

The Right Approach

1 Corinthians 14:13-25 (ESV)

We do well in life to never lose the connection of issues/ideas/topics with REAL PEOPLE.

As we study the gift of tongues...

We lead with love

We prioritize clarity

Acts 2:4-6 (ESV)

In essence, Calvary reversed Babel

The Gift of Tongues is the supernatural ability for one to speak a language previously unknown to the person speaking in order to communicate the message of the Gospel and/or anything that edifies the church and aligns with the word of God. It must always be accompanied with the gift of interpretation.

Whenever the gift of tongues is practiced, misused, or even misunderstood at least three real people are affected.

Three People Affected:

1. The One in Worship Speaking v.13-15 - Their Need: To be Fully Engage
2. The One in Worship Hearing v.16-19 - Their Need: To be Faithfully Edified
3. The One in Worship Seeking v.20-25 - Their Need: To be Fervently Evangelized

Private Prayer Language?

- Paul's words here are about prayer in corporate worship.
- Jesus was asked how to pray, and he answered with a clear model.
- The need for some secret language of unrecognizable utterance suggests that God cannot redeem and guide our rational minds.
- At CATM our pastors do not practice or promote the need for a private prayer language, but we respect every member of our family.

Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

Spiritual Gifts Defined:

1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Jeremiah 4:22 (ESV)

Paul never allows us to forget the lost!

Isaiah 28:11 (ESV)

The Sign of Judgment:

Unintelligible words to unbelievers leave them in a state of unbelief!

The Sign of Blessing:

The Word of God brings correction, encouragement, hope, and healing!

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (ESV)

Verse 24 is rich!

- Convicted
- Held accountable
- Fully known
- Humbled/Broken
- Worships
- Acknowledges the presence of God

Let your gifts be used so that you, your brothers and sisters, and those who need Christ are all drawn closer to Him.