

God instructed the Sons of Noah to fill the earth. (Genesis 9:1) ...In the action of interrupting their work by creating language barriers between different groups, God forced Noah's descendants to separate from each other and, consequently, to migrate to different areas as He had purposed for them to do in the first place. (vs. 11:8-9)

...Israel's remnant carried out the order entrusted to them to "go into all the world." (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15) The miracle bestower upon them which first appeared on Pentecost, is commonly known as "speaking in tongues," and is recorded in Scripture four times: 1) on the day Pentecost (Acts 2); 2) in the home of Cornelius (Acts 10 and 11); 3) at Ephesus (Acts 19); and 4) at Corinth (1 Corinthians 14). We will proceed to consider each of those passages.

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1 Corinthians 14:14-15. "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."

Consider this statement: "For if I jump in the ocean the sharks will eat me." Does it mean that I will jump in the ocean? No. It means that I will not do it because then sharks would eat me. Now look again at verse 14: "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful." Does it mean Paul prayed in unknown tongues? No. It means he did not because, were he to do it, then he would not understand what he was saying. Notice that Paul does not affirm: "I pray in an unknown tongue." This verse starts with the words "for if," and we must not overlook that....

1 Corinthians 13:1. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels..."

"Though I speak" equals to "if I speak." Paul does not affirm that he spoke the languages of angels. In 1 Corinthians 13 the subject being addressed is love....

Suppose Paul had said: "For if I fly like an angel to and fro preaching salvation, and I have not love, I am nothing." Would that mean that Paul could fly? Certainly not. By the same token, the allusion to speaking the tongues of angels is made to make us realize that love is greater, more important than the gift of speaking the tongues of angels, but not because Paul spoke the language of angels or expected to be granted the gift of speaking angelic tongues. The phrase is only a figure of speech, and it should be understood only as a figure of speech, which acts as an aid in helping us better understand the theme being discussed: the sovereignty of love.

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In our society, some men, instead of using their position of justice to protect their wife--who is their physically weaker self--just as a mother protects her child of tender age, they are the ones who victimize her. And some women, who should reserve their endowment of mercy for those times when the family needs healing and nurturing because it is hurting due to intrusion, instead diverge their compassion by accepting and excusing whatever cruelty their husbands decide to inflict upon them and the family. Both behaviors are distortions of God's justice and mercy which each respectively represents and which united should reflect God's love. Thus Jesus, in the process of redeeming humankind from the oppression of sin, opened the way for all of us, including women, to commence to be free from the burdens we carry, whether self-inflicted or brought upon us by the dictates of society. Jesus came to free everyone from all tyranny imposed upon them, and Paul helped facilitate and advance God's work in that respect on behalf of women in particular by plainly addressing the duties of a husband, steering man to also be submissive in that he is to submit his love to only one woman. A wise woman gladly submits to such a man (Ephesians 5:25-33).