

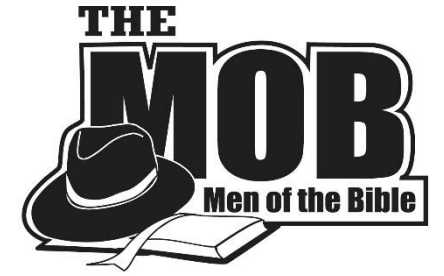
# WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)



# Announcements



- Men of the Bible: [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)
- IBC Women's Conference
- Easter Concerts 11, 12, & 13 April
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday
- April 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday
- CREDO conference 1-2 May

**CREDO x Sola**  
CONFERENCE

**MAY 1-2, 2025**

SPEAKERS:

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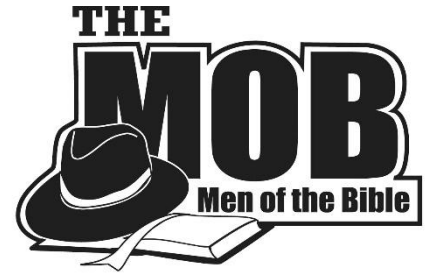
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# Please Rise



- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Hymn:**

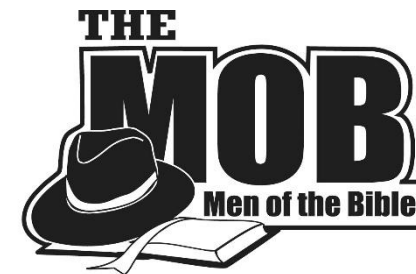
## Come Thou Fount

- **Robert Robinson 1757AD**
- **Performed by Celtic Worship**





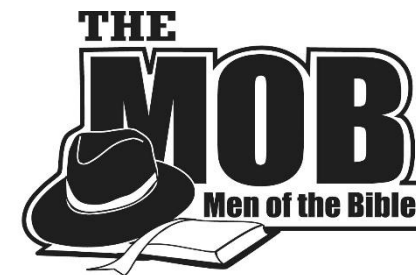
## Hymn: Come Thou Fount



Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.



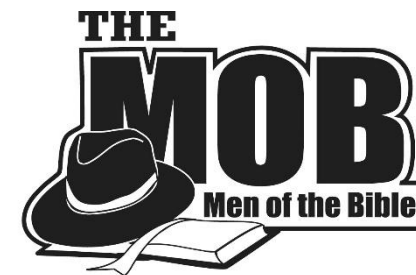
## Hymn: Come Thou Fount



Teach me some melodious  
sonnet, sung by **flaming**  
**tongues** above. Praise the  
Mount, I'm fixed upon it. Mount  
of Thy redeeming love.



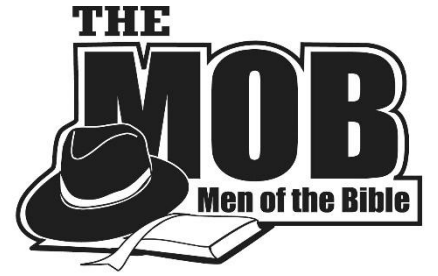
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Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither  
by Thy help I come. And I hope by  
Thy good pleasure safely to arrive  
at home.



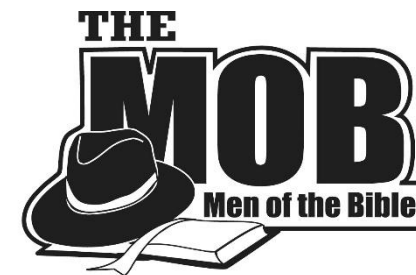
## Hymn: Come Thou Fount



JESUS sought me when a stranger  
wandering from the fold of GOD, HE  
to rescue me from danger,  
interposed HIS precious blood.



