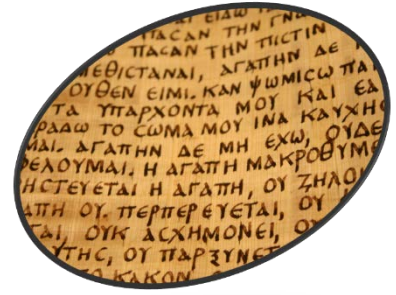


# 1 Corinthians – “Unity in Christ”

## Lesson #15



### I. Building up the Church

a. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-12

b. Is it possible to misuse spiritual gifts?

i. What are some examples of this misuse?

c. Why is the gift of prophecy better than tongues? (vss 2-5)

d. Have you attended a worship service in in a foreign language? How did you feel during and after the service?

e. What is a prophet compared to a pastor or teacher?

f. Have you ever heard the warmup of an orchestra or band concert? (vs 7)

g. The love chapter (13) leads us to verse 12. What should be our main concern when using our spiritual gifts?

### II. Translation matters

a. Read 1 Corinthians 14:13-19

b. What is the spiritual gift of speaking in tongues?

i. 3 views from Lutheran Study Bible<sup>1</sup>

1. Charismatic, Religious Psychology, Cultural-Historical

c. What does it mean that the spirit prays, but the mind is unfruitful? (vs 14)

d. Why is it so important that someone translate this speech? (vs 17)

### III. Tongues or prophecy?

a. Read 1 Corinthians 14:20-32

b. Are infants innocent or without sin? (vs 20)

i. See Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:23, 5:12

c. God uses foreign tongues as what kind of sign in Isaiah 28:11? (vs 21)

d. If prophecy is understood properly by a believer *or* unbeliever, what will happen? (vss 24-25)

e. Paul uses the word, “edification” or “build up” in verse 26. What is the opposite of edification that we should avoid?

f. No one should agree with another person’s teaching (or prophesy) without considering God’s Word. Where is another example of confirming truth?

i. See Acts 17:10-12

### IV. Good order

a. Read 1 Corinthians 14:33-40

b. Paul is addressing women in worship again (see 11:2-16). What seems to be happening?

<sup>1</sup> Engelbrecht, E. A. (2009). [The Lutheran Study Bible](#) (p. 1969). St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House.

- c. Are women forbidden from speaking, praying or prophesying? (vs 35)
  - i. See 1 Corinthians 11:5, Acts 2:17; 21:8-9
- d. Is submitting to a specific role or responsibility negative or positive?
  - i. See Genesis 3:16
- e. What is the core problem with seeking responsibility that is not ours?
- f. Is Paul outlining the role of women outside of worship?
  - i. See 1 Timothy 2:11ff
- g. What is the source for this teaching? (vss 36-37)
- h. What can we learn from this passage in the modern Church?

V. **Next time...**

- a. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-58