I. Introduction
   A. The Great Divide: Cessationists vs. Charismatics
   B. Why discuss Tongues and Prophecy
   C. Context / Outline of sermon / Read text / Pray
   D. Illustration: The pendulum – a Baptist turned Pentecostal

II. The Superiority of Prophecy to Tongues in the church (1 Cor 14:1-20)
   A. The Proposition stated (14:1-5)
      1. A Course Correction
      2. Tongues in Corinth vs. Tongues at Pentecost
      3. Tongues are good!
      4. But because the unintelligible, they do not edify the assembly
   B. The Proposition defended (14:6-20)
      1. Illustration of musical instruments (14:6-13)
         a. Application: Seek to abound in gifts that edify the church
         b. Examples
      2. Conclusions (14:14-20)
         a. While prayers in tongues are valid, pray with understanding
            so that all who hear may say, “Amen”
         b. Application: Pray so that you are understood
         c. Paul is thankful that he prays in tongues
         d. “the mind” in worship – “worship in Spirit and in Truth”
         e. Grow up, church is not a circus

III. The Superiority of Prophecy for the unbeliever (1 Cor 14:21-25)
   A. The unbeliever will not listen to tongues
      1. Isaiah 28 (v.21)
      2. He will think we are mad! (v. 23)
         a. We do not ignore the unbeliever in our midst
      3. He will not be convicted of his sin (v. 24-25)
         a. Our goal to reach the unbeliever

IV. A More Direct Application – our use of Tongues and Prophecy
   A. Tongues Defined: A Holy Spirit inspired utterance that is unintelligible apart from interpretation.
      1. Are tongues a real earthly human language?
         a. Linguists say “no”
         b. Experience says “no”
         c. So are we to stop tongues all together then?
      2. Understanding one another across the divide
         a. Reformed folk make the best Charismatics
   B. Prophecy Defined: A God-given gifts whereby some Christians receive and convey revealed information from God.
      1. More than mere expository preaching
      2. Not on equal par with Scripture
         a. Objections: “The canon of Scripture” & “Sola Scriptura”
   C. Application: Prophecy! (Num 11:28, Joel 2:28-29) … with care!