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GOD IN US



Week Five: *1 Corinthians 14*

Part Two:

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT



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14 Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. ² For the person who speaks in a tongue is not speaking to people but to God, since no one understands him; he speaks mysteries in the Spirit. ³ On the other hand, the person who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouragement, and consolation. ⁴ The person who speaks in a tongue builds himself up, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.

1 Corinthians 14:1–5

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⁵ I wish all of you spoke in tongues, but even more that you prophesied. The person who prophesies is greater than the person who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets so that the church may be built up.

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³⁷ If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, he should recognize that what I write to you is the Lord's command.

1 Corinthians 14:37

“Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast to what is good.”

1 Thessalonians 5:20

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- 3. Genuine prophecy is not merely foundational to the first church; it characterizes the entire Church-Age!*

“the prophetic gifts remain with us, even to the present time. And hence you ought to understand that [the gifts] formerly among your nation have been transferred to us.”

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“A word from the Lord through a member of his Body, inspired by the Spirit and given to build up the rest of the body.”

MICHAEL GREEN

“the human report of a divine revelation.”

SAM STORMS

A SUMMARY OF PROPHECY IN 1 CORINTHIANS 14

v.1: Every believer is encouraged to pursue the gift of prophecy.

v.3: Prophecy strengthens, encourages, and comforts.

v.4-5: Prophecy builds up the church.

v.25: Prophecy discloses the secrets of people's hearts, leading to repentance.

v.29: Two or three prophecies at most in a gathered service, all of which should be tested.

v.31-33: Prophecy should be orderly.

v.37-38: Prophecy is subject Scripture.

THE GIFT OF TONGUES

⁶ So now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you with a revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? ⁷ Even lifeless instruments that produce sounds—whether flute or harp—if they don't make a distinction in the notes, how will what is played on the flute or harp be recognized? ⁸ In fact, if the bugle makes an unclear sound, who will prepare for battle? ⁹ In the same way, unless you use your tongue for intelligible speech, how will what is spoken be known? For you will be speaking into the air.

1 Corinthians 14:6–19

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¹⁰ *There are doubtless many different kinds of languages in the world, none is without meaning.* ¹¹ *Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker will be a foreigner to me.* ¹² *So also you—since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, seek to excel in building up the church.* ¹³ *Therefore the person who speaks in a tongue should pray that he can interpret.* ¹⁴ *For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.* ¹⁵ *What then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with my understanding. I will sing praise with the spirit, and I will also sing praise with my understanding.*

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¹⁰ Otherwise, if you praise with the spirit, how will the outsider say “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷ For you may very well be giving thanks, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; ¹⁹ yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, in order to teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

1 Corinthians 14:6–19

GOD IS REALLY AMONG YOU

²⁰ Brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your thinking, but be infants in regard to evil and adult in your thinking. ²¹ It is written in the law,

*I will speak to this people
by people of other tongues
and by the lips of foreigners,
and even then, they will not listen to me;*

1 Corinthians 14:20–26

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says the Lord. ²² Speaking in tongues, then, is intended as a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers. ²³ If, therefore, the whole church assembles together and all are speaking in tongues and people who are outsiders or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your minds? ²⁴ But if all are prophesying and some unbeliever or outsider comes in, he is convicted by all and is called to account by all.

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²⁵ The secrets of his heart will be revealed, and as a result he will fall facedown and worship God, proclaiming, “God is really among you.”²⁶ What then, brothers and sisters? Whenever you come together, each one has a hymn, a teaching, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Everything is to be done for building up.

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³⁷ If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, he should recognize that what I write to you is the Lord's command. ³⁸ If anyone ignores this, he will be ignored. ³⁹ So then, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But everything is to be done decently and in order.

1 Corinthians 14:37–40

“I’m talking about a congregation of born-again followers of Jesus who are gospel-centred, who maintain a high view of the sovereignty of God in salvation, and who are intolerant of manipulative excess and self-serving fanaticism, yet who also delight in speaking in tongues, praying for the sick, and prophesying to the edification, encouragement, and consolation of other believers. I’m talking about individual Christian men and women who are intellectually exhilarated by complex biblical truths yet unafraid to give public expression to deep emotional delight and heart-felt affection for Jesus. I’m talking about theologically sophisticated followers of Christ who are open to and hungry for the present tense voice of the Spirit while always subject to the functional and final authority of the written text of Scripture.”

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