Focal Point Radio Ministries

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Topic: Tongues

Study: First Corinthians Week: 57

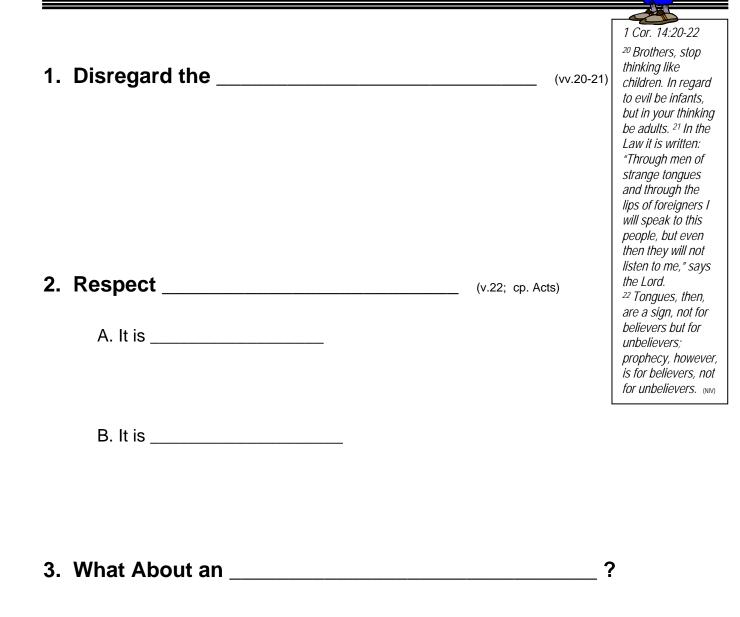
1 Corinthians 14:20-22

Series: 3 of 5

Text:

bart 3 Untwisting the *Tongues* Issue

Examining the Role of Tongues in the Bible



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Reread **Acts 2:5-9**. What effect would this event have had on you if you were in the crowd and had the day before skeptically dismissed the recently circulated story about a resurrected Messiah?

How would you compare this miracle with the confusion of the Corinthian practice described in 1 Corinthians 14:23?

2. Taking the time to compare "biblical tongues" with "Corinthian tongues" (as well as "modern tongues") will lead a number of Christians to some unsettling conclusions. Why do you think some insist that such dispassionate comparisons should not even be attempted?

How should 1 Thessalonians 5:21, Proverbs 14:15 and Ephesians 5:10 affect our evaluations?

Which of the above three verses runs most counter to our generally accepted Christian culture? Why?

3. How has the last few weeks of study from 1 Corinthians 14 helped, challenged or changed your understanding of this topic?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Esther 3-4 & Ps.78

Monday

Esther 5-6 & Ps. 79-80

Tuesday

Esther 7-8 & Ps.81-82

Wednesday

Esther 9-10 & Ps.83-84

Thursday

Job 1-2 & Ps.85-86

Friday

Job 3-4 & Ps.87-88

Saturday

Job 5-6 & Ps.89

Here are some resources which may help you understand the truths presented in this week's sermon.

Burdick, Donald W. *Tongues: To Speak or Not to Speak.* Moody Press, 1969. (94 pp)

Chantry, Walter. Signs of the Apostles: Observations on Pentecostalism Old & New. Banner of Truth, 1973. (147 pp) Dallimore, Arnold. Forerunner of the Charismatic Movement: The Life of Edward Irving. Moody Press, 1983. (200 pp)

Dillow, Joseph. Speaking in Tongues: Seven Crucial Questions. Zondervan, 1975. (191 pp)

Gaffin, Richard B. Perspectives on Pentecost: New Testament Teaching on the Gifts of the HS. P & R, 1979. (127 pp)

Gromacki, Robert G. The Modern Tongues Movement. P & R Publishing, 1967. (183 pp)

MacArthur, John F. *The Charismatics: A Doctrinal Perspective.* Zondervan, 1978. (224 pp)

Masters, Peter and John C. Whitcomb. The Charismatic Phenomenon. Wakeman Trust, 1982. (113 pp)

Robertson, O. Palmer. *The Final Word: A Biblical Response to the Case for Tongues Today.* Banner, 1993. (150 pp) Thomas, Robert L. *Understanding Spiritual Gifts: A Verse-by-Verse Study of 1 Cor. 12—14.* Kregel, 1999. (299 pp)

Unger, Merrill F. New Testament Teaching on Tongues. Kregel, 1971. (175 pp)

Zeller, George W. *God's Gift of Tongues: The Nature, Purpose and Duration of Tongues.* Loizeaux, 1978. (126 pp) Zodhiates, Spiros. *Tongues!*? AMG Publishers, 1974. (191 pp)

Though I often do not agree with the conclusions of the following works, they are included because of their substantial contribution to the discussion, as well as their help in analyzing the phenomenon from a linguistic and anthropologic point of view.

Mills, Watson E., ed. **Speaking in Tongues: A Guide to Research on Glossolalia.** Eerdmans, 1986. (537 pp) Quebedeaux, Richard. **The New Charismatics: The Origins... of Neo-Pentecostalism.** Doubleday, 1975. (252 pp) Samarin, William J. **Tongues of Men & Angels: The Religious Language of Pentecostalism.** MacMillian, 1972. (277 pp)