

# **A Sign To Them That Believe Not**

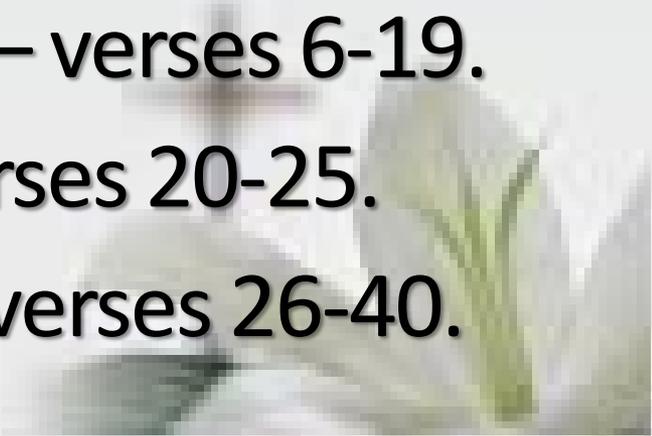
**I Corinthians 14:20-25  
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# Outline Of I Corinthians 14

The outline is in four sections revolving around the word “Brethren” or “Brothers” in verses 6, 20, 26.

As the gift of tongues was being misused by the church in Corinth:

- It was not edifying the church – verses 1-5.
  - It was not understandable – verses 6-19.
  - It was not evangelistic – verses 20-25.
  - It was causing confusion – verses 26-40.
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# Maturity In Understanding

In I Corinthians 14:20, Paul commands the Corinthians  
“Stop being children in your thinking.”

Their loveless, selfish, prideful, fleshly way in which they were abusing the gift of tongues was proof of their immaturity.

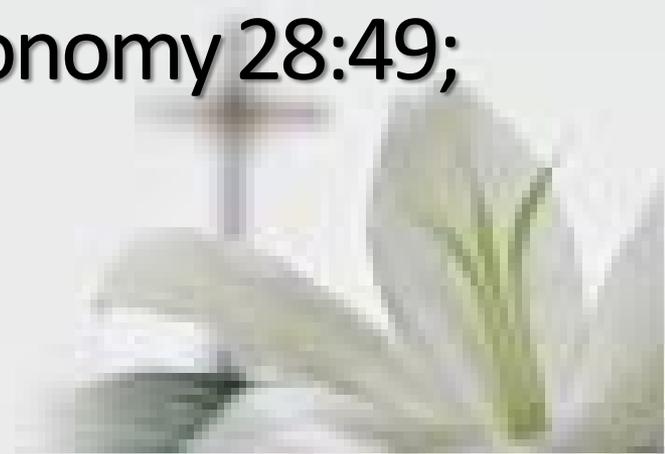
The Corinthians were very advanced and mature in their sin, but not in their understanding.



# Tongues Are For A Sign

By quoting from Isaiah 28, Paul was pointing out that the gift of tongues was for a sign to unbelieving Israel.

Throughout the history of Israel, God told Israel that men of other tongues (languages) and other lips speaking to them would be a sign of His judgment (Deuteronomy 28:49; Jeremiah 5:15).



# Tongues Are For A Sign

On the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2, when the Jews heard the apostles speaking with other tongues (languages), they should have recognized it as a sign of God's coming judgment.

The judgment came in 70 A.D. when Jerusalem and the temple were completely destroyed.

Part of this judgement was God turning His focus from Israel to the Gentiles, men of other languages (Acts 10).



# Evangelism

In verse 23, Paul points out that everyone speaking in tongues at a church service with no interpretation will be ineffective when it comes to evangelizing the unbeliever.

On the other hand, if everyone is prophesying (Proclaiming God's truth), the unbeliever is convicted of his sin and in repentance worships God.

It should be our desire as a church that others would declare, "God is truly among you."

