



Truth Appears As We Wrestle It Out Round 4 Holy Spirit Cessation

The traditional argument for the Cessation of the Gifts is that the Canon of Scripture is the "perfect" thing that has come. Once the perfect has come, there is no need for the gifts of the Spirit, miracles, healings, or tongues. ~Jefferis Kent Peterson

1 Corinthians 13:8-10, RSV.

"Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away."

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Biblically knowledgeable Christians readily admit that these supernatural spiritual gifts occurred in the first century Church, as recorded in the New Testament. The question that is raised by some, and which is at the heart of this study is: Are these spiritual gifts still occurring today? I reply with a heartfelt "Yes!"

~Pastor Jim Feeney, Ph.D.

Mark 16:16-18

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Somewhere In The Middle

We, in The Christian and Missionary Alliance, believe that spiritual gifts are supernatural empowerments given by the Holy Spirit to believers in Christ to build up the church and extend the Kingdom of God. Our standard as we approach God for the release of His empowerment in our lives and the lives of the people to whom we minister should be "Expectation without Agenda." Jesus is our focus and completing His mission is our mandate. The gifts of the Spirit are to serve His purposes in the church and in our world. With the guidelines we have been given in God's Word, believers everywhere should embrace the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives and move out to fulfill our Lord's Commission.

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Where Do