

Sunday Sermon | Calvary Chapel Waterford
1 Corinthians 14:20-40 Sermon Outline
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Theme: The Lord's Language

1. Mature Understanding - 1 Corinthians 14:20-25

- *Remain innocent concerning evil.*
- *Grow mature in biblical understanding.*
- *Prefer clear truth over impressive confusion.*
- *Proclaim words that expose hearts and lead people to worship.*

2. Order and Peace - 1 Corinthians 14:26-33

- *Use every spiritual gift to strengthen the church.*
- *Interpret tongues or remain silent.*
- *Weigh every prophecy carefully against Scripture.*
- *Exercise spiritual gifts with restraint and self-control.*
- *Reflect the peace and order of God.*

3. Women in the Church - 1 Corinthians 14:34-36

- *Welcome women praying and prophesying within biblical order.*
- *Preserve God's design for authority in the church.*
- *Submit every speaker and every spiritual expression to God's Word.*

4. Humble Service - 1 Corinthians 14:37-40

- *Receive apostolic instruction as the command of the Lord.*
- *Desire prophecy for the spiritual good of others.*
- *Do not forbid the legitimate exercise of tongues.*
- *Let everything be done decently and in order.*

Scripture Cross References (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 14:20-40

1 Corinthians 14:19: “Yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.”

2 Corinthians 11:13-15: “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21: “Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good.”

Acts 2:18: “And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.”

2 Peter 3:16, excerpt: “Which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.”

Colossians 3:16, excerpt: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”

James 1:22, excerpt: “But be doers of the word.”

Psalms 119:9, excerpt: “How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.”

John 17:17: “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

Matthew 4:4 “But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”’”