## Hymn: Come Thou Fount

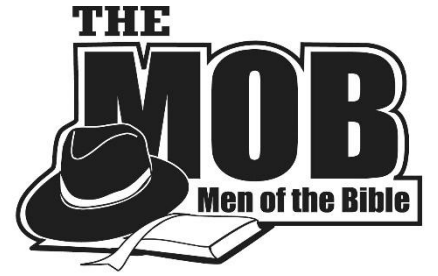


So to grace how great a debtor, daily  
I'm constrained to be. Let Thy  
goodness like a fetter, bind my  
wandering heart to Thee.





## Hymn: Come Thou Fount



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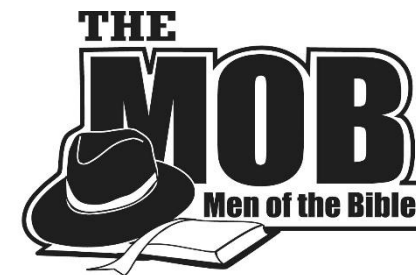
## Hymn: Come Thou Fount



Prone to wander LORD I feel it, prone to  
leave the GOD I love! Here's my heart  
LORD, take and seal it, seal it for Thy  
courts above!



## Hymn: Come Thou Fount



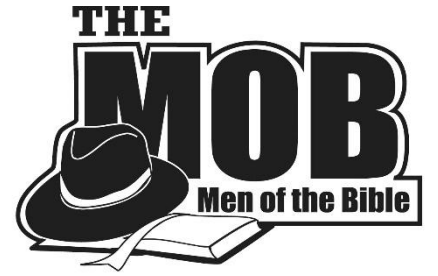
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(Repeat once more)



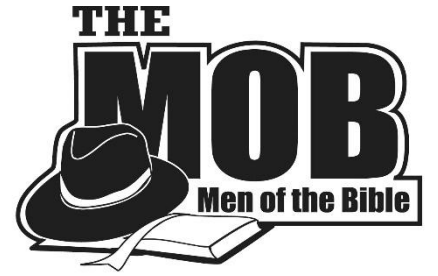
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# Memory Verse





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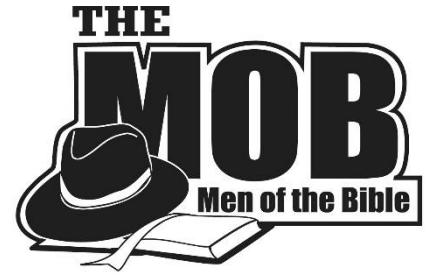
- 1. Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy!**

1 Corinthians 14:1(ESV)



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# Our Study of 1 Corinthians



## Last Meeting:

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (The Excellence of Love)
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- Refreshment Host: Group F

## This Meeting:

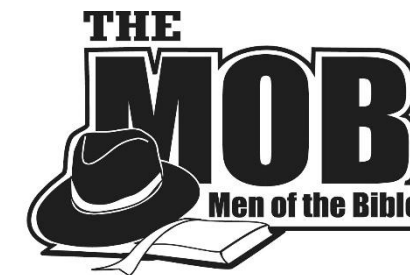
- 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 (Prophecy a Superior Gift)
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 14:1
- *1 Corinthians MacArthur New Testament Commentary, pp.369-378*
- Refreshment Host: Group G



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# 1 Corinthians Outline

**We  
are  
here!**

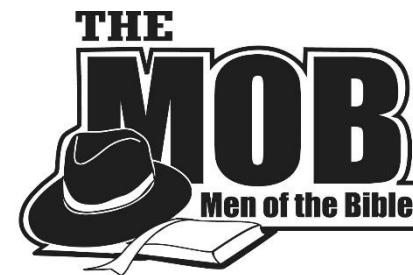


	1:1		4:21		5:1		6:20				7:1		16:4							
<b>Divisions</b>	Report of Divisions		Reason for Divisions		Incest		Litigation Between Believers		Sexual Immorality		Counsel Concerning: Marriage		Counsel Concerning: Things offered to idols		Counsel Concerning: Public Worship		Counsel Concerning: Resurrection		Counsel Concerning: Collection for Jerusalem	
	1:1	1:17	1:18	4:21	5:1	5:13	6:1	6:11	6:12	6:20	7:1	7:40	8:1	11:1	11:2	14:40	15:1	15:50	16:1	16:24
<b>Topics</b>	Divisions in the Church				Disorder in the Church					Difficulties in the Church										
	Concern				Condemnation					Counsel										
<b>Place</b>	Written in Ephesus																			
<b>Time</b>	circa A.D. 56																			



