

Series: 1 Corinthians

“An Apostolic Critique Regarding the Use of Tongues”

(Sunday Morning August 9th, 2026)

Passage: 1 Corinthians 14:1-12

2 Thes 2:8-9 “8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders”

My point is this: we are always on shaky ground when we value emotional experiences more than we value b_____ t_____.

I. This Was a T_____ Spiritual Gift

1) The S_____ Proof

1 Cor 13:8 “Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.”

1 Cor 13:9-10 “9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part; 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.”

2 Cor 12:12 “The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.”

There have been only t_____ different times in history when these miraculous signs and wonders have occurred.

2) The H_____ Proof

This is my question to my charismatic friends: where did this gift of speaking in tongues go for _____ years.

II. This Was a S_____ Spiritual Gift

1) It Was Not E_____

Matt 6:7 “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.”

1 Cor 12:7 “But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

The late Dr. John MacArthur says that, when you see the word “tongues” p_____, this is referring to the legitimate gift; but when you see the word “tongue” s_____, it is referring to the counterfeit.

2) It Was Not I_____

The word “barbarian” referred to a non-greek who spoke the language of savages; it is also an onomatopoeic word that comes from “b_____ b_____.”

1 John 4:1 “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, ...”

3) It Was Not R_____

1 Cor 12:30 "All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?"

The word for "spirit" that Paul uses here is not referring to the Holy Spirit, and this is why it has a small "s"; it literally refers to "w_____" or "a_____."

III. This Was a R_____ Spiritual Gift

1) It Was the Sign of a C_____

Isa 28:11 "Indeed, He will speak to this people through stammering lips and a foreign tongue"

Isaiah said they would be taken captive by those who spoke a language they d_____ n_____
u_____, because they would not listen to what he said to them.

Isa 28:7 "And these also reel with wine and stagger from strong drink: the priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, they are confused by wine, they stagger from strong drink; ..."

Isa 28:14 "Therefore, hear the word of the LORD, O scoffers, who rule this people who are in Jerusalem"

2) It Was the Sign of a B_____

Acts 10:45-46 "45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God..."

Acts 19:6 "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying"

The work of the Holy Spirit was moving beyond the Jews and farther and farther in to the g_____
w_____; and so, it was a sign of a curse and of a blessing.

3) It Was the Sign of A_____

This gift was intended to affirm that these men (the Apostles) represented the true God of Heaven, and that their m_____ had come from the true God of Heaven.

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, (is) a man (who was) attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, ..."

1 Cor 14:40 "But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner."

Rom 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Rom 10:9 "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"