

## 1 Corinthians 14

v.1 Pursue love, go after it, this is the goal- (*Phil 3:12 NKJV*) *Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.*

- desire gifts
- especially prophesy

Prophesy- understand that someone who has a gift of prophesy doesn't necessarily have the office of a prophet

v.2 tongues are to God

- two kinds of tongues - Acts 2 shows us tongues as a sign gift, not unknown language but each heard in his own language

- 14:14- we see that it is a prayer language to assist in our prayers (*Rom 8:26-27 NKJV*) *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. {27} Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

Tongues assist in our devotional life- *2 Peter 1:8 joy unspeakable and full of glory*

v.13 pray that you would interpret also

edification- oikodome, oy-kod-om-ay'; fem. (abstr.) of a comp. of G3624 and the base of

v.22 sign for unbeliever- (*Mark 16:15-18 NKJV*) *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. {16} "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. {17} "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; {18} "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

**but prophesying is for believers to do**

v.26 each has something to give- this doesn't mean everyone should chip in during the service but minister those things on an individual basis at the proper time

v.27 use in church is restricted-

must be interpreted there, only a couple of things to happen

v.32 spirits of prophets subject to prophets- you are in control at all times.

v.34 women are not to speak (preach)- he has already intimated that they prayed and prophesied publically in church- see chapter 11

now on to prophesy

- 1) must line up with Scripture- if it doesn't its not from God
- 2) must line up with nature of Jesus and nature of the Father
- 3) must line up with facts
- 4) must honor Jesus

v.3 edification- architecture, i.e. (concr.) a structure; fig. confirmation:--building, edify (-ication, -ing).

exhortation- paraklesis, par-ak'-lay-sis; from G3870; imploration, hortation, solace:--comfort, consolation, exhortation, intreaty.

comfort- paramuthia, par-am-oo-thee'-ah; from G3888; consolation (prop. abstr.):--comfort.

**Keep context of passage in mind- Paul is dealing with gifts, how they operate, against the backdrop of chapter 13 and love, the purpose of prophesy is to minister to the people.**

How do we edify, exhort and comfort one another ? How is it that each one (v.26) has a teaching, tongue, revelation, psalm, interpretation ?

#### Practically Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

*(Col 1:9-14 NKJV) For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; {10} that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; {11} strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; {12} giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. {13} He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, {14} in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

## Ephesians 5:15

v.15- see then- because of the previous chapters

- we have been chosen
- we have been adopted
- we have been redeemed
- we have been forgiven
- we have been given gifts in heavenly places
- we have the same power at work in us that raised Jesus from the dead
- we are created for good works, which He prepared beforehand
- He is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above what we ask or think

according to the power that works in us. How much are we letting that power work ?

- we can put off the old man with his deceitful lusts " and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

v.16- redeem- buy up, take advantage of the opportunity,

- the time- the season, the opportunity

v.17- unwise- mindless, i.e. stupid, (by impl.) ignorant, (spec.) egotistic, (practically) rash, or (mor.) unbelieving:--fool (-ish), unwise.

- no middle ground here, either we get it or we don't

v.18- drunk -methusko, meth-oos'-ko; a prol. (trans.) form of G3184; to intoxicate:-be drunk (-en).

- be filled- 4137. pleroo, play-ro'-o; from G4134; to make replete, i.e. (lit.) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (fig.) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.:--accomplish, X after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

We are filled, walking in the Spirit, under the influence of the Spirit in three ways

1) Our speech

- psalms- how God is dealing with me
- hymns- God's nature
- spiritual songs- the things of God and what He is doing

- contrasted with corrupt communication, foolish talking and coarse jesting

## 2) Our attitudes

- giving thanks always for all things to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.- What does this mean ?

- contrasted with grieving the Holy Spirit, bitterness, wrath, anger, and clamor

## 3) Our relationships

- submitting to one another in the fear of God

- forgiving (gracing ) one another as God forgave us

- being unforgiving, greedy, bitter, etc.

So back to 1 Cor. 14:39 desire earnestly to prophesy and let all things be done decently and in order.