Talking in Tongues

**1. The Self-*Control* of a Tongues-Speaker**

1 Corinthians 14:26-28

Tongues not in a *trance* or *frenzy*

**2. The *Content* of Tongues Speech**

A. *Praise* & *prayer* to God

1 Corinthians 14:2, 14-17; Acts 2:11; 10:46

B. Not *instruction* or *evangelism*

1 Corinthians 14:21-25

**3. The Comprehension of Tongues Speech**

A. Not normally by the *speaker*

1 Corinthians 14:2, 13-18

B. Possibly with an *interpreter*

1 Corinthians 14:27-28

**4. The Characterization of Tongues Speech**

A. A normal *human* language

Acts 2:8-11; occasional reports

B. An *angelic* language

1 Corinthians 13:1

C. Mostly *free-vocalization*

(with some real words?)

Acts 2:13; 1 Corinthians 14:23

D. The gift of interpretation

* *Translation* of a prayer

1 Corinthians 14:16

* *Interpretation* of an event

Acts 2:32-33; 10:44-48

**5. The Spiritual Communion of Tongues Speech**

1 Corinthians 14:4, 14-15, 18-19

*One* means, not a *special* means of communion

**Application**

A. Do not *envy* the gift of tongues

B. Do not *seek* the gift of tongues

C. Do not *fear* the gift of tongues

D. Do seek *to edify* the church

E. Do seek *intimacy* with Jesus Christ

**For Personal Reflection or Family Discussion**

1. What was the most important or helpful thing you heard in the sermon?

2. What questions did the sermon raise in your mind?

 What was the most convicting part of the message?

3. Since there is no biblical command or encouragement to seek the gift of tongues, why do some Christians place such a high emphasis on it?

4. Uninterpreted tongues must not be used in church (1 Corinthians 14:27). If we have no way to accredit an interpreter, how should we deal with someone who wants to exercise this gift in our assembly (either loudly or very quietly)?

5. If we cannot prove from the Bible that God no longer gives the gift of tongues, how should we treat other Christians who say they have received it?