

Don't Speak Like a Barbarian

1 Corinthians 14:6-19

(series #57)

Intro: The practice of speaking in “tongues”

1) Pentecostalism

- a. Agnes Ozman spoke in “tongues” in 1901
- b. It came to Azusa St. in L.A. in 1906

2) The Charismatic Movement

- a. Began in 1960 in Van Nuys, CA
- b. Began in an Episcopalian church

3) Speaking in “tongues” in other religious groups

4) Speaking in tongues in the Corinthian church

- a. The Corinthians overemphasized this gift
- b. The Corinthians misused this gift
- c. The true gift is the same as in Acts 2

I. The Importance of Understanding vv. 6-17

A. The principle stated v. 6

B. The principle illustrated vv. 7-8

C. The principle applied vv. 9-17

1. Language is for communication vv. 9-11
2. The goal is edification vv. 12-17

II. The Priority of Understanding vv. 18-19

A. Paul had the gift of languages v. 18

B. He didn't use it apart from understanding v. 19

Conclusion: Proclaiming the word is superior to tongues