RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE
1 Cor 14:18-25

1 Cor 14:18 Paul’s is not undervaluing or belittling the gift of tongues. He was often endowed with this sign gift.
1 Cor 14:19 *Teach*: to resound; to impress it upon one by *word* of mouth; to *instruct* by word of mouth
*Others*: My own spiritual experience of speaking in tongues is not as important as the *edifying* of others.

Wiersbe: *The issue was not quantity of words, but quality of communication.*

1 Cor 14:20 Become a man in your *thinking* and become a child in the attitude of *malice*.
Children are known for coming to faulty conclusions.

Mt. Hen: *They are taken with an outward show, without inquiring into the true nature and worth of things.*

**In malice be ye children**: Little ones don’t hold *grudges*

Barnes: *Be as free from malice, from any ill will toward others, from envy, and every improper passion as they are.*

1 Cor 14:21 *In the Law*: Prophecy given Isaiah to Judah in Isa 28:11-13

*Warning* to Judah. If not change, God will allow same thing to happen to them.

Judah violated God’s commandment to be *separate*
Heathenism rampant
Hearts turning away from God.

Isaiah gives prophetic announcement of God’s coming judgment.
You have crossed line with God.
Judgment evidenced by *speaking* of another language. Dt 28:49 Jer 5:15
Jews knew that when they were addressed in their homeland by foreign *languages* this meant God warning them of impending *judgment*.

1 Cor 14:22 *Not to them that believe*: Not for believers!

*Sign*: distinguishing *mark* by which something is known; token; indication; mark of genuineness; confirmation of warning.

Signs given for *Jews*. 1 Cor 1:22 Mat 12:38,39 Mat 16:1 John 2:18-19
Jesus gave them sign of His resurrection.

Tongues given to Jews as sign or mark of authenticity.
Sign of coming judgment from God.

Fulfilled approximately 15 years after 1 Corinthians was written.
70 AD–Titus, Roman general plundered Jerusalem and murdered at least 1 million Jews and took thousands captive.

Destroyed, plundered and desecrated Temple.
Burned city to the ground

Lk. 19:42-44 42 years before destruction of Temple. Mat 24:1,2

Time Line: Sign to Unbelieving Jews

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1500 years after the 1st prophecy was issued

Sign of: Impending judgment, blessings, authority.

1 Cor 14:23 Unlearned: ignorant, rude, unlearned. Immature believers

Unbelievers: unsaved; Mad: To be in a raving state as a maniac

1 Cor 14:24-25 If all prophesy, If emphasis has to do with proclaiming Word of …there come in ... Unsaved or immature Christian who not know God’s Word

Response to the Message

1. Conviction. Brought to deep sense of depravity and sinfulness before an almighty, holy God.
   People confronted with truth of Word and error ... conscience aroused. Brought to place of extreme guilt
   Of all: Of all who are speaking
   Confrontational preaching.
   Barnes: He will see its truth and force, and he will be satisfied of the truth of Christianity.

   Mac. People are judged on the basis of their response.

3. Repentance … secrets of his heart made manifest.
   Secret, most private feelings and thoughts brought to surface and laid bare before God.
   Manifest: apparent. Light is turned on.


5. Worship: Do obeisance to. Attitude of submission to God. Confessing, praising, exalting Him as the true God. Total confession of faith.


So what?

Bigger picture? Edification!!!

Proclamation of Word of God preeminent!

1. Conviction
2. Judgment
3. Repentance
4. Response
5. Worship
6. Declaration