

Five Intelligible Words

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1 Corinthians 14:19

But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Words filled with Christ's love will be "intelligible," that is, they will make the message clear and APPLY GOD'S WORD to people's daily lives.



Isaiah 6:1-8 | *The Lord Commissions Isaiah for Ministry*

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Isaiah receives a vision of the exalted Lord and His angels, who are His MESSENGERS.

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

Seeing them, hearing them, and experiencing the impact of their message, Isaiah believes he will be destroyed. He recognizes his UNWORTHINESS to be in God's presence.

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

The messengers' #1 priority is bringing the good news of FORGIVENESS to broken people.

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah's five-word reply is the faithful RESPONSE of a forgiven child of the Triune God.

Called by the Gospel, enlightened with His gifts, kept in the true faith...

We go where the Lord sends, speak what He says, and fulfill the CO-MISSION He gives.

***FIVE INTELLIGIBLE WORDS:* HERE AM I SEND ME**