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STUDY GUIDE

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CHAPTER

14

1 CORINTHIANS

*Divisions in the Church*



## 1 Corinthians: Chapter 14

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### REVIEW

Paul is moving his discussion toward a core source of the divisions in the Corinthian church: tongues (i.e., languages). Rather than using their ability to speak in different languages for the edification of the church, they are using them to bring attention to themselves. Prophecy and tongues (languages) are of vital importance in the church as the gospel is being taught throughout the world. Even today, many are edified through the teaching of the Word in a foreign language. However, that word does not edify unless it is interpreted for the hearer.



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### MONDAY

Listen to the Chapter 14 podcast.

### TUESDAY

Read Genesis 10 and 11; Isaiah 28; 50; 66; Zechariah 8:23 (literally, “men from all the languages of the nations”); Daniel 1:4; Nehemiah 13:24; Matthew 28:18; Revelation 5:9; 7:9; 10:11; 11:9; 13:7; 14:6; and 17:15. While there are many more passages that could be listed here. The point is simply: the Bible is consistent in its use of “tongues” as “languages” from the beginning to the end.

### WEDNESDAY

In light of yesterday’s study and what you know about Paul’s argument, read chapter 14 and see if what is saying makes sense.

### THURSDAY

In 1 Corinthians 14:21-22, Paul quotes Isaiah 28:11. Read Isaiah 28. Isaiah pronounces judgment upon Israel that the LORD will speak back to them through a lying lip and a foreign tongue. In other words, in light of Israel’s rejection of the LORD, He will take the gospel to the Gentiles to make Israel jealous and to move them to anger. Read Romans 9-11 and Deuteronomy 32.

### FRIDAY

Read chapters 1-3 again. Is Paul a prophet? Now read chapters 12-14 again. The Corinthians’ words are subject to the words of the prophets, of whom Paul is one. The paramount importance of the words of the prophets and apostles cannot be overstated. Read 2 Peter 3:1-2 and 1 John 1:1-4.