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# 1 Corinthians Schedule



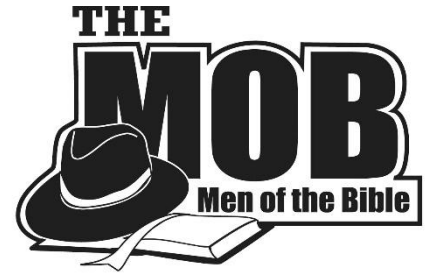
	24-Dec 31-Dec	CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' BREAK				
16	7-Jan	9:1-18	162-169	199-211	9:16	H
17	14-Jan	9:19-27	169-174	211-216	9:22	A
18	21-Jan	10:1-13	174-182	217-230	10:13	B
19	28-Jan	10:14 - 11:1	182-192	231-249	10:31	C
20	4-Feb	11:2-16	193-209	251-263	11:3	D
21	11-Feb	11:17-34	209-225	265-275	11:28-29	E
22	18-Feb	12:1-11	225-240	277-307	12:4-6	F
23	25-Feb	12:12-31	240-253	309-326	12:26	G
24	4-Mar	13:1-13	253-266	327-367	13:2	H
25	11-Mar	14:1-12	266-273	369-376	14:1	A
26	18-Mar	14:13-25	273-280	376-384	14:22	B
27	25-Mar	14:26-40	280-291	384-395	14:40	C
28	1-Apr	15:1-19	291-302	397-414	15:3-4	D
29	8-Apr	15:20-34	302-310	415-430	15:21	E
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>						





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# 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 Overview



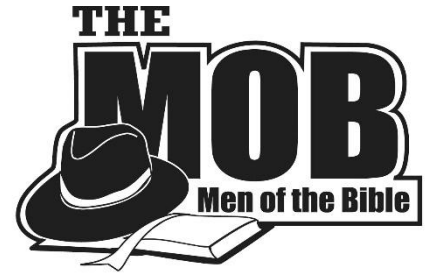
Prophecy a Superior Gift:

1. Recap
2. Pursue Agape!!! (Intentionality)
3. Tongue vs Tongues!
4. Prophecy a Superior Gift!
5. What are we Edifying?



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# 1 Corinthians 1-13 Recap



Keys to a healthy Church.

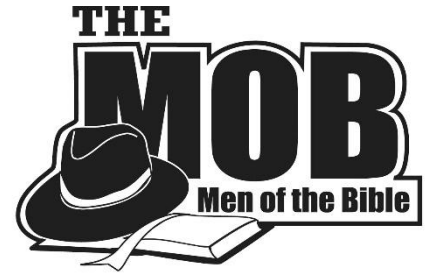
1. Purity- being first justified and then applying wisdom through our sanctification.

2. Unity- unified believer's with the "minds of CHRIST" coming together in agreement to build up the BODY.



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# 1 Corinthians 1-13 Recap



**Chp 1-4: Correcting Hero Worship**

**Chp 5-6: Correcting Sexual Immorality**

**Chp 6: Correcting Lawsuits and Public Conduct**

**Chp 7: Correcting improper Marriage relations and  
Familial Relations**

**Chp 8-10: Correcting Idolatry/Pagan Feasts**

**Chp 11: Correcting improper Worship/LORD'S table**

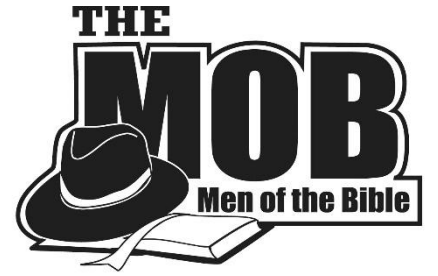
**Chp 12: Correcting Misuse of Spiritual Gifts**

**Chp 13: Defining/Emphasizing Agape(Love)**



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# Why did we stop here?



