



**General Topics :: Forbid not to speak with tongues**

**Forbid not to speak with tongues - posted by KervinM (), on: 2024/2/12 7:22**

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Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues."

I am not sure if this is the best verse to use as the basis for this. But brother Mike and brother Travis both asserted that if you are in a prayer meeting with those who do not believe in tongues, you should not pray in tongues.

I feel left out here and would please like more details (from both them as well as anyone else) on why it should be so. As apposed to trying to bring them to know that tongues are scriptural and should not be forbidden as Paul exhorts.

**Re: Forbid not to speak with tongues - posted by rbanks, on: 2024/2/12 8:10**

Brother, this verse is still to be taken in context with what Paul had already said.

God desires order in all of our meetings. He had already stated that He had rather speak 5 words with my understanding that he might teach others also, than 10000 words in a tongue.

Paul is saying desire earnestly to prophesy because the main purpose is to edify others. We are not to be self-centered but to exalt Christ and edify the brethren. God is not the author of confusion so we must be discerning of what God desires in each meeting.

The reason Paul says "and do not forbid to speak with tongues" is because in our desire earnestly to prophesy, which the best for others, we still shouldn't forbid the speaking with tongues because it is also from God.

We should always desire the order of a meeting and not desire to cause confusion.

Blessings,  
rbanks

**Re: - posted by KervinM (), on: 2024/2/12 8:40**

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Noted but it was particularly in a prayer meeting setting (where everyone is talking to God) where I could not understand that praying in tongues will be looked at as being out of order (as brother Mike put it). But I found brother Travis agreeing and I wondered how it was so. When I stand in prayer, I am often, and that quickly, given utterance in tongues (also had groans this morning for one). When this happens, insisting in praying exclusively in understanding feels like quenching the Holy Spirit of God which is not wise at all.

**Re: Forbid not to speak with tongues - posted by Lysa (), on: 2024/2/12 11:31**

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Like RBanks said, //is because in our desire earnestly to prophesy, which the best for others, we still shouldn't forbid the speaking with tongues because it is also from God.//

If you read 1 Corinthians 14 carefully, "yet in the church" is mentioned 3 times. In my understanding, he is telling those IN THE CHURCH, "do not forbid to speak with tongues" because you know there are those who will and who DO forbid those to speak in tongues (sadly, even Pentecostal church today)!!

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Personally, I do not go to many prayer groups that people do not know about praying in tongues!

The Lord gave me a jail ministry 16 years ago and the women inmates that attends those meetings stand in line for my friend Linda and I to lay hands on them and pray in tongues.

We have something that other people who do not pray in tongues have! Power!

God bless!

**Re: - posted by KervinM (), on: 2024/2/12 13:42**

May be the wrong verse was used indeed. But yes, my concern is more in a pure prayer meeting setting.

"24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly."

They expounded the way of God to him more perfectly rather than to restructure/improvise to fit his position. Why should it not be so in this regard of tongues?

By the way sister Lysa, do you serve under mentoring of a pastor as you do the said jail ministry? I think it is an interesting ministry by the way.

**Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2024/2/12 15:37**

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I'm not sure what you're asking so I'll just answer...

Verse 25 explains why they exactly why //they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly//

If we go back to verse 25: He was fervent in the spirit but HE ONLY KNEW THEY BAPTISM OF JOHN.

Right after those verses, Paul runs into 12 men (quote from the Philips Translation):

4 "John's baptism was a baptism to show a change of heart," Paul explained, "but he always told the people that they must believe in the one who should come after him, that is, in Jesus."

5 When these men heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus,

6 and then, when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and they began to speak with tongues and the inspiration of prophets.

There are two instances of taking people aside and showing them the way of God more perfectly!!!

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**Re: - posted by KervinM (), on: 2024/2/13 8:25**

Let me try to say that this is not about tongues in particular but should apply to all Christian doctrines. Like when someone has but partial understanding of a particular doctrine, do we (who have fuller) need to improvise/restructure so they get accommodated or we need to labour to bring them onboard like it was around the case of Appolos?