

The gift of tongues

1 Corinthians 14 v 1-33

1. What is the purpose of the gift of tongues privately and publicly ?
2. Given Paul's comments (v5) I wish you could all speak in tongues (v18) I thank God that I speak in tongues more than any of you (v39) Don't forbid speaking in tongues, why do you think we do not hear more use of public tongues today?
3. What effect do you think it would have if more people spoke in tongues today?

Prophecy

What do you understand about the terms :

- Prophet?
- Prophecy?
- Prophetic?

As Jesus is the greatest prophet and we are being transformed into his image (Deuteronomy 18 v 15 , 2 Cor 3 v 18), are we prophetic too? Discuss.

Testing and weighing prophecy is important (1 Thessalonians 5 v 22) and loving and orderly use of them is upbuilding in the church Please review the prophecy guidelines that we have introduced for RBC and discuss together.

	What		Source	Purpose
A Prophet	Role (person)	An individual who is especially gifted in prophecy. A calling.	Given to the church by Jesus Eph 4v 11-13	Developing the overall health of the church alongside apostles, teachers, evangelists and shepherds. Offer spiritual insight and hope within and outside church, encouraging alignment with God's truth. Spiritual watchmen. Challenge injustice.
Prophecy	Gift (charism)	The experience and process of hearing God for others and expressing it. The "now " word of God	Given by the Holy Spirit-available to all Acts 2 v 17	Strengthening Encouraging Comforting Calls closer to God by bringing spiritual insight and understanding – reveals the heart of God.
Prophetic	Description	Something that reveals God's heart such as : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words • Pictures/ visions • Stories/poetry/prose • Revelations from Scripture • Worship • Art • Dance/drama • Dreams • Actions • Prayer 	Holy Spirit Acts 2 v 17	Strengthening Encouraging Comforting Calls closer to God by bringing spiritual insight and understanding – reveals the heart of God.