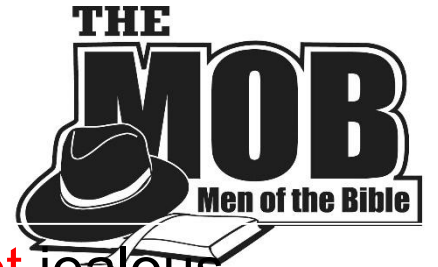
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# To Change OUR Perspective!



1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NASB

[4] Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, [5] does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, [6] does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; [7] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. [8] Love never fails; ...

God defines **Agape/love** for us- it is **not** jealous, arrogant, selfish, easily provoked, doesn't rejoice in falsehoods, doesn't act unbecomingly and it doesn't end.

LOVE **IS**- patient, kind, selfless, rejoices in truths, long suffering, it endures through trials, has hope and is eternal! **Love is intentional!**

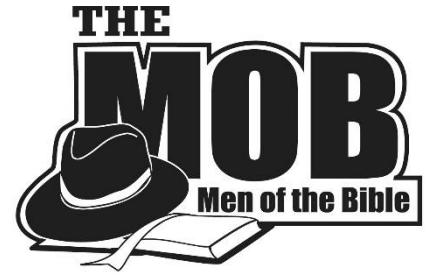
Why the need to define here?- because the Greeks were doing vile sexual things and calling it love(Eros)thus Corinthians were mistaking erotic love, for GOD's unconditional love!

Galatians 5:22-23- Love is the first fruit!



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# Perspective is Important!



Matthew 22:37-40 NASB  
[37] And He said to him, "'You SHALL **AGAPĒSEIS** THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' [38] This is the great and foremost commandment. [39] The second is like it, 'You SHALL **AGAPĒSEIS** YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' [40] On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets"

**AGAPĒ- Unconditional Love. GOD'S definition in how we love HIM & each other.**

**AGAPAÓ- to Love**

**Conjugated verbs:**

**AGAPĒSEIS- Love**

**AGAPATĒ- Love**

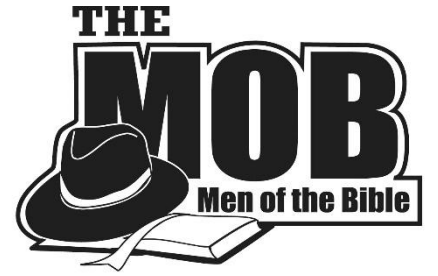
**AGAPĒN- Love**

**ĒGAPĒSA- have loved**



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# Perspective is Important!



Matthew 5:44-45

NASB

[44] But I say to you, **AGAPATĒ** your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, [45] so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; ...

\*GOD's infallible Word leaves no "loopholes"

Matthew 5:46-48 NASB[46] For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? [47] If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? [48] Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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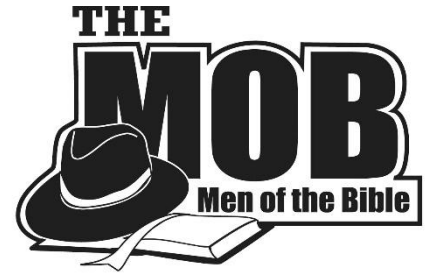
1. To harass or punish in a manner designed to injure, grieve, or afflict
2. To annoy with persistent or urgent approaches (such as attacks, pleas, or Importunities)





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# AGAPĒ demonstrated to us!



John 15:12-14 NASB

[12] "This is My commandment, that you **AGAPĒN** one another, just as I have **ĒGAPĒSA** you.

[13] Greater **AGAPĒN** has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

[14] You are My friends if you do what I command you.

The hardest Love to show!

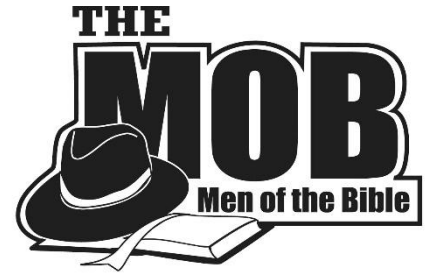
- CHRIST loved us Eis Telos- which means to the max, perfectly and unto the end!





