



“Gift of Tongues”

Part 3– The Rules
I Corinthians 14:23-33

The rules are for:

I. Results – “will not they say that you are mad?” (vs. 23-26)

Results desired are:

- A. **Evangelism** – “there come in unlearned, or unbelievers”
- B. **Exaltation** – “falling down on his face he will worship God”
- C. **Edification** – “Let all things be done unto edifying”

II. Regulation - “let the first hold his peace” (vs. 27-31)

Regulation of the:

- A. **Sum** – “at the most by three”
- B. **Silence** – “let him keep silence in the church”
- C. **Sequencing** – “ye may all prophesy one by one”

III. Restraint – “that all may be comforted” (vs. 31-33)

Restraint that brings about:

- A. **Comprehension** - “that all may learn”
- B. **Control** – “the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets”
- C. **Calm** – “God is not of confusion, but of peace”

Sentence Sermon

“The orderly worship of God produces learning, comfort, and peace.”

Additional Verses

- *Zechariah 8:23*
- *Acts 2:12-15*
- *Isaiah 28:7-12*
- *I Corinthians 14:40*
- *I Thessalonians 5:19-21*
- *II Corinthians 11:13-14*
- *James 3:13-18*
- *Isaiah 45:14-15*
- *Galatians 5:23*
- *John 4:23-24*
- *Mark 7:6-13*
- *I John 4:1*
- *Hebrews 4:12*
- *Romans 15:33; II Thessalonians 3:16; Hebrews 13:20*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why are these rules specified for the church that is come together?
4. Should Christians care what unbelievers think of their worship services?
5. What is it that causes an unbeliever (verse 25) to fall down and worship?
6. What does verse 26 indicate about the contents of a worship service?
7. How would you state all the “rules” for corporate worship in this passage?
8. What is being contrasted by the statement in verse 32?
9. How do we balance the need for order and desire for spontaneity?
10. Where have you seen tongues spoken according to these rules?