

# WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK IN TONGUES AT MBC?

## 1 Corinthians 14:1-5

### I. BECAUSE OF THE PREEMINENT PLACE OF LOVE 14:1

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Love

B. Desire Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) "Desire"—from the word from which we get our English word "zeal"—earnestly or \_\_\_\_\_ desire
- 2) These first 2 phrases are linked: we demonstrate \_\_\_\_\_ by using our spiritual gifts to build up others
- 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ is where we pursue love & earnestly desire to use our spiritual gifts to build up others

C. Especially Prophecy

- 1) The NT gift of prophecy functions no differently than prophecy did in the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament
- 2) Like OT prophets, the prophets at Corinth spoke by direct \_\_\_\_\_ from God (cf. v.30)
- 3) Prophecy was spontaneous; it was not based on hours of study and preparation like \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) It is important to understand that the NT gift of prophecy has \_\_\_\_\_; otherwise we open the door to those who believe and teach that they still receive and impart direct revelation from God today
- 5) Paul's point: if we eagerly desire spiritual gifts that demonstrate love, we will emphasize \_\_\_\_\_

### II. BECAUSE OF THE THREE-SIDED CONTRAST 14:2-5

A. Ecstatic Tongues-Speaking Contrasted 14:2-4

- 1) The contrast between ecstatic tongues-speaking and the legitimate \_\_\_\_\_ of languages (Pentecost)
  - a) At Corinth, the ecstatic tongues-speaking was directed to \_\_\_\_\_ rather than human beings
  - b) No one \_\_\_\_\_ the ecstatic tongues-speaking, not even the person who was speaking!
  - c) At Corinth, they were speaking \_\_\_\_\_, truths hidden from human understanding now revealedIt is probable that Paul mentioned mysteries because the Gentile Christians had been saved out of pagan mystery religions that were based on secret knowledge, much like \_\_\_\_\_ today
- 2) The contrast between ecstatic tongues-speaking and the gift of prophecy centers on which \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Prophecy profits the church in 3 ways: ► it builds up ► it encourages/strengthens ► it \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Ecstatic tongues-speaking profits only the person \_\_\_\_\_, but if he does not understand, how? Some claim an emotional lift; others claim it reinforces their faith; but it also engenders \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) A devastating condemnation of any person who is \_\_\_\_\_ enough to use ecstatic tongues

B. The Genuine Gift of Tongues/Languages Contrasted 14:5

- 1) Those who believe that Paul refers to ecstatic speech throughout this passage have great difficulty explaining why he would completely change \_\_\_\_\_ & say, "I wish you all spoke with tongues"
- 2) Rather, Paul is speaking of the genuine gift of languages; it is possible for them to \_\_\_\_\_ the church
- 3) But the gift of languages can edify the church only if the foreign language is \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) The word rendered "interprets" in most Eng. versions can just as correctly be rendered \_\_\_\_\_