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# AGAPĒ is obedient!



John 14:15 NASB

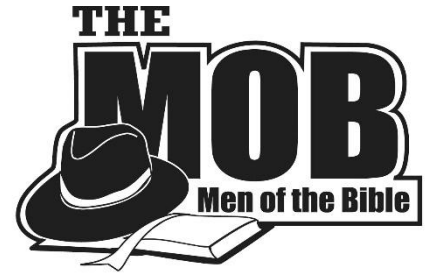
[15] "If you **AGAPATĒ**  
Me, you will keep My  
commandments.

- GOD wants you to have a loving obedience to HIM!



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# 1 Corinthians 14:1-5 (NASB)



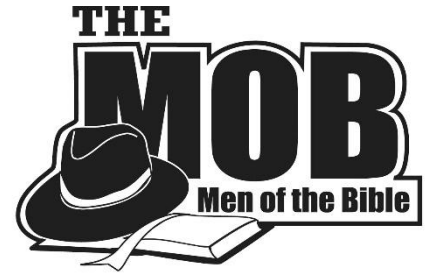
## 1 Corinthians 14:1-5 NASB

[1] Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. [2] For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries. [3] But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation. [4] One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church. [5] Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive edifying.



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## How we interpret the Bible at IBC

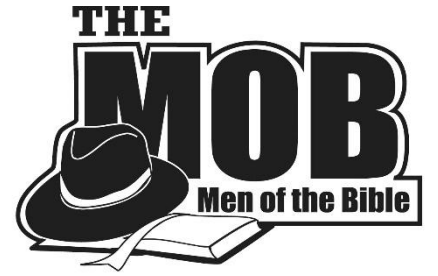


1. Normal - understanding the words of Scripture in their common usage unless otherwise indicated by the context.
2. Literal - understanding the meaning of Scripture in its ordinary sense unless the context requires a figurative interpretation.
3. Grammatical - using the recognized rules of grammar to interpret the text.
4. Historical - understanding the words of Scripture in the context of the times in which they were written.
5. Systematic - categorizing and comparing the teaching of the Scriptures with the whole of scripture in view.



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# Real Tongues, I'm talking bout them real tongues!



1 Corinthians 14:2

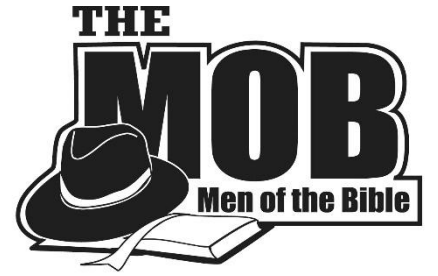
KJV

[2] For one who speaks in an unknown tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries.

- KJV comes closest to helping us interpret this(outside of LSB/NASB/ESV commentary). The difference is “unknown” tongue(singular).
- We will use all of the 5 ways we translate in these following passages.
- Better translates a “lowercase” god



# “Let’s take it back to the old school”. (Historical interpretation)



Acts 2:1-13 NASB

[1] When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. [2] And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. [3] And there appeared to them **tongues as of fire** distributing themselves, and **they rested on each one of them**. [4] And they were all filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other **tongues**, as **the Spirit was giving them utterance**. [5] Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. [6] And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own **language**. [7] They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? [8] And how is it that we each hear them in our own **language** to which we were born? [9] Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10] Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, [11] Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own **tongues** speaking of the mighty deeds of God." [12] And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" [13] But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."



