

1 Corinthians 14

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may **prophecy**.² For he that **speaketh** in an *unknown* tongue **speaketh** not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit he **speaketh** mysteries.³ But he that **prophesieth speaketh** unto men *to* edification, and exhortation, and comfort.⁴ He that **speaketh** in an *unknown* tongue edifieth himself; but he that **prophesieth** edifieth the church.⁵ I would that ye all **spake** with tongues, but rather that ye **prophesied**: for greater *is* he that **prophesieth** than he that **speaketh** with tongues, except he **interpret**, that the church may receive edifying.⁶ Now, brethren, if I come unto you **speaking** with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall **speak** to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by **prophesying**, or by doctrine?⁷ And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?⁸ For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?⁹ So likewise ye, except ye **utter** by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is **spoken**? for ye shall **speak** into the air.¹⁰ There are, it may be, so many kinds of **voices** in the world, and none of them *is* without signification.¹¹ Therefore if I know not the meaning of the **voice**, I shall be unto him that **speaketh** a barbarian, and he that **speaketh** shall be a barbarian unto me.¹² Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.¹³ Wherefore let him that **speaketh** in an *unknown* tongue pray that he may **interpret**.¹⁴ For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.¹⁵ What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will **sing** with the spirit, and I will **sing** with the understanding also.¹⁶ Else when thou shalt **bless** with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned **say** Amen at thy **giving of thanks**, seeing he understandeth not what thou **sayest**?¹⁷ For thou verily **givest thanks** well, but the other is not edified.¹⁸ I thank my God, I **speak** with tongues more than ye all:¹⁹ Yet in the church I had rather **speak** five words with my understanding, that *by my voice* I might **teach** others also, than ten thousand words in an *unknown* tongue.²⁰ Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.²¹ In the law it is written, With *men of* other tongues and other lips will I **speak** unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.²² Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but **prophesying** *serveth* not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.²³ If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all **speak** with tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not **say** that ye are mad?²⁴ But if all **prophecy**, and there come in one that believeth not, or *one* unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:²⁵ And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on *his* face he will worship God, and **report** that God is in you of a truth.²⁶ How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an **interpretation**. Let all things be done unto edifying.²⁷ If any man **speak** in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by* three, and *that* by course; and let one **interpret**.²⁸ But if there be no **interpreter**, let him keep silence in the church; and let him **speak** to himself, and to God.²⁹ Let the **prophets** **speak** two or three, and let the other judge.³⁰ If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.³¹ For ye may all **prophecy** one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.³² And the spirits of the **prophets** are subject to the **prophets**.³³ For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.³⁴ Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to **speak**; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law.³⁵ And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to **speak** in the church.³⁶ What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?³⁷ If any man think himself to be a **prophet**, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.³⁸ But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.³⁹ Wherefore, brethren, covet to **prophecy**, and forbid not to **speak** with tongues.⁴⁰ Let all things be done decently and in order.