

# PROPHECY IN LOVE

1Cor. 14:1-5

Key verse 1, "Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy."

1. In what context is Paul speaking (14:23-24; 1:10-12, 26-30)? How does this issue affect the life of the church (12:15, 21)? What instructions has Paul given to them (12:27, 31; 13:1-3)?
2. What does Paul continue to say to them (14:1)? What does "to pursue" indicate (1a)? Why should love be the highest goal and priority in the Christian life (1Cor.13:13; Matt. 22:36-40)? How can we pursue love (Rom. 5:8; 1Cor.13:4-12)?
3. What does "to earnestly desire" indicate (1b)? What gift does Paul tell us to desire among the spiritual gifts? What is the relationship between love and prophecy?
4. What do "to prophesy" and "to speak in tongues" mean in the context (2-4)? What limitation does speaking in tongues have (2,4)? In contrast, what benefit does prophesying have (3)?
5. What does Paul tell them to do (5)? What is the standard in deciding which gift is greater (2b, 3, 5)? What should be the purpose and goal of exercising spiritual gifts (Eph. 4:11-13) How can we prophesy in love now (Acts 2:17; 2Tim. 4:1-2)?
6. What is one thing you learned from the spiritual gift series?