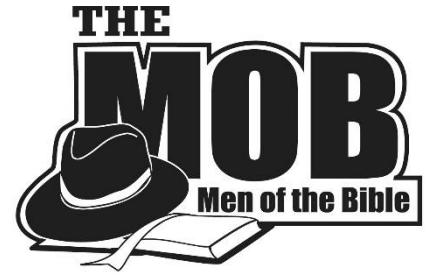
## Spiritual Gifts

- only given to believers who are indwelled with The HOLY SPIRIT
- Signs accompany tongues, miracles and healing to authenticate them!
- Notice the adversary immediately sends people to call them drunk
- Corinthians were actually drunk claiming they were speaking tongues, worse yet they were cursing JESUS and people were calling it the SPIRIT’s work!



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# Tongue vs Tongues



## Tongue (glōssē)

- singular usage
- Gibberish
- Unintelligible (incapable of understanding)
- Not edifying (see verse 10)
- Impossible to conclude proper interpretation
- Paul pokes fun at the silliness of it's acceptance
- Devil will continue to confuse

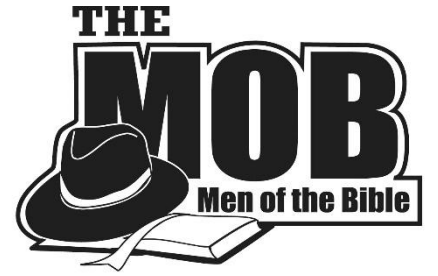
## Tongues (glōssais)

- plural usage
- Languages
- Intelligible (capable of understanding)
- Edifying (see verse 10)
- Easy to interpret:  
Literal, historical,  
grammatical, normal and  
systematic
- Will cease 1 Cor 13:8



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# Intelligible vs Unintelligible Tongues



Matthew 6:7 NASB  
[7] "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

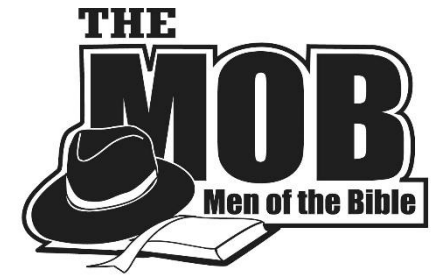
- Battalogésete- "meaningless repetition" **logos**-word & **batta**- meaningless. CHRIST was having fun at the Pharisees expense. Saying they go around saying batta batta batta proudly but it's foolish.





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# Flippin der flappin jackin



Credit: Jim Henson.  
Creator of  
“The Muppets” &  
“The Swedish Chef”  
\*no Swedes were offended because it’s gibberish





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“That’s right you gotta say the word!”



It's been 40 years and  
I still don't know what  
Sussudio means

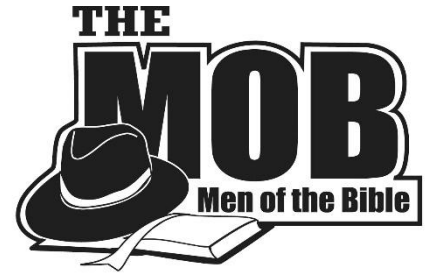
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Collins  
“Sussudio”  
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# Prophecy a Superior Gift!

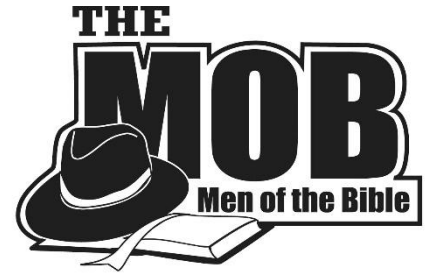


The word **Prophecy** has been misused since the Middle Ages when it was translated into English. The Greek word is **Prophétuo**. Its roots are **pro= before, phēmi= speak to someone**. It literally means to speak before someone. Not foretelling of things to come. GOD's word is complete in its revelation to us and now HIS Word needs to just be proclaimed by HIS people the way HE put it together! THE HOLY SPIRIT says it is a superior gift, let's dive into that to find out why. But first it's a superior Gift, that's GOD's Word saying that.....I would even say it's.....



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# Prophecy a Superior Gift!



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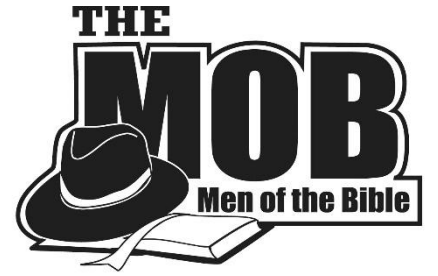
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## Prophecy a Superior Gift!



