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Wednesday, August 10, 2022 - Group Study  
**Lesson Series: Baptism Of The Holy Spirit**

Lesson Series Text: (*Acts 1:1-5*)

**Lesson 3: Forbid Not To Speak In Tongues**

Lesson 3 Text: (*1 Cor. 14:39-40*)

*All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.*

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- I. Follow this prescribed order for public worship. (*14:1*)
  - A. Follow (*diōkō – pursue*) after charity (*agape - love*).
    - a. Agape is superior to any spiritual gift. Agape enables the user to use the gift correctly, and not for self-aggrandizement–self-promotion.
  - B. Desire (*Zēlōō – to be zealous, to be full of zeal*).
    - a. Zeal – eager desire, enthusiastic diligence.
  - C. Spiritual (*pneumatikós – that which is donated by the Holy Spirit*).
  - D. Prophecy (*prophēteúo – one who tells the council of God*).
  - E. Pursue after the Godkind of love and be full of zeal for the gifts that the Holy Spirit supplies; but much more that you may prophesy: tell the council of God.
- II. He that speaks in a tongue: (*glossa – the language or dialect used by a particular people that is distinct from that of other nations*) (*vs. 2*)
  - A. The language is unknown to the speaker and audience.
  - B. The languages that the Holy Spirit inspires us to pray, worship and speak in, are not made-up.
  - C. These are real languages being spoken, not gibberish. You can't do this on your own because you don't know the language! The Holy Spirit knows it, and He's the one placing the very words in your spirit!
  - D. Speaks to God not mankind.
  - E. No man understands him.
  - F. In the Spirit realm; he speaks mysteries. (*mysterion – moos-tay'-ree-on – A hidden or secret thing, not obvious to the understanding.*)
  - G. He that prophesies speaks edification, exhortation and comfort. (*3*)
    - a. Prophesying edifies the church. (*4*)
- III. Speaking in an unknown tongues edifies (builds up) the speaker alone. (*vs. 4*)
  - A. *But ye, beloved, **building up yourselves** on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, (Jude 1:20)*
  - B. *Praying always with all prayer and supplication **in the Spirit**, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (Eph. 6:18)*
- IV. The Gift of Tongues, which is interpreted, is equal to prophecy. It serves the same purpose. (*vs. 5*)
- V. Speaking in the Gift of Tongues without interpretation is of no profit. (*6-11*)

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- VI. Seek to excel in edifying the congregation. (12-13)
- A. This is the main purpose of public worship.
  - B. Therefore if you have the Gift of Diverse Tongues, pray that you may learn to interpret.
- VII. When I pray in a tongue: (14)
- A. My spirit prays.
  - B. My understanding (mind) cannot comprehend.
  - C. Praying in the Spirit; means to yield our spirit and body to the Holy Spirit. He then uses both, to speak a language that is heavenly. It is a language!
  - D. Read *Romans 8:26-27 KJV*
    1. Groan - To voice a deep, inarticulate sound, as of pain, grief, or displeasure.
    2. Inarticulate - Uttered without the use of normal words or syllables; incomprehensible as speech or language
    3. *(And in the same way the Spirit is a help to our feeble hearts: for we are not able to make prayer to God in the right way; but the Spirit puts our desires into words which are not in our power to say; And he who is the searcher of hearts has knowledge of the mind of the Spirit, because he is making prayers for the saints in agreement with the mind of God. (Rom. 8:26-27 BBE)*
  - E. I don't need my mind to pray in the Spirit. (15)
- VIII. What does all this mean? (15)
- A. I will pray with the aid of the Holy Spirit.
  - B. I will pray with the aid of my understanding (mind).
  - C. I will sing with the aid of the Holy Spirit.
  - D. I will sing with the aid of my understanding (mind).
- IX. Praying, singing, and blessing in the Spirit is doing well. (16-17)
- A. However, other listeners are not built up.
- X. If a person declares that they can spiritually interpret Gods Words: (37-40)
- A. Let them acknowledge that these are the commandments of the Lord.
  - B. If a person is ignorant of these truths, and will not accept these truths after hearing them; let them stay ignorant.
  - C. Therefore forbid not to speak in tongues.
  - D. Let all things be done decently and in order.