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with caution. I think it is very well that we take this statement that Paul says, "Forbid not to speak with tongues." I wouldn't forbid it, but I would say hesitate and be mighty sure it's God that's through you, and I would say this, "Do not make it a test of anyone else's Christianity. Don't make it a test. If somebody says, "I speak with tongues. The Lord enables me to speak with tongues." I'd say, "The Lord bless you. If you are sure of that, the Lord bless you. He's never led me to. I am not at all sure He ever leads anybody to. I'm not going to worry about it particularly if you do," but if you say you are not a Christian unless you speak with tongues, you've got to speak with tongues, I say that is wrong. It's against the facts of the Scripture. That's . It's exactly the attitude I'd take with baptism. I think that sprinkling is the mode of baptism which most clearly represents the Biblical teaching regarding baptism. Well, now if somebody else prefers immersion, the Lord bless them. I'm a great believer in what baptism signifies. I don't care whether they sprinkle or or immerse. I think sprinkling is the best; let them immersion is the best. Let us recognize our difference and go ahead and preach the gospel and forget it. I don't see any reason to have a dispute over it. But if somebody else says, "You're not a Christian unless you get baptized the way I think you should or at the time I think you should, he's taking an attitude that is interfering with the progress of the gospel and , and that is the way. If somebody says, "You've got to speak with tongues." If somebody says, "We're trying to learn to speak with tongues." Well, Paul says, "Covet prophecy. Forbid not to speak with tongues but covet prophecy." So I feel that this, like baptism, is a thing we should handle with care. We should try to avoid ~~undue~~ divisions over it, but ~~we~~ ^{us} should insist that others give/ the liberty which we give them and we should recognize that the Bible puts it in a subordinate position, that is a fact which the Scripture teaches, and I think we should recognize that a bulk of the Christian church has believed that those did apply to the early days. I don't think we should be dogmatic on that, but unless we have convincing proof to the contrary I think it is good to take as the most