

*New Sermon Series: The Holy Spirit, My Best Friend*

7/21/24 "What's That Sound?" 1 Corinthians 14:18-26, NLT

**INTRODUCTION:** church uncomfortable for me, then Bro. Lupe's

**1Cor 12:31, NLT:** So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts. But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all.

**1Cor 13:1, NLT:** If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

**1Cor 14:1, NLT:** Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy.

**MAIN IDEA: Come to church to show love for others.** How? Here are three things to do.

**I. First, come with understanding (20)**

**Understanding:** not only ability to think but also to control one's thoughts & attitudes; it is the heart & mind

A. all must be done in love (14:1)

B. goal is building up of all (14:26)

**strengthen/edification (MEV):** the act of one who promotes another's growth in Christian wisdom, holiness, happiness –*Thayer*

C. each must set aside self-centeredness (childishness)

1. focusing on own pleasure, need at others' expense

2. rejecting our own tendency toward evil

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**II. Second, come seeking the use of Spirit-given gifts**

A. desiring prophesy (14:1)

**NOTE:** God gives a person baptized in the Holy Spirit something to share. The person should ask God, "Is this for me or for the body?" The person should speak humbly. We test such words by asking, "Is this biblical? In keeping with God's character? In keeping with what God is doing?" The person remains in control as to whether to speak & as to when (1Cor. 14:32). It is always OK to consult the senior pastor before sharing.

1. builds up the people (14:3)... strengthens,  
encourages, comforts

2. convicts unbelievers, exposes thoughts, humbles,  
results in worshiping God (24)

B. employing tongues

**NOTE:** We receive gift of tongues when baptized in Holy Spirit. Can use gift for prayer at will. However, prophetic utterance of tongues with interpretation is given by God at His choosing.

1. for personal edification (14:4)

2. as a prophetic gift (14:13)

● God-given, but doesn't take over speaker ● share when quiet, lull

● requires interpretation

3. when interceding

**Ephesians 6:18, NLT:** Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. [see also 1Cor 14:14-15 for clarification]

4. can be sign to unbelievers...*God is present* (14:22)

**NOTE:** Vs. 22 has to do with judgment for unbelief & comes from **Deut. 28:49**, when Moses warned the people of God's discipline and **Isaiah 28:11-12**, when Isaiah uttered a similar warning

● confronted with own "lostness" ● challenges hardness of heart

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**III. Finally, come seeking to serve (26)**

A. according to gifting... sing, teach, use supernatural gifts

B. according to need...nursery, greeting, media, prayer

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**CONCLUSION:** if each comes to express love & to be open to how God may use us, we all benefit

**ALTAR:** repent of lovelessness, water baptisms, seek Spirit

