"Paul said you pray in tongues to edify yourself. *He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself* (1 Cor. 14:4). To edify means build yourself up. Speaking in tongues builds you to the point that you can believe God instead of circumstances."

— **Norvel Hayes, <u>Why You Should Speak in Tongues</u>**

"Now and then some smarty makes a remark, 'When I received Jesus, I got a new tongue. My vocabulary completely changed!' Well, praise the Lord! He certainly deletes some words from our vocabulary and adds others in our native tongue, but Jesus said we would speak with new languages, not new vocabularies."

Don Van Hoozier

LESSON TWENTY-SIX

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

PART ONE

<u>INTRODUCTION</u>

I will start our study of the individual Gifts of the Spirit with the two last mentioned gifts of the nine listed in 1st Corinthians 12:8-10 and probably the most controversial in our present society, *diverse tongues* and *interpretation of tongues*. We will cover these under the general topic of speaking in tongues. I have been publicly rebuked from the pulpit of one of the largest churches in this county and disparaged and discredited by the leadership of another large church because they heard that I believed in and spoke in tongues, although at the time I did not do this publicly. So I know firsthand that tongues are

controversial and divisive in many Christian circles, and it is my desire to bring unity and not division in the Body of Christ, but I am more convinced than ever that tongues are a powerful gift greatly needed in the Church today. I believe "tongues speakers" will be on the cutting edge of what the Lord is about to do, and that those with this gift will do exploits for the Kingdom as we come closer and closer to the very end of the age.

There is so much misinformation about tongues in the Church that is totally unscriptural so I will attempt to back up all my statements with scripture. There is so much fear and prejudice in some circles against tongues, and many mainline denominations are very suspicious of tongues, so I will spend a good bit of time addressing this topic of tongues. Some genuine Christian believers unfortunately have been taught and even think that speaking in tongues is of the devil. To the other extreme, there are denominations that actually teach that, unless you speak in tongues, you are going to hell! There is NO scriptural basis for this latter opinion, and it is as dangerous as the opinion that tongues are demonic.

These prejudices and ignorant opinions have nothing to do with scripture, but sometimes are a result of well-meaning Charismatics and Pentecostals turning people off by misusing this particular gift in a way to draw attention to themselves and "look good," that is, to *man- please,* and to get glory as trying to appear to be more spiritual than others who do not have this gift. We must realize always that Jesus does not share His glory with anyone. Proverbs 25:27 tells us, "*It is not good to eat much honey; so for men to search their own glory is not glory, "* and Isaiah 42:8 says, "*I am the LORD; that is My name; and My glory*

will I not give to another....” We should never use spiritual gifts to make a name for ourselves or to try to gain glory for ourselves or to try to look spiritual. Also, although most of you will not believe this, speaking in tongues is not a sign of spiritual maturity.

In spite of the human failures of those gifted in the area of tongues and in spite of the controversy tongues initiates in some mainline denominations, this gift is extremely important. I truly believe we should exercise speaking in tongues more than we do, especially in our private devotional life. Apparently, the enemy is terrified of “tongues,” and that is why he stirs up so much dust about speaking in tongues. While we have never “pushed” tongues here, we recognize speaking in tongues as an important gift of the Holy Spirit, greatly needed today, and feel you need to know what the Bible, not the traditions of men or denominational stances, says about this important gift.

In the New Testament the Greek word translated as *tongues* is *glossolalia. Glosso* means *language* or tongue. *Lalia* means *speech.* Thus, *glossolalia* has to do with spoken languages.

Only one other time is a word in the New Testament translated as tongues. In 1st Corinthians 14:21 the word used is *heteroglocesos,* which means *other-tongued* or *a foreigner: In the law it is written: “With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people: And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,” says the Lord.*

Many Bible scholars believe that that tongues were such an important part of Pentecost because they reversed the sign of judgment at the Tower of Babel, where the language was confused so that everyone spoke a different language and thus

were scattered over all the face of the earth. In these scholars' opinions, tongues at Pentecost came, on the other hand, as a result of obedience to the Word of God and as a blessing, not a curse for mankind.