Why is it superior? It's superior because it has the greatest impact in building up the church! That's right it's about edification!

Matthew 28:18-20 NASB

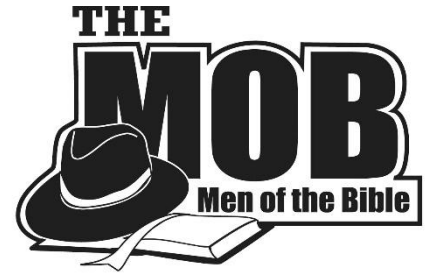
[18] And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. [19] **Go therefore** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, [20] **teaching them to observe all that I commanded you**; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."





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# 1 Corinthians 14:6-12

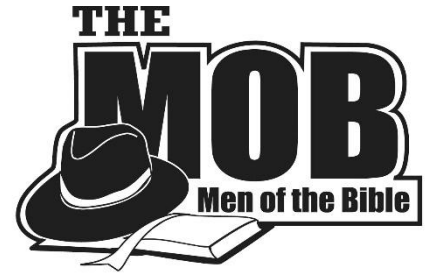


## 1 Corinthians 14:6-12 NASB

[6] But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I profit you unless I speak to you either by way of revelation or of knowledge or of prophecy or of teaching? [7] Yet even lifeless things, either flute or harp, in producing a sound, if they do not produce a distinction in the tones, how will it be known what is played on the flute or on the harp? [8] For if the bugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare himself for battle? [9] So also you, unless you utter by the tongue speech that is clear, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. [10] There are, perhaps, a great many kinds of languages in the world, and no kind is without meaning. [11] If then I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be to the one who speaks a barbarian, and the one who speaks will be a barbarian to me. [12] So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.



# What are we Edifying?



**Flute- a woodwind instrument**

**Harp- a stringed instrument**

**Bugle- similar to trumpet used militarily.(similar to trumpet in today's military.)**

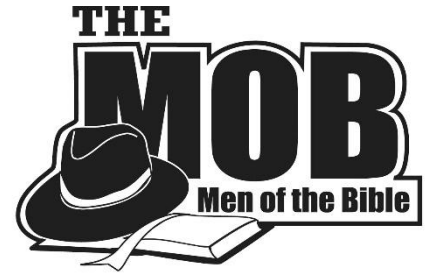
These were the popular instruments in their time. If you played them all simultaneously without distinct tones and tempo they held no serious distinction.

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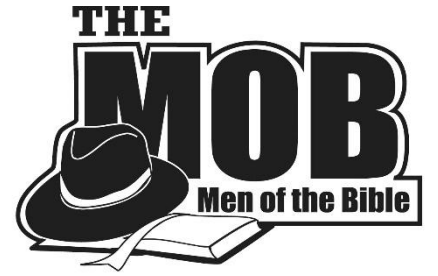
[12] So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.

Here Paul again shows sarcasm in a satirical sense. In all seriousness though, seek to perfect the gifts you have been gifted with by THE SPIRIT to build up HIS Church!



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# 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 Summary



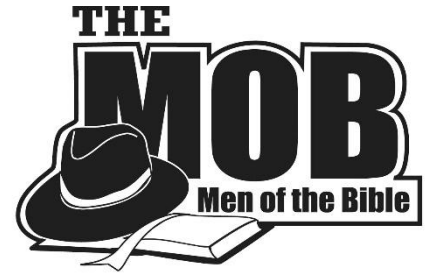
Every gift given by the SPIRIT is to **lovingly(agapaó)** build up CHRIST'S church and is for nothing other than GOD'S glory! If it doesn't bring GOD glory it doesn't belong in the individual member nor the BODY!





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## The Devil is a Liar!

