

SERMON SERIES
UNITING IN WORSHIP
“WORSHIP IS A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT”
1 Corinthians 14:1-12
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I. Love exercises gifts for the building up of the church (vv. 1-6, 12).

“Pursue love and desire the (spiritual)”

“so the church may be built up”

“strive to excel in building up the church”

Deuteronomy 29:29

Matthew 33:37

Ephesians 2:22

1 Peter 2:4-5

“The edifying of oneself is not a bad thing; it simply is not the point of gathered worship.”

-Gordon Fee

II. Building up in Christ depends on being understood (vv. 6-12).

“if I come ... speaking in tongues, who will it benefit you”

“revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching”

“Many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning”

“if I don’t know the meaning... I will be a foreigner”

Genesis 11
Acts 2

“The way we love the Lord is different from the way eastern religious worshipers love their idols, which is to worship by emptying their minds.”

-Richard Ganz

III. Christ-centered worship builds strength, encouragement & consolation (v. 3).

“speaks to people for their upbuilding (strengthening), encouragement and consolation”.

Romans 15:5
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

““It is much more important to ask whether it glorifies Christ and promotes righteousness.”

-John Stott

“The Holy Spirit is a reticent Spirit. He does not willingly draw attention to himself. ... He is never more satisfied than when the believer is engrossed in Jesus Christ.”

-John Stott