THE PURPOSE OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Many have given excellent information on this topic, but I want to highlight the writings of Don Van Hoozier of High Point Church:

The Purpose of Tongues
Don Van Hoozier

1. **Speaking with tongues often accompanies the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.** Many will say that this is true always. This I cannot say for there are those who have gracious and powerful ministries of healing and have other gifts of the Spirit who have not spoken with tongues. How could the Gifts of the Spirit be operative in their lives if they have not received the Baptism in the Spirit? Too, not to cast doubt upon anyone's gift, we have to admit that the devil also certainly knows all the languages of earth. It seems best to me to encourage people to yield their spirits specifically and *only* to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to manifest Himself in any way in which He desires to do initially. However, at Pentecost they "began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). Eight years later at Caesarea we read that on the Gentiles also "was poured out the gifts of the Holy Ghost: for they heard them speak with tongues" (Acts 10:46). Twenty-three years after Pentecost at Ephesus "The Holy Ghost came on them, and they spake

with tongues" (Acts 19:6). When Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit 3 days after his conversion, there is no record that he spoke with tongues at *that time*. I personally feel that the ability to speak with tongues is in those who received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and that with understanding and desire they enter into the use of this gift.

2. **That we may communicate directly with God from our spirits bypassing the mental realm.** All of us have prejudices and mental blocks of one kind or another. We analyze, probe and question. And surely we need to be cautious, but when we communicate with God in another language from our spirits, we are able to pray through problems our human intellect cannot even face nor fathom. As Paul says in 1st Corinthians 14:2: *"He that speaketh in a tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries (divine secrets)."* Here again I quote from Harold Horton, for he puts it so beautifully. "The Gift of Tongues sinks a well into the dumb profundities of the rejoicing spirit, liberating a jet of long-point ecstasy that gladdens the heart of God and man. Blessed fountain of ineffable coherence, of inexpressible eloquence! Have you never in the presence of Jesus felt inarticulate on the very verge of eloquence?...."
3. **To magnify God:** Some teach that tongues at Pentecost were to preach the Gospel. Actually the tongues came, *then* the multitude gathered and over-heard them speaking the wonderful words of God. Later when Peter began to preach he did NOT preach in tongues. In Acts 10:46 it is written of

the house of Cornelius that they "*spake with tongues and magnified God.*"

4. **For our personal edification:** Some say this is a selfish gift since we only edify ourselves with it. But if I'm not built up (edified), how can I build up another? See 1st Corinthians 14:4. This praying in my spirit (and singing in the spirit) for edification is not to take the place of praying and singing with the understanding for Paul said he would do both. (See 1st Corinthians 14:4-5)
5. **That along with the Gift of Tongues the whole church may be edified.** Paul says that he who speaks in tongues should pray that he may interpret. This is for church meetings so that with the interpretation all may be benefited. See 1st Corinthians 14:5, 12-13, & 26. If there is no one who can interpret he is to keep silent in the Church and speak to himself and God. See 1st Corinthians14:28. If men will not be obedient to this Word, they rebel against God and not tradition and bring confusion (1st Corinthians 14:33).
6. **That "unbelieving believers" may receive a sign.** Remember that in these chapters Paul is dealing with believer's meetings when the church has come together.

So, the regulations for tongues: **1st Corinthians 14:23, 26-33:**

NOT FOR UNBELIEVERS

1ST Corinthians 14:33: WE MUST CONTROL OUR SPEAKING IN TONGUES SO AS NOT TO CONFUSE OTHERS

1ST Corinthians 14:39: WE MUST ASK, "DOES IT EDIFY?" If not, throw it out.

1st Corinthians 14:20: GIVING A MESSAGE IN TONGUES MUST BE DONE DECENTLY AND IN ORDER

TONGUES FIRST MENTIONED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Tongues are first mentioned in the New Testament by Jesus Himself in Mark 16:17 in the only verse in the Gospels that speaks of tongues: ***And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues....***

TIMES THE SPIRIT WAS MANIFESTED IN ACTS

In order to scripturally analyze what happened when people were filled with the Holy Spirit in the first century church, we will look at the Book of Acts. In the interest of time, I will give you scriptural references in a chart form so that you can go back and read the whole passages:

SCRIPTURE.	RECEIVER.	WHAT RECEIVED?	WHAT SIGN?
Acts 2:1-4.	Disciples.	Holy Spirit.	Wind, fire, tongues, prophecy
Acts 2:38.	Jews.	Salvation & HS.	Unknown
Acts 4:8.	Peter.	Holy Spirit.	Persuasive Speech

Acts 4:31. Jewish Believers. Holy Spirit. Boldness

Acts 6:5-10. Stephen Holy Spirit. Persuasive Speech

Acts 7:55. Stephen. Holy Spirit. Vision of Jesus

Acts 8:14-18. Samaritans. Holy Spirit. Unknown

Acts 9:17-19. Paul Holy Spirit. Healing of eyes

Acts 10:44-48. "God-fearers". Salvation & HS. Tongues

Acts 13:52. Gentiles. Holy Spirit. Joy

Acts 19:1-7. Disciples of John. Holy Spirit. Tongues & Prophecy

As far as the initial evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit-and some of the above are not the initial fillings of these people-note that Acts 8 with the Samaritans, there is nothing that concerns speaking in tongues, but something obviously was manifested since the people saw signs that indicated the Spirit had come upon these believers, and in Acts 9, nothing said that the Apostle Paul received tongues when he received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. However, later he wrote in 1st Corinthians 14:18 that he spoke in tongues more than others.

