

TONGUES ARE FOR A SIGN

1 Corinthians 14:1-5

The miracles performed by Jesus were called _____ because they pointed to something beyond themselves
Some spectacular spiritual _____ were called signs because they pointed a spiritual truth beyond the gift itself
Vv.6-11 focus on the _____ gift of tongues, reminding us that they edify the church only if translated
Vv.12-17 focus on ecstatic tongues: Paul says he does not use such tongues; he uses words he can _____

- I. A SUMMATION OF PAUL'S TEACHING: Condemnation of the Practice of the Corinthians 14:18-20
 - A. There Is a _____ Use of Tongues, of the Genuine Gift of Languages 14:18
In his letters Paul testifies that his preaching was attended by signs and wonders, including _____
 - B. Ecstatic Tongues-Speaking Has Very Little _____ 14:19
 - 1) "Ten thousand" = the largest number for which Greek had a word—used of an _____ number
 - 2) "I would rather speak 5 words with my understanding than a _____ words in ecstatic speech"
 - C. Ecstatic Tongues-Speaking in the Church Is _____ 14:20
 - 1) V.20 reminds us that Paul also called the Corinthians " _____ in Christ," carnal, back in ch.3
 - 2) V.20 also links back to vv.13-15: become _____ in understanding by putting away ecstatic speech
- II. A LESSON IN BIBLE HISTORY: The Original Purpose of Tongues 14:21-22
 - A. The Historical Context in Isaiah _____
 - 1) Drunken priests & prophets rejected Isaiah's warning to repent, mocking it as _____
 - 2) God's response: the Assyrian army with their foreign speech would carry Israel into _____
 - B. 3 Parallels to the Gift of _____ in the NT Era
 - 1) In Is.28, God addressed unbelieving Jews; at Pentecost tongues were spoken to _____
 - 2) In Is.28, God promised _____ because Israel rejected His message to repent; the Jews in Jerusalem at Pentecost should have understood that judgment was coming as _____ promised
 - 3) In Is.28, the sign of this coming judgment was speech in the unknown tongue of the Assyrian army; the NT parallel is the genuine gift of tongues, the ability to speak an unknown _____ language

A final detail in v.22: the original purpose of prophecy was for _____ --to give direction to the church
- III. A FOUNDATION IN PRACTICAL THEOLOGY: A Model for Local Church Services 14:23-25
 - A. The Difficulty: in vv.23-25 Paul seems to _____ what he said in v.22 about tongues and prophecy
 - B. The Solution: Paul focuses specifically on the situation in the church at Corinth, a _____ church
 - 1) Genuine tongues was a sign to unbelieving _____ ; unbelieving Gentiles would not have understood
 - 2) Prophecy IS primarily for believers, but it has a by-product, conviction and conversion of _____
 - a) V.24: "convinced by all" = exposed as a sinner; "convicted by all" = under the _____ of God
 - b) V.25: even though this verse doesn't use the word _____ it describes a thorough conversion
 - C. The Application: a foundational philosophy of ministry for how a local church ought to plan its _____
Saved souls are a _____ of preaching that is focused on edifying God's people through the exposition of God's revelation, but we must refuse to let _____ become primary in our services