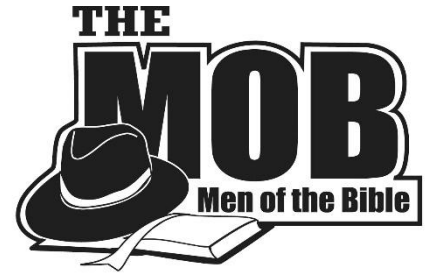


The devil continues today to counterfeit what GOD sets apart, as like in Corinth to mix worldly philosophy with biblical truths! He's done this from the beginning and will continue until he meets his end! Satan is called the god of this age. The spirit who energizes the children of disobedience. He wants to fill our church with phonies.



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## **The Devil is a Liar!**

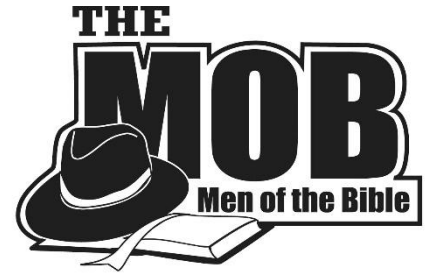


Adam and Eve's disobedience, Cain's disobedience, Babel (false religion), corrupting GOD's Word through the ages and culminating in the end times with his own blasphemous unholy trinity!



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# Personal application Question?



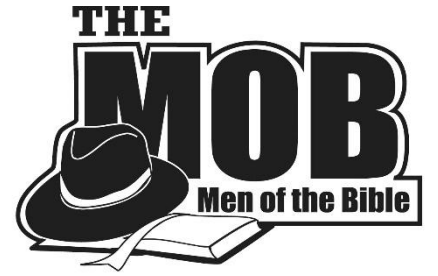
What can you do to ensure that in your life you don't mix worldly philosophy with biblical doctrine?

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# Discussion Questions



1. What your understanding of the kind of “tongues” that Paul is referring to in this passage, including those practiced by some of the Corinthian believers?
2. What spiritual gift does Paul say the Corinthians should “earnestly desire” and why is it better than the gift of tongues?
3. What’s your understanding of how speaking in tongues (or languages) was first used by the Holy Spirit in a powerful way to launch the church on the day of Pentecost, as explained in Acts 2?
4. What does Paul indicate is the fundamental principle that should govern worship, including in the exercise of tongues and other spiritual gifts, in the church?

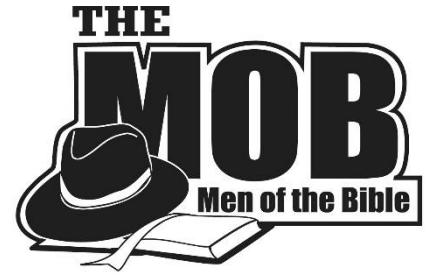
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5. What's the main problem, according to Paul, with believers speaking in unknown, or unintelligible, tongues”?
6. What are four “intelligible utterances” that Paul says are “profitable” for ministry in the church, and what were their specific benefits?
7. How does Paul use the analogy of musical instruments to make his point about the importance of clarity and distinguishable sounds in the church?
8. What are some basic principles that should guide the exercise of gifts in the church to bring about effective ministry?
9. What does “love” have to do with it?
10. What's your key “take-away” from this passage?



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# Our Study of 1 Corinthians



## **This Meeting:**

- 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 (Prophecy a Superior Gift)
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 14:1
- Refreshment Host: Group G

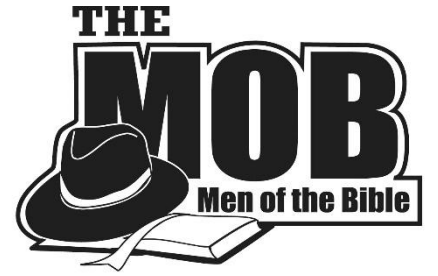
## **Next Meeting:**

- 1 Corinthians 14:13-25 (The Purpose and Procedure for The Gift of Tongues)
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 14:22
- *MacArthur New Testament Commentary*, pp. 369-395
- Refreshment Host: Group H



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# Closing



- **Prayer**
- **Small group discussion**

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