

11. Tongues can be a sign to \_\_\_\_\_ to the unbeliever.

Acts 2:5-8 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup>Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?

I Corinthians 14, continued

<sup>23</sup> So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and some who do not understand or some unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? (Public)

<sup>24</sup> But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in while everybody is prophesying, he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, <sup>25</sup> and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

<sup>26</sup> What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church. (Public) <sup>27</sup> If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. (Public)

<sup>28</sup> If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church (Public) and speak to himself and God. (Private)

I Corinthians 14:39-40 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. <sup>40</sup> But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

*If you have any questions, comments, or praise reports please email Pastor Dean at Dean@rockfamilychurch.com*

*All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*

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**THRIVE** The passage of scripture we are studying this week is Joshua 6:1-25.

*To be added to a group email us at thrive@rockfamilychurch.com.*

- Woodmen Campus - Wednesday @ 6:45p
- Woodmen Campus (Women) - Tuesday @ 9:30a
- South Campus – Tuesday @ 6:45p



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DISCIPLE

PART 11: PUBLIC & PRIVATE TONGUES

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

## UNDERSTANDING TONGUES

1. Speaking in tongues is speech by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in a language unknown to the speaker.
  - a. Personal: To assist us in prayer, worship, and communication with God.
  - b. Public: To minister to the body of Christ along with the interpretation.
2. Speaking in tongues is one of the initial signs of being baptized with the Holy Spirit.
3. Every child of God has access to this gift through faith.
4. Praying in tongues is a choice of our will and controlled by us.
5. Praying in tongues is direct communication to God to assist us in prayer.

1 Corinthians 14:2 For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.

Romans 8:26-27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

6. The source of the words is from our \_\_\_\_\_, not our mind.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.

## 7. Speaking in tongues will \_\_\_\_\_ and build us up.

1 Corinthians 14:4a Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves...

Jude 1:20-21 MSG But you, dear friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of God's love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real life!

## 8. Speaking in tongues enhances our expression of \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 14:15 So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

Ephesians 5:17-19 NLT Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.<sup>18</sup> Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>19</sup> singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.

## 9. Praying in tongues is a part of our spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ system.

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:13-18 (*Our Spiritual Armor*)

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

## 10. An interpreter is only required for tongues in \_\_\_\_\_ ministry not our \_\_\_\_\_ prayer time.

1 Corinthians 14

<sup>1</sup> Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. <sup>2</sup> For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. (Private)

<sup>3</sup> But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. <sup>4</sup> He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, (Private) but he who prophesies edifies the church. (Public)

## ❖ One edifies the believer, the other edifies the \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>5</sup> I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified. (Public) <sup>6</sup> Now, brothers, if I come to you and speak in tongues, what good will I be to you, unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or word of instruction? (Public)

<sup>7</sup> Even in the case of lifeless things that make sounds, such as the flute or harp, how will anyone know what tune is being played unless there is a distinction in the notes? <sup>8</sup> Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle? <sup>9</sup> So it is with you. Unless you speak intelligible words with your tongue, how will anyone know what you are saying? You will just be speaking into the air. (Public) <sup>10</sup> Undoubtedly there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning.

<sup>11</sup> If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and he is a foreigner to me. <sup>12</sup> So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts. (Public) <sup>13</sup> For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. (Public)

<sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. (Private)

<sup>16</sup> If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup> You may be giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not edified. (Public)

<sup>18</sup> I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. (Private) <sup>19</sup> But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue. (Public)

<sup>20</sup> Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults. <sup>21</sup> In the Law it is written: "Through men of strange tongues and through the lips of foreigners I will speak to this people, but even then they will not listen to me," says the Lord. <sup>22</sup> Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is for believers, not for unbelievers. (Public)