



Usage of the Manifestations

We are studying the subject of the usage of the manifestations of holy spirit, beginning with speaking in tongues with interpretation.

Speaking in Tongues with Interpretation

(1 Cor 14:5 KJV) I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater *is* he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

There are two worship manifestations for use in the church—Speaking in Tongues with Interpretation, and Prophecy. When in a Christian believers meeting and it is time for worship manifestations, the manifestation of prophecy is preferred. The manifestation of speaking in tongues with interpretation should be used when believers won't believe to manifest prophecy.



Allow me to repeat: A careful review of verse five teaches us that prophecy 'in the church' is the preferred worship manifestation. Further, if people won't believe to manifest prophecy, then, second best is speaking in tongues with interpretation.

Inperpret

At times, I will use the abbreviation SIT for speaking in tongues.

Interpret means, 'to make plain'. Speaking in tongues isn't plain unless the words spoken are understood. The miracle on the day of Pentecost was that the others understood the Apostles when they spoke in tongues. Your

mind isn't edified by my speaking in tongues. We follow a very important rule: inside of the church, you must be blessed or edified. In order to bring such a blessing, the one speaking must make his words plain.

(1 Cor 14:6 KJV) Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

Think profit. When I SIT inside of the church, where is the profit? The profit would only be to me. That's a real problem when the others present are supposed to be edified. Revelation, knowledge, prophesying AND doctrine are all in the language of the people present. Everyone can be edified because they understand what is being spoken.

(1 Cor 14:7 KJV) And even things without life

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giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

The distinction in the sounds are what make the difference. Otherwise, you'd never learn anything. This is true even with music. Without sound distinctions, you wouldn't know what song it was.

(1 Cor 14:8-9 KJV) For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? {9} So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

Verses eight and nine further emphasize the importance of distinction of sounds. In the church, we don't want to just speak into the air which is exactly what happens if someone speaks in tongues without interpretation.

(1 Cor 14:10-11 KJV) There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them *is* without signifi-

cation. {11} Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh *shall be* a barbarian unto me.

For example, if the group was English-speaking, and I spoke German, I would sound like a foreigner. The last thing you should desire is to sound like a barbarian to your fellow believers, but this is exactly what happens if the church allows a 'speaking in tongues' free-for-all.

(1 Cor 14:12 KJV) Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

God wants us to be zealous of spiritual matters—the Greek word behind 'spiritual' is pneuma, meaning 'spiritual.' Get rid of the forged word 'gifts.' You are to seek to the edifying of the church. We have a real problem if the church isn't edified, built up. 'That ye may excel' is supposed to be the norm.

To = pros

For the word 'to,' pros means, 'with a view to the end' — to the edifying [building up] of the church. That's the purpose of 'seeking'.

Pray [believe] to interpret

(1 Cor 14:13 KJV) Wherefore let him that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue pray that he may interpret.

'Pray' means, 'to believe'. Each mature believer is supposed to believe to interpret. Why should God ask you to do this if you are not able to do this? God wants the church to be built up. Why?

(1 Cor 14:14 KJV) For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

The subject has changed to prayer. God wants fruitful understanding for each person present. In a believers meeting, speaking in tongues with interpretation is not prayer. It is a worship manifestation designed to bring a message from or for God. The speaking in tongues must be interpreted. God knows if you are going to interpret. If you are not go-

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ing to interpret, even though you stood up in church, it would not be a message from or for God; it would simply be prayer. Your spirit will be edified, but not your understanding.

There are two ways to pray

1. In the spirit
2. With your understanding

‘Understanding’ comes from the Greek word nous, meaning ‘intellect’.

(1 Cor 14:15 KJV) What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

‘I will’ means, ‘by my will’. I’m not possessed or pushed around. There are two ways to pray, by the spirit and with your understanding. If you can speak in tongues, you can sing in the spirit. If you can sing in your mother tongue, you can sing in tongues. When you pray in the spirit [speak in tongues], you do that only in your private prayer life.

If you use SIT without interpretation ‘in the church’, it is

not prayer; it must be interpreted. In this case, the speaking in tongues is a message from God or for God. Verse 15 is talking about your private prayer life. In the church, if a person is going to pray in tongues [SIT], he must interpret, and then it is no longer prayer.

(1 Cor 14:16 KJV) Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

OTHERWISE - ‘ELSE’ = EPEI

The word ‘else’ comes from the Greek word epei and means ‘otherwise’. IF you praise God in the spirit, how will anyone know what you are saying?

To make matters worse, if uninstructed folks are present, they won't understand what you are saying or doing.

(1 Cor 14:17 KJV) For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

Speaking in tongues out of order still edifies, but it doesn't bless the body of believers present. It would be selfish because it's supposed to bless the entire church.

(1 Cor 14:18 KJV) I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

Speaking in tongues is one of the most important manifestations of all nine. That's what Paul meant.

(1 Cor 14:19 KJV) Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that *by my voice* I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an *unknown* tongue.

Why? Because the church won't receive edifying. In the church, I'd rather speak five words that you can understand, than 10000 that you can't.

(1 Cor 14:20 KJV) Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

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Why in the world don't we grow up? That's right. We should rightly divide the Word of God on this subject. There's nothing wrong with speaking in tongues, but, in the church, it must be interpreted.

In your private prayer life, you never interpret. In your private prayer life, speaking in tongues is praise and glory to God. You are speaking divine secrets, mysteries, and you are being built up. But, in a believers meeting, SIT must always be interpreted. This is the will of the Lord. We are not to be children in understanding. We're to grow up and be men and women of power.

Speaking in Tongues is for an individual believer

It is to be used in his private prayer life. There are churches that allow mass speaking in tongues. The entire place sounds like it has gone mad. This should never be. Uninstructed preachers allow this. Speaking in tongues in the church WITHOUT Interpretation should never be sanctioned. There is a specific order for worship manifestation usage given by God. I'll cover that later.

(1 Cor 14:21 KJV) *In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.*

This is taken from Isaiah 28. Speaking in tongues is not primarily designed for the unbeliever on the outside of the church at all. Even with speaking in tongues, they won't believe. It is designed primarily for the individual believer and, when it is interpreted, for the edifying of the church.

Tongues are for a sign

(1 Cor 14:22 KJV) *Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.*

Tongues are for a sign. Remember that this is happening in the church!

Tongues are for a sign to unbelievers, those that do not believe, the unfaithful ones. The Greek word semion in-

dicates, 'significance of the work wrought'. 'For' in the phrase, 'for a sign' is the Greek preposition eis and governs the accusative case. It indicates, 'motion toward an object with the purpose of reaching or touching it'. 'Not' is the Greek word ou, meaning, 'absolutely not'.

Unlearned ones

(1 Cor 14:23 KJV) *If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?*

'Unlearned' comes from the Greek word idiotes and means, 'uninstructed'. These are believers who haven't been taught the truth of this subject. They are babies in Christ. Idiotes is not referring to the unsaved. It is referring to those who are not fully instructed. 'Those that are' is properly supplied.

THE UNLEARNED ARE THE UNINSTRUCTED BELIEVERS. THEY ARE BORN AGAIN, BUT ARE NOT YET UNINSTRUCTED.

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What a mess if everyone tried to do this at the same time. 'Unbelievers' means, 'uninstructed ones'.

Much Love in Christ,

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