



## “Gift of Tongues”

Part 1 – It’s Weakness  
I Corinthians 14:1-11

*It is about the:*

### I. Communication – “for no man understands him” (vs. 1-3)

*Our speech should:*

- A. **Edify** – “But he that prophesizes speaks to... edification”
- B. **Exhort** – “But he that prophesizes speaks to...exhortation”
- C. **Encourage** – “But he that prophesizes speaks to...comfort”

### II. Church– “he that prophesizes edifies the church” (vs. 4-6)

*Our speech has an :*

- A. **Effect** – “he that speaks in a tongue edifies himself”
- B. **Exception** – “except he interpret... church may receive edifying”
- C. **Enrichment** – “what shall I profit you, except I shall speak”

### III. Consequence – “for you shall speak into the air” (vs. 7-11)

*Our speech should be:*

- A. **Sure** - “who shall prepare himself to the battle”
- B. **Simple** – “utter by the tongue words easy to be understood”
- C. **Social** – “If I know not the meaning... be a barbarian to me”

## Sentence Sermon

*“The weakness of the gift of tongues is that it does not clearly communicate love or edify other believers”.*

## Additional Verses

- **II Corinthians 1:3-5**
- **I Corinthians 14:22-23, 28**
- **John 13:34-35**
- **I Peter 4:10**
- **Acts 2:4-11**
- **Romans 1:14**
- **Acts 9:7**
- **2 Peter 2:16**
- **I Corinthians 10:24; 12:7**
- **Matthew 13:23**
- **I Thessalonians 2:13**

## Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Explain the emphasis of this passage using only verse 1?
4. Why is Paul spending do much time on the subject of tongues?
5. Why would Paul not write about tongues anymore after I Corinthians?
6. Why is the gift of tongues inferior according to this passage?
7. What illustration in this passage helps your understanding most?
8. What advice concerning witnessing can we draw from verse 9?
9. How would you explain verse 10 in your own words?
10. Who are the barbarians and why would you consider anybody one?
11. Why do you think so many Christians argue about tongues?
12. What should be the focus of the church according to this passage?