# Meeting the Holy Spirit Who Is He, and Why Don't We Know Him So Well?



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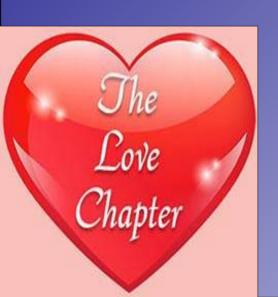
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If chapter 13 isn't a tangent, then why does Paul appear to be even bringing up the subject of spiritual gifts in chapters 12 and 14 in the first place?





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Describe the functional difference(s) between the gifts of "tongues" and "prophecy" here

Why does Paul seem to consider prophecy to be a greater—i.e.; more important—gift than tongues?

And how does that fit into the overarching "koinonia" (fellowship) context of why Paul is talking about spiritual gifts in the first place?





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Summarize Paul's argument here
Is this a valid argument? Why or why not?
Again, remember that this was originally read as one continuous letter, not a series of chopped-up chapters—so compare and contrast Paul's imagery in 14:7-8 with his imagery that he had just used in 13:1
Why did the church in Corinth desperately need to hear these nuances, priorities, and perspectives?
Why does our church today desperately need to hear these nuances, priorities, and perspectives?





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Again, let's put this summation in its larger context—
How would Paul calling them functionally "foreigners" toward one another in their use of spiritual gifts act as a sharp counterpoint to his "body" analogy in chapter 12?
What does it say that—even though they're literally alienating one another with them—they're nonetheless still "eager" about getting and practicing spiritual gifts?
Link 1 Corinthians 12:31, 14:1, and 14:12—
Paul tells them to eagerly desire spiritual gifts.

Paul tells them to eagerly desire spiritual gifts, but then says that he's saying this because he knows that they already eagerly desire spiritual gifts—so what is he trying to get at here?



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  What problems do you think Paul's admonishments here would help to prevent in our church today?





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For what reason—and why is that context important?

Go back and read 12:29-30 and 14:5 again

How do we reconcile all of these verses? Are you supposed to be interpreting your utterance, or is someone else supposed to be doing it?

What does all of this suggest to you?





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What balance(s) would Paul be trying to strike here?
What sorts of things can we do to strike a similar kind of healthy balance today?
And how does Paul conclude this reiteration of the argument in vs. 16-17?
Why does he keep harping on this same koinonia context over and over and over again?
And if we can't get through even a handful of verses in this section without running into that same context over and over, then how is it that the Church has so successfully forgotien that context over the centuries?



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How does Paul express his balance and perspective—on tongues and in general—here?
How does he help answer our question from last week ("What is Paul's perspective on speaking in "the tongues of angels" here?")?
Why does he again present this as a hierarchy—with Paul himself being the "best" at what the Corinthians were wanting to "excel" at?



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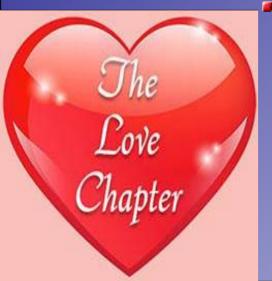
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And how does he conclude in vs. 20?

Again, reading this as one continuous letter instead of a series of chopped-up chapters, compare and contrast what Paul says here with what he had just said in 13:11

Was the "love chapter" a tangent?
How does Paul use that slap in the face to make his point to the Corinthians?
How can we stop being childish today...?





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Read 1 Corinthians 14:21-25
What's Paul's argument here?
So who all is attending their worship services?
To what degree, then, should a worship service be designed for believers, and to what degree should it be designed for unbelievers?
How does all of this still focus on the "koinonia" context that Paul has been hammering on—now even extended toward unbelievers?



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Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-28

First off, what's going on in Corinth?
In vs. 26, does Paul mean to say that God has given everyone there something to share in their services?
Or does he mean that everyone in Corinth seems to think that they need to get up and share something

in every service?
Why would people wrongly feel this way?
Why would that last "koinonia" line in vs. 26
help to correct that wrong thinking?
What does all of this "koinonia"-ing suggest
about why the Holy Spirit is giving these gifts?



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Second, how does this all work, procedurally?

How do you know if anyone else is going to interpret before you speak?

And what does all of that suggest about what your relationship should be with not only the rest of the Body, but also with the Holy Spirit, long before you open your mouth?

(HINT: Check out vs. 31, or 39-40)

How can we apply that concept today?



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How do even secular people essentially work?
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(given verses like 1 Corinthians 14:32, or Jeremiah 20:8-9, or 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, or even 2 Timothy 1:5-7, etc.)





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How should we as the Church work?

(given verses like Ephesians 2:19-22, or Galatians 2:20, or 1 Corinthians 12:27, or 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, etc.)

How should that make us think about how we live today—especially in our relationship with the Holy Spirit?

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