# "THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF INTERPRETATION"

## I CORINTHIANS 14:13-22

1. **APART FROM PROPER INTERPRETATION TONGUES COULD NOT EDIFY THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH (14:12-13)**
   1. The Corinthians Boasted An Abundance Of Tongue Speakers, But Few Interpreters
   2. The Apostle Paul Was Dead Set Against Anyone Speaking In Tongues In The Church Without An Interpreter
2. **APART FROM PROPER INTERPRETATION THE TONGUE SPEAKER HIMSELF DID NOT EVEN KNOW WHAT HE WAS SAYING (14:14-15)**
3. **APART FROM PROPER INTERPRETATION SPEAKING IN TONGUES DID NOT BENEFIT THE HEARER (14:16-17)**
   1. Hearers Could Not Respond (14:16b)
   2. Hearers Could Not Be Edified (14:17)
4. **APART FROM PROPER INTERPRETATION SPEAKING IN TONGUES COULD NEVER HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO PAUL'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVE (14:18-19)**
5. **APART FROM PROPER INTERPRETATION SPEAKING IN TONGUES WAS THE ULTIMATE DISPLAY OF IMMATURITY (14:20)**
6. **APART FROM PROPER INTERPRETATION SPEAKING IN TONGUES COULD NEVER HAVE FULFILLED THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF BEING A SIGN TO UNBELIEVERS (14:21-22)**
   1. Paul Quotes Isaiah 28:9-12 To Make The Point
   2. To The Jew Particularly, Tongues Was A Sign Of Divine Displeasure