TWO TYPES OF TONGUES

One of the most beautiful and well-loved passages of scripture is the *Love Chapter,* 1st Corinthians 13. We have read this passage for years and not seen some of the more subtle things that the Apostle Paul is trying to teach us. One of these is the fact that there are two types of tongues: Tongues of Men, which are known languages on the earth, and Tongues of Angels, which are heavenly languages not known on earth: 1st Corinthians 13:1- *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.* Most theologians believe that the tongues of angels cannot be interpreted by satan, even thought he was in heaven, and, I assume, would have known heavenly languages. They speculate that he and the kingdom of darkness were thrown into such confusion when expelled from heaven and Presence of God and can no longer translate the tongues of angels. I see no scriptural evidence for this speculation, although Paul does write in 1st Corinthians 14:2: *For one who speaks in an* [unknown] *tongue speaks not to men by to God, for no one understands or catches his meaning, because in the Holy Spirit, he utters secret truths and hidden things* [not obvious to the understanding] AMP. And it is also helpful to remember that satan can be in only one place at a time-he is not omnipresent-, and does not know everything-he is NOT omniscient.

ARE THE PRAYER LANGUAGE AND THE GIFT OF TONGUES THE SAME THING?

Most Pentecostals make a distinction between the Gift of Tongues and the Prayer Language. While I make this distinction and strongly believe it, I admit that this is a very difficult topic to unpack scripturally. And the fact that the term *prayer language* is not in scripture does not make it any easier. My own understanding is that the Gift of Tongues is used by the one with the gift to minister to the corporate Body or to specific individuals. In other words, the Gift of Tongues is used to edify the Body of Christ. One's prayer language is an evidence or initial sign of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, is unique for each individual, and is used to minister to one's self, edifying, not the Body but himself, in the sense of Jude 20: *But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.* This passage in Jude is not about the corporate Body receiving edification but the individual believer.

Again the Bible does not give us much evidence concerning this distinction. I believe Romans 8:26-27 speaks of the prayer language: *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts know what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God (Romans 8:26-27).*

Making this distinction between a message in tongues for the corporate body and a prayer language for the personal edification of an individual believer, Pentecostal denominations see no violation of scripture when the whole congregation is

praying in a prayer language without an interpretation. They do, however, strictly adhere to Paul's admonition not to give a message in tongues for the whole Body unless there is an interpreter present. Paul writes extensively on this in 1st Corinthians 14:10-28: *There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance. Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me. Even so, you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel. Therefore, let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified. I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all, yet in the church would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue. Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature. In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people. And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. Therefore if the whole church comes*

together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there comes in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you. How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.

CAN SATAN SPEAK IN TONGUES?

Satan can counterfeit any of the gifts of the spirit, but they are just that: *counterfeits.* Anyone with discernment can recognize whether tongues are real or not, and many times services are hijacked by satanic implants who give false messages to try to influence the church down the wrong road. 1st Corinthians 12:3 says, "*Therefore, I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit."* When dealing with satan, we must always remember the words of Jesus in John 8:44, ***"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."***

WHY SEEK THE GIFT OF TONGUES?

The gift of tongues is still very much alive today, especially in the Pentecostal and Charismatic denominations or fellowships, and I suspect almost very church of any size in America today has at least one, perhaps closeted, "tongue talker." In fact, years ago an elderly Southern Baptist missionary told us that almost all the missionaries on the field that she knew spoke in tongues. She said that they needed that experience to have the power to do the job they had been called to do. They just wisely never bothered telling the Southern Baptist Convention.

I have already given you Brother Don's purposes or reasons for speaking in tongues. Many others have written on this subject. Kenneth Hagin, for example , gives 10 reasons, and Dr. Bill Hamon from Christian International in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, has written a book entitled *Seventy Reasons for Speaking in Tongues.* I would like to close this section by giving you one more man's opinion on why speak in tongues. I quote from Ernest B. Gentile's writings. Gentile, an international conference speaker and noted author, gives us six reasons for seeking and using the Gift of Tongues in his article *Personal Pentecost,* which he wrote for *Charisma Magazine.* I quote him verbatim:

Personal evidence: The Holy Spirit uses tongues as a miraculous, abiding sign. Miracle languages confirm the inner presence of the Spirit by using the body member most dependent on volitional, human intelligence-the tongue. (**Acts 2:4:** *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.* **Acts 10:44-47:** *While*

Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" **Acts 19:6:** *And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.*)

Praise declaration: Tongues initiate a prophetic gush of inspired worship and causes the heart to soar in adoration and worship unattainable by human means, creating "the fruit of the lips." (**Isaiah 57:19a:** *I create the fruit of the lips....* **Hebrews 13:15:** *Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of the lips, giving thanks to His name.* **John 4:23-24:** ***"But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*** **Philippians 3:3:** *For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*)

Impetus for the Great Commission: Tongues reaffirm our call to the nations and the urgency of the Great Commission. The baptism with the Holy Spirit ignites, through various languages, a burning passion to proclaim Christ to every ethnic group. (**Matthew 28:18-20:** *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,*

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." *Amen.* **Mark 16:15-17:** *And He said to them,* ***"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues...."*** **Luke 24:47-49:** ***"...and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."***

Uniform experience: The expression of tongues at the time of Spirit baptism authenticates the experience as genuine and gives evidence that it is the same as that of believers everywhere. It reverses Babel's curse of separation and instead initiates unity. **Genesis 11:7-8: "***Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth."* **Acts 10:46:** *For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God....***Acts 11:15-16:** *And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them as upon us at the beginning. Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said,* ***"John indeed baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy***

Spirit." **Acts 15:8:** *So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us.*

Spirit-inspired prayer: The miraculous gift of tongues, which is activated by the Holy Spirit, brings glorious new dimension of prayer into our lives. Though of course we should pray in our native languages as well, praying in tongues allows us to relate to God through our spirits rather than our minds. **Romans 8:15:** *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."* **1st Corinthians 14:2:** *For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.* **Ephesians 6:18a:** *...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit....***Jude 20:** *But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.*

Same-Spirit continuity: Speaking in tongues authenticates the continuing, abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in both the individual and the body of Christ. Miraculous tongues continue as a convincing witness and evidence of the Spirit of Pentecost wherever the Gospel is preached. **Mark 16:17:** ***"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues.***

<u>CONCLUSION ON TONGUES PART ONE</u>

Most often praise opens our hearts to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. As we invite Jesus to baptize us in the Holy Spirit and began to praise and worship Him, He will show up. Then, all

of us who have received the Baptism of the Spirit from Jesus can voluntarily release our tongue to God. We may start off with just a word or two, but don't let satan convince you that you're making up the sounds in your own head. Open your mouth and begin to speak, trusting the Spirit to bring forth His language from your inner being: *They began to speak as the Spirit gave them utterance* (Acts 2:4). This release of the Spirit of God through your tongue (*the bridle of the body*-JAMES 3:2), will help release the Spirit to flow through you with other gifts of God's power.

We have covered most of these verses already, but I want to list them again, because knowing what the Word, not man, says about this subject is so important:

Scriptural References to Tongues

Isaiah 28:11: *For by people of strange lips and with a foreign tongue the Lord will speak to this people.*

Mark 16:17: *And these signs shall follow those who believe: In my name shall you cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues…*

Acts 2:3-4: *And there appeared unto them cloven tongues as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Acts 2:6: *And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.*

Acts 2:8: *And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?*

Acts 2:11: *…we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*

Acts 10:46: *For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God…*

Acts 19:6: *And when Paul had laid hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.*

Romans 8:26: *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

1st Corinthians 12:8-11: *For to one is given, by the Spirit, the word of wisdom; to another, the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another, the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another, discerning of spirits; to another, various kinds of tongues; to another, the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.*

1st Corinthians 12:28-31: *And God hath set some in the church: first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; after that miracles; then gifts of healing; helps; governments; diversity of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts, and yet show I unto you a more excellent way.*

1st Corinthians 13:1: *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.*

1st Corinthians 13:8-10: *Love never fails, but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.*

1st Corinthians 14:2: *For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.*

1st Corinthians 14:4: *The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.*

1st Corinthians 14:5: *I would that ye all spoke with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied; for greater is he that prophesieth than*

he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

1st Corinthians 14:6: *Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues* [without an interpreter]*, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation of by knowledge or by prophesying or by doctrine?*

1st Corinthians 14:13-14: *Therefore, one who speaks in tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful.*

1st Corinthians 14:18-22: *I thank my God I speak with tongues more than ye all; yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than* [speak] *ten thousand words in a tongue. Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature. In the law it is written, "With men of other tongues and other lips, I will speak to this people; and yet, for all that, will they not hear Me," says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.*

1st Corinthians 14:23: *Therefore, if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?*

1st Corinthians 14:27: *If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret.*

1st Corinthians 14:39: *Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.*

Jude 1:20: *But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit.*