

# 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*

<sup>1</sup>In 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. <sup>2</sup>Above 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. <sup>3</sup>And 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.**

<sup>4</sup>At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>"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.**

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>With 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.**

<sup>8</sup>Then 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**