

# Putting 'Tongues' in Their Proper Place

1 Corinthians 14:1-5

(series #56)

**Intro:** Definitions of the gifts of prophesying and tongues

1) Prophesying is proclaiming God's word

a. 1 Corinthians 14:29-31

b. 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21

2) "Tongues" is speaking in an unlearned language

a. Acts 2:1-11

b. 1 Corinthians 12:10, 13:1-3

c. 1 Corinthians 14:20-22

## I. The Importance of Love v. 1a

A. Pursue love

B. Love will go on forever - 1 Cor. 13:8-10

## II. The Importance of Spiritual Gifts v. 1b

A. Desire spiritual gifts (collectively)

- 1 Cor. 12:11, 18, 28

B. Gifts are important for the good of the body

C. Therefore, prophesying is superior to tongues

## III. The Importance of Interpretation vv. 2-5

A. Without it, tongues are mysteries v. 2

B. Prophesying edifies the body v. 3

C. The gift of tongues can be self-serving v. 4

D. The Lord wants the gifts to edify v. 5

**Conclusion:** We should be zealous to build the body!