

1 Corinthians 14:20-25
Growing Out of Childish Ways

Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. In the Law it is written, "By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord." Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers. If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you. (1 Corinthians 14:20-25 ESV)

I. A call to mature thinking.



II. A mature thought on tongues

So, how does Paul relate the foreign tongues of the conquering army to the foreign tongues in Corinth?

III. A mature thought on prophecy

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’

(Separate these two passages)

But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. (Matthew 5:21-22 ESV)

How though, is that a sign for believers, not unbelievers?