

# WORSHIP CHAOS

## Broken Yet Beloved Message Series Week 12

### 1 Corinthians 14

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#### A. What are the main ideas of 1 Corinthians 14?

1. The gift of prophecy is greater than the gift of tongues because it is understood and builds up the Church.  
(1 Corinthians 14:1-12, 19, 23-25)
2. Spiritual gifts are for building up, strengthening, and instructing the Church. (1 Corinthians 14:1-5, 12, 19, 26; 12:7)
3. Public worship should be orderly and with decency.  
(1 Corinthians 14:26-40)

## B. What is the spiritual gift of prophecy?

1. Prophecy, or prophesying, is to “speak forth” or to declare the divine will and truth of God, which has been made known through God’s Word.
2. It’s proclamation, not prediction.

“Many people misunderstand the gift of prophecy to be the ability to predict the future. While knowing something about the future may sometimes have been an aspect of the gift of prophecy, it was primarily a gift of proclamation (‘forth-telling’), not prediction (‘fore-telling’).

A pastor/preacher who declares the Bible can be considered a ‘prophesier’ in that he is speaking forth the counsel of God. With the completion of the New Testament canon, prophesying changed from declaring new revelation to declaring the completed revelation God has already given.”

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3. “Christians are to be very wary of those who claim to have a ‘new’ message from God. It is one thing to say, ‘I had an interesting dream last night.’ However, it is quite another matter to say, ‘God gave me a dream last night, and you must obey it.’ No utterance of man should be considered equal to or above the written word. We must hold to the Word that God has already given and commit ourselves to *sola scriptura*—Scripture alone.”

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### **C. What is speaking in tongues?**

1. The Greek word *glossa* is translated as “tongue.” Throughout the New Testament, it refers to a human language. (Revelation 5:9)
2. The first evidence of speaking in tongues is Acts 2:11 on the day of Pentecost, where Luke describes speaking in tongues as known languages.
3. Therefore, speaking in tongues is the supernatural ability to speak a known language, not an angelic babbling that is known only to God.

### **D. Does Scripture teach that the gift of tongues and other signs/miraculous gifts have ceased?**

1. Some followers of Jesus would say “yes” and are known as cessationists.
2. Some followers of Jesus would say “no” and are known as continuationists.

\*For further study, read:

1. *Why I am a Cessationist* by Thomas Schreiner  
[thegospelcoalition.org/article/cessationist/](http://thegospelcoalition.org/article/cessationist/)
2. *Why I am a Continuationist* by Sam Storms  
[thegospelcoalition.org/article/continuationist/](http://thegospelcoalition.org/article/continuationist/)

**E. Do women have to remain silent in church?  
(1 Corinthians 14:26-35)**

1. No. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul mentions situations where women were allowed to pray and prophesy in public.
2. No, verse 26 refers to “each one” rather than men.
3. We need to interpret this passage in light of the context of worship chaos.

Three times Paul says to be silent:

- Verse 28- “keep silent in church”
  - Verse 30- “let the first be silent”
  - Verse 34- “keep silent in the church”
4. In the context of verses 34 and 35, which is the evaluation of prophecies, women are to be silent.
  5. The evaluation of new revelation given through prophecy would involve exercising authority over men, which is forbidden. (1 Timothy 2:11-12)

**F. How does 1 Corinthians 14 apply to us?**

1. Spiritual gifts are not an indication of your spirituality. Live from your identity in Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:2.)
2. Pursue love because love matters most. (1 Corinthians 14:1)
3. God is a supernatural God. Each of us need the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-25)