

# Living In the Days of Deception

*"The Greatest of These is Love"*

## 1 Corinthians 14

### INTRODUCTION:

#### 1. Clarity on some key doctrines:

a) The baptism of the Holy Spirit - 1 Corinthians 12:13

1) Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a one time event

b) The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit

1) Romans 10:9-13

c) The filling of the Holy Spirit

1) Ephesians 5:15-20

2) The filling of the Spirit is a continuous action.

d) The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

2. God has specifically given Spiritual Gifts so the Church can be edified, built up & Spiritually developed.

a) 1 Corinthians 12:7

3. Ephesians 4:11-17

### I. SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND WORSHIP

1. Romans 12:1-8

2. Vs 1-2

a) Before Paul gets to the Spiritual gifts, he call believers to worship.

3. Vs 3

a) Paul here warns against PRIDE.

### II. SEVEN SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN ROMANS 12

1. **PROPHECY** - Speaking forth the will of God or interpreting divine purpose. It is the gift of proclamation (forth-telling) , not prediction (fore-telling).

2. **SERVICE** - (helps) This gift enables a person to render some form of support or assistance to another in their ministries.

3. **TEACHING** - This gift enables one to teach God's Word clearly and effectively.
4. **EXHORTATION** - Gk. Parakaleo - which means to encourage, comfort, or cheer. This gift enables a person to urge others to do God's will.
5. **GIVING** - This gift enables a person to give in an extraordinary way of temporal things, like money or goods.
6. **LEADERSHIP/ADMINISTRATION** - This gift enables a person to serve in a leadership position in the Lord's work, making organizational and operational policies.
7. **MERCY** - This gift enables a person to minister compassionately to the needs of others who are experiencing some kind of crisis situation or personal distress.
8. There are also the gifts of healing, tongues, interpretation of tongues, miracles.

### **III. SPIRITUAL STEWARDSHIP**

#### **1. 1 Peter 4:10-11**

### **IV. ADDRESSING CRUCIAL ISSUES**

- Seven issues that come out of 1 Corinthians 14.

#### **A. THE MATTER OF TONGUES**

##### **1. 1 Corinthians 14:2**

- a) "glossa" - tongue = means language.

##### **2. Acts 2:1-13**

- a) "tongues" - glossa - language
  - 1) Like - French, Spanish, German

##### **3. So, lets investigate.**

- a) Acts 2:2
  - 1) "a sound of a mighty wind"
- b) That's the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room.

**4. VERY IMPORTANT** - The disciples could not comprehend the significance of the Holy Spirit's arrival without the Lord sovereignly illustrating what was happening - with a physical phenomena.

- a) Acts 2:3

1) *"and divided tongues as of fire"*

2) **Exodus 3:2-6**

3) *"divided tongues"* - no believer in the Upper Room was exempt from this experience.

b) **Acts 2:4, 5-11**

5. That was what happened @ Pentecost!!

6. **Very Important**-On Pentecost, when the gift of tongues was FIRST exercised, each of the Jews assembled in Jerusalem heard the message of God *"in his own language"*.

7. **Acts 1:8**

a) *"Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"*

8. **Matthew 16:13-19**

a) *"Peter, I give you the keys to the kingdom"*

9. **Now watch what happens.**

a) **Jerusalem & Judea**

1) **Acts 2 - Pentecost**

b) **Samaria**

1) **Acts 8:14-17**

b) **To the end of the world.**

1) **Acts 10:34-47**

2) **Acts 16:6**

10. **WOW!!!** The Holy Spirit was bringing all people groups together.

11. In all of these cases it is clear that the tongues spoken were languages known on earth.

a) Which was evidence to the Jews that they received the Holy Spirit and were equal partners in the body of Christ.

12. **THEREFORE:** The gift of tongues is the supernatural ability to speak in a human language that was previously unknown to the speaker.

13. **1 Corinthians 14:10-11**

a) **Vs 21**

1) Cf. **Isaiah 28:11**

b) **Vs 22**

1) Tongues were a sign to cause the Jews to listen to the message of Christ, which is what happened @ Pentecost.

14. Let's clear up **1 Corinthians 13:1-2**

a) "**tongues of angels**"

1) Paul is using hyperbole.

15. **Romans 8:26**

a) This verse refers to the Holy Spirit interceding for believers with wordless, inexpressible sighs when they are too weak or overwhelmed to know how to pray

## **B. THE MATTER OF DISORDER**

1. **1 Corinthians 14:26, 33-35, 40**

2. The problem with the church @ Corinth is that it was Confusion Central!!!

3. **Vs 6-9**

4. If the use of tongues does not produce edification, the speaker will be talking in the air.

## **C. THE MATTER OF PRIORITY**

1. I have literally heard of churches where you cannot serve as a leader in the church unless you speak in tongues.

2. For many it's a sign that an individual has been baptized with the Holy Spirit.

a) **1 Corinthians 12:28-31**

3. **1 Corinthians 14:5**

a) **Cf. 7:7**

4. **1 Corinthians 14:1, 5-6**

5. **WOW!!!!** We must know this.

a) **Prophesying is the proclamation of God's Word in a known language!!!**

b) **1 Corinthians 14:3**

6. **1 Corinthians 14:18-19**

7. It is important to see that Paul did NOT denigrate or dismiss the gift of tongues.

a) Vs 19-20

8. Vs 39

#### D. THE MATTER OF PURPOSE

1. Vs 20-22

2. *1 Corinthians 14:5*

a) Vs 26

1) "*edify*" - means to build up. That means that if it doesn't "edify" it's illegitimate.

3. Vs 2

4. Vs 4-5

5. *Ephesians 5:19*

#### E. THE MATTER OF PROCEDURE

1. Vs 26-33

#### F. THE MATTER OF PRIDE

1. Vs 36-38

#### G. THE MATTER OF PERMANENCE

1. *1 Corinthians 13:8-12*

a) "*when that which is perfect has come*"

2. TWO VIEWS:

a) First - *James 1:25*

b) Second - *The Perfect One, the Lord Jesus*

a) Until Jesus comes back