



Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

Lesson 5: What Did They Say?: Speaking Tongues

I Corinthians 12-14

Introduction:

There is a thematic emphasis concerning the expressive spiritual gifts we don't often talk about in the church. Paul is instructing the church at Corinth regarding these expressive spiritual gifts, what they look like, and they should be in operation within the local church. There is some level of conflict concerning the expressive gifts of speaking in tongues.

The Two Views of Speaking in Tongues

The Cessationist View

They believe in the tongues of men that are able to be interpreted by someone who understands the language. (Acts 2)

The Charismatic View

They believe in the tongues of angels. (1 Cor.13 &14) They believe the truest evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit is the ability to speak in tongues. (Acts 2; 10; 19)

They both have their place (1 Corinthians 13)

- I. All desire spiritual gifts but understand that the church has a diversity of gifts, including the more expressive one. And just because you don't have the same gift does not mean you are less spiritual (1 Corinthians 12)

- II. All are diverse in the body, and we don't have to view each other strange based on the different types of gifts given.

- III. The way gifts are exercised must be in order (1 Corinthians 14)

God is not a God of disorder but of peace.