

## Consecrated Tongues (part two)

James 3:9-18

By His grace, believers in Christ are granted full forgiveness for all sins and are set apart in order to worship Him with all of our lives, including our speech. If our lives are consecrated to Him, our tongues will be also.

Consecrating our speech to the Lord requires:

1. That we take seriously the perversity of our speech (vs 9-12)
  - a.) Cursing God's image-bearers is cursing God Himself (vs 9)
  - b.) The inconsistency of a believer's tongue is a monstrous anomaly (vs 10-12)
  
2. That we address the origin of our speech (vs 10-12)
  - a.) When you hear the tongue, you hear the heart
  - b.) Consecrated speech requires a consecrated heart
  
3. That we speak with biblical wisdom (vs 13-18)
  - a.) Worldly "wisdom" in our speech leads to disorder (vs 14-16)
  - b.) Biblical wisdom in our speech leads to peace (vs 18)
  - c.) Speaking with biblical wisdom is obeying biblical instruction related to our speech (vs 17, 1:22)