to each individual in the body in order to profit the whole. Chapter 13 - Selfless love is the greatest gift. When we fully grasp the mind of Christ and begin to live it, then the need for signs and wonders cease.

INSTRUCTION

- I. THE MANIFESTATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (12: 1-11)
- II. THE COOPERATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (12: 12-31)
- III. THE SUBJUGATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (12:31 - 13:13)
- IV. THE DETERMINATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (14:1-25)

A. The I _____ of "Tongues" (v.1-19)

1. ILLUSTRATED

a. By Contrast (v. 1-5)

1) P _____ Edifies O _____ (cf. 1 Cor 12:4:30)

2) T _____ Edifies S _____

b. By Comparison (v. 6-12)

1) To Musical Instruments (v. 6-9)

2) To Human Dialects (v. 10-12)

2. DEMONSTRATED

a. In Prayer (v. 13-15)

* v. 14 "but my understanding is unfruitful" (cf. Mt 13:22; 21:19; Mk 4:19; Eph 5:11; Titus 3:14; 2 Pet 1:8; Jude 12) ... all negative!!!
 ... We are commanded to be fruitful! (Matt 3:8; John 15:2-8; Galatians 5:22-23)

* cf. Matthew 6:6ff "do not use vain repetitions (βατταλογήσητε lit. "to stammer or stutter ... to make repetitive sounds") as the heathen (εθνικος) ... Therefore do not be like them. ... In this manner pray: Our Father ..."

b. In Testimony (v. 16-19)

* v. 18 εὐχαριστῶ τῷ Θεῷ μου πάντων ὑμῶν μᾶλλον γλώσσαις λαλῶν·

* lit. I - the one speaking with more languages than you - thank the God of mine

B. The I _____ of "Tongues" (v. 20-25)

1. TONGUES WERE A SIGN FOR _____

2. TONGUES WERE A SIGN FOR _____ (cf. Isaiah 28:11-12; Romans 11:11-14)

C. The I _____ of "Tongues"

1. THE CULTURAL CONTEXT

- * The worship of Bacchus and Dionysius contained practices of orgies and ecstatic utterances
- * The worship of Mithras contained the unveiling of mysteries through utterances.
- * These worship practices also contained bouts of frenzy containing ecstatic utterances (WenAmon ... Pheonician -> Greek/Roman worship)
- * Ecstatic utterances were seen to be the controlling force of the gods over the individual

2. THE SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

* Isaiah 28:11-12

* Mark 16:15-18

* Acts 1:8; 2:2-12; 8:14-19; 10:44-47; 15:7-9; 19:1-8

- The Book of Acts was written by Luke, Paul's travel companion, almost a decade after Paul wrote this epistle. Luke uses the same Greek terminology to describe what happens at Pentecost!

* 1 Corinthians 12:4-31; 13:1,8

* Hebrews 2:1-4

V. THE ADMINISTRATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (14:26-40) ... Next Week

INTROSPECTION

- * IS MY "EXPERIENCE" MORE VALID THAN THE TESTIMONY OF SCRIPTURE?
- * DO I INTERPRET THE SCRIPTURES BASED UPON MY EXPERIENCE OR UPON A PURELY LITERAL HERMENEUTIC?
- * ARE YOU WILLING TO DILIGENTLY SEARCH AND STUDY THE SCRIPTURES TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE THINGS THAT "TEACHERS" TEACH ARE TRUE?
- * ARE YOU USING THE GIFTS/ABILITIES THAT GOD HAS BESTOWED UPON YOU FOR HIS GLORY AND THE EDIFICATION OF THE CHURCH?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * How can we, as an assembly, be assured that we are not being misled?
- * What should be our response to false teaching that is being taught on the radio and television?
- * Are there practices in our worship service that need to be addressed and be brought in line with Scripture?

TONGUES (Language)

Mark 16:15-18 ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new (καινῶν) **tongues** (γλώσσας); ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Acts 2:2-12 ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided **tongues** (γλώσσαι), as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other **tongues** (γλώσσας), as the Spirit gave them utterance (αποφθεγγεσθαι - to enunciate clearly!; cf. Acts 2:14; 26:25). ⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own **language** (διαλέκτω). ⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each in our own **language** (διαλέκτω) in which we were born? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs--we hear them speaking in our own **tongues** (γλώσσας) the wonderful works of God." ¹² So they (the Jews) were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

Acts 10:44-47 ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with **tongues** (γλώσσας) and magnify God. Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

Acts 15:7-9 ⁷ And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸ So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, ⁹ and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Acts 19:1-8 ¹ And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ² he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." ⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with **tongues** (γλώσσας) and prophesied. ⁷ Now the men were about twelve in all. ⁸ And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 12:10,28,30; 13:1,8

Revelation 5:9; 7:9; 10:11; 13:7; 14:6; 17:15

TONGUE (Physical Tongue)

Mark 7: 33, 35; Luke 1:64; Luke 16: 24; Acts 2: 26; Rom 14: 11; Phil 2: 11; James 1: 26; I John 3: 18