

This Week

Churchwide
Worship Services Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM
Bible Fellowships Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM
Grace U Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM in Room 210
Fall Nights@Grace Wednesday, 5:30–7:30 PM
Small Groups
Community Groups Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM at various locations
Adult Studies
The Book of Matthew Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Dining Room
Men
Solid Answers to Serious Questions Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft
Samson Society Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library
Friday Morning Study Friday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Tejas Room

Women
Engage Monday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209
Respectfully Yours Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209
Breath Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208
MOMs Book Study Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in Room 208
Senior Adults
Tuesday Afternoon Study Tuesday, 1:00–2:00 PM in Room 111
College & Career
BBQ & MSU Bonfire Thursday, 6:00–9:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

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- B.

When the Jewish people were addressed in a foreign language such as Assyrian or Babylonian, it was an indication that the Lord was judging them for their disobedience and rebellion against Him—*Isaiah 28:11*.

1.

The judgmental purpose for the foreign tongue is grounded in the blessing and cursing section of the Mosaic Covenant—*Deuteronomy 28:49*.

2.

The judgmental purpose for being addressed in a foreign language is the basis for a positive promise in the Millennial Kingdom—*Isaiah 33:19*.

3.

The judgmental purpose for being addressed in a foreign language is applied to the Babylonian takeover of the southern kingdom—*Jeremiah 5:15*.

C.

The judgmental purpose for being addressed in a foreign tongue is applied to unbelieving Jewish people, who are present at a meeting of the church, to expose their blatant rejection of Jesus of Nazareth as their Messiah—*1 Corinthians 14:22a*.

D.

The judgmental purpose for glossolalia is demonstrated in its three occurrences in the book of Acts (2:1–36; 10:44–48; 19:1–7).
- III.

The purpose of prophecy: The judgmental purpose of glossolalia is contrasted with the gift of prophecy, which is intended to provide believers with fresh revelation from God—*1 Corinthians 14:22b*.
- IV.

The response to tongues: The response of unbelieving Jews to glossolalia was disgust at the message of God’s rejection of His Messiah—*1 Corinthians 14:23*.
- A.

Those who hadn’t been taught and didn’t understand why glossolalia was being spoken in a meeting of the church would simply say that those who were speaking were crazy.
- B.

Unbelieving Jewish people, who had been taught and understood why glossolalia was being spoken would project their guilt on those who were speaking in tongues, because they had been exposed as guilty before God.
- V.

The response to prophecy: The intended response of an unbelieving Jew to a prophetic utterance was to acknowledge his guilt and believe in Jesus as his Messiah—*1 Corinthians 14:24–25*.
- VI.

The purpose for glossolalia accomplished: The biblical purpose for glossolalia has been accomplished and is no longer being given by the Holy Spirit as a legitimate spiritual gift.
- A.

Several of the other spiritual gifts, which were originally given by God to establish the church, have accomplished their intended purpose now that the church of Jesus Christ has been established—*Ephesians 2:20*.
- B.

The spiritual gifts, which involved divine revelation, were given until either the Rapture took place or the New Testament was completed—*1 Corinthians 13:8*.
- C.

The need to announce judgment against unbelieving Jewish people through glossolalia became unnecessary after the Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. and blood sacrifices could no longer be offered to atone for the people’s sins.

Discuss

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning's topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

1.

Paul cites Isaiah to express that God’s purpose for tongues was to convict unbelieving Jews for their unbelief. Do you know someone who has walked into a church as an unbeliever and felt God’s conviction because of something they heard there?
2.

What kind of a response would that stir in a person who is experiencing such a conviction? If you know someone who had this kind of experience, what did it lead them to do?
3.

Paul also says that if an unbelieving Jew was not educated about the prophecy of tongues, hearing them would lead him to believe those who were using tongues were crazy. When have you known of someone with no church background to come into the church and think that what they experienced seemed crazy? What about that experience was strange to them?
4.

What happens when a person has this kind of experience in a church setting? How might that experience shape their view of God and of the Church?
5.

Ultimately, the gift of tongues was a part of God’s plan to call Israel back to Himself. What is the most recent example in your life of God using conviction to draw you back to Himself?
6.

The gift of prophecy was ultimately a way for God to reveal Himself to believers. What is the most recent example in your life of God graciously revealing Himself to you in order to draw you in closer?