

**What is the outcome  
then, brethren? When you  
assemble, each one has a  
psalm, has a teaching, has  
a revelation, has a tongue,  
has an interpretation.  
Let all things be done  
for edification.**

1 CORINTHIANS 14:26



1 Corinthians 14:26 ~ In Context

## Concerning the Context

Paul asks, “What is the **outcome** then ....” (New American Standard Bible) “What then is the **conclusion** ....” (Holman Christian Standard Bible) “What then **is** ....” (Youngs Literal Translation) The Greek word, *eimi*<sup>1</sup>, means “is”. What is Paul is referring to? Everything he said before that question. There is a movement afoot where so many run with this verse without considering **the context** of Paul’s letter to the Corinthians – particularly chapter 14. If you look at **the context** – what Paul says *before* verse 26, and *after* verse 26 – it is quite clear that Paul’s purpose and intention in writing that was *not* “*prescriptive*”, but rather “*corrective*”. *He was not telling them what to do when they gather. He was giving correction on how to do what they were doing in a better – more edifying – way.* So, “When you come together ...” indicates **what the Corinthians were already doing, (descriptive), not what they should be doing (prescriptive).**

Nowhere in any of his epistles (nor in Acts) does Paul instruct a group to do those things in verse 26 when they gather. Nor do we read any other group in any other place were doing those specific things when they gathered. This is *not* to say that doing those things is *wrong*. **But to say those are the things everyone**

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<sup>1</sup> Strong’s # 1510

everywhere in the 1<sup>st</sup> century Ekklesia was doing is merely an assumption.

## *Concerning Edification*

Edifying the Body of Christ is certainly a major purpose for gathering. But so many tend to ignore what Paul also wrote about equipping ministries in Ephesians 4:10-16, which the Ascended Christ gave to His Body for the express purpose of being enabled to edify itself. Contrary to the perspective of many who tend to focus only on 1 Corinthians 14:26, what Paul indicates in the Ephesians 4 passage is that we won't see much true life-giving edification going on in gatherings until there is a restoration of *true* (namely, Christ-centered) Christ-ordained equipping ministries.

(See [“From Children to a Mature Man”](#) and [“Christ-centered Discipleship & Equipping Ministries”](#))

In fact, limiting gathering to edification of one another very much “short-changes” *the calling of the Ekklesia*. Edifying one another is not *the God-given purpose of the Ekklesia*. By definition, the Ekklesia is “called out and gathered together” to discuss the affairs of the Kingdom of God – that is, to be about our Father’s kingdom business in the world – namely making disciples of the

kingdom (Matthew 13:52, 28:19), and preaching and being a witness of the Kingdom of Heaven in all the world before the end comes. (Matthew 24:14) In writing an article entitled "[Concerning Gathering](#)", I went to the gospels (not the epistles) to see *what Jesus told us to do* before He left, and asked how His commands / commissions for His disciples relate to *why we gather*.

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For an informal (and non-conclusive) exposition of the entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 14 see "[Concerning Tongues](#)". It was written in response to someone's inquiry about "tongues". So, it touches mainly on the issue of "tongues", but also contains some brief (non -conclusive) comments on other issues found in the chapter, such as "prophecy", "body ministry", and "women 'keeping silent'", et. al.

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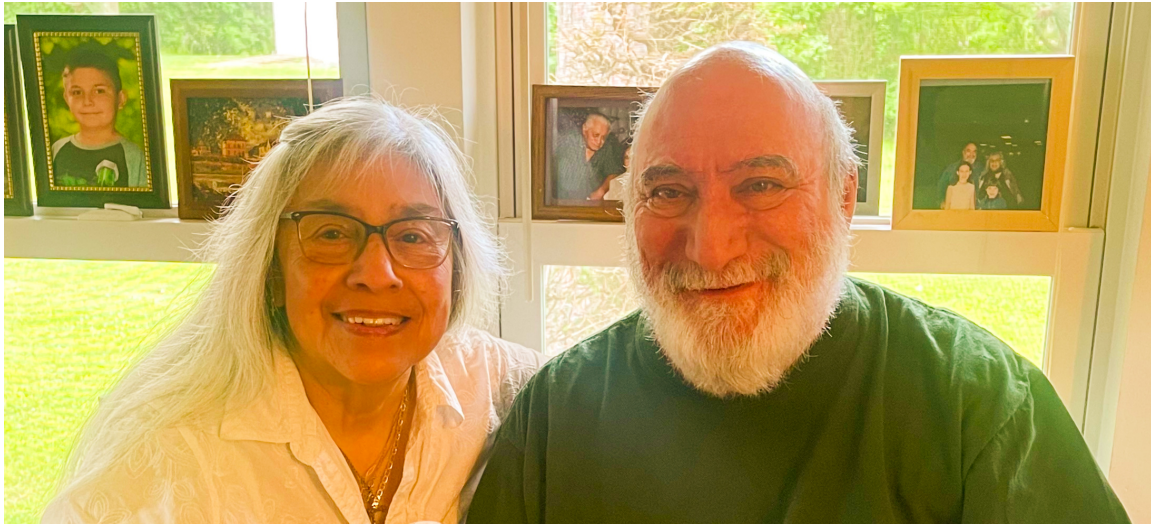
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