## Welcome

We're glad you've joined us this morning! Feel free to check things out and determine whether we might be a good match for you. We're here to help at your invitation — you set the pace.

If you'd like to explore other options after the service, or if you have questions, please pick up the *Guide to Grace Church* at any exit or speak with a member of our Welcome Team in the hall.

When you're ready for the next step, we'd encourage you to check out a Bible Fellowship (Sunday mornings) or join a Community Group (Sunday nights). Both are great ways to connect with others as you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

# **Notes**

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# **Information**



Join us for this great night of Fall fun for the entire family! Includes dinner, a costume contest, and great outdoor games for the kids. Sign up online today if you plan to be there!



If you would like to dedicate your child (18 months old or younger) during worship next week, please contact Valerie Rhine tomorrow at valerie@gracechurch.com or 940-692-4251.



Ladies, join us as we make banners to decorate our mantels for Thanksgiving! Bring \$3 for supplies—snacks and coffee provided! Sign up in the Main Hall or online at gracechurch.com/women.



Gather together with friends as we give thanks and enjoy the blessings of the season. Sign up and reserve childcare for the evening online at gracechurch.com/youngadults.

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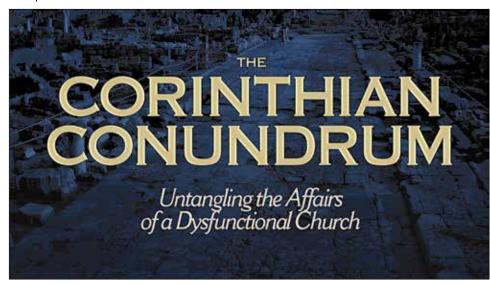
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This morning we continue our study of the book of 1 Corinthians, which began in January and resumed in September after a summer break. If you'd like to catch up on previous lessons, listen online any time at gracechurch.com/podcast.

# **Updates and Family Matters**

#### Fall Nights@Grace: Wednesday at 5:30 PM

This year's Fall event for the entire family combines two former favorites: the Fall Festival (costumes and games for kids) and Fall Nights@Grace (dinner and fun for the entire family). It will be the best time of the season to relax and enjoy the company of others in your church family.

The fun begins at 5:30 PM with a free dinner and continues throughout the evening with a costume contest and outdoor carnival games. Adults, this is a great opportunity to invest in our kids by sticking around after dinner to help make the evening great.

We also need lots of bagged candy to make this year's games fun for kids of all ages! If you'd like to help meet this need, please bring candy to the church office by Tuesday or place it in one of our collection bins today. Thanks for your help!

#### **Family Matters**

Congratulations to Caroline and Blake Boyd on the birth of their son August Barrett.

Please pray for Barbara and Gary Koch as they grieve the loss of their son Barry, and for Elsie and Wade Mathews as they grieve the loss of her mother.

#### Stack the Chairs

Please help us prepare the Gymnatorium for other activities by stacking the chairs (seven high) after the second service. Thanks!

## 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.

# **This Morning**

Lesson 27: The Purpose and Duration of Glossolalia -1 Corinthians 14:20-25

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- **A call to mature thinking:** Paul urged his readers to develop a mature understanding of the gift of speaking in tongues—1 Corinthians 14:20.
- **II.** The purpose of glossolalia: Isaiah 28:11 is cited to explain that the purpose of glossolalia was to serve as a sign of God's judgment against the nation Israel for her unbelief—

  1 Corinthians 14:21–22a.
  - **A.** Isaiah 28:1–14 is set against the background of the northern kingdom's destruction at the hands of Assyria in 722 B.C. and the subsequent warning to the southern kingdom of her impending doom if she followed the pattern of the northern tribes.

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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.

- 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?