Tongues and Prophecy 1 Corinthians 14:1-25

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Tongues

Tongues are a form of prayer and praise you express to God in a language you do not understand. – Wayne Grudem

v. 21-22 "In the Law it is written, "By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord." Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers."

Prophecy

Prophecy is the reception of spontaneous revelations that are communicated to God's people – Thomas Schreiner

"The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church." V. 4

Application

- 1. Most of the practice of tongues today is unbiblical and unhelpful.
- 2. We should desire gifts that are going to build up the church.
- 3. Pray that unbelievers will respond to the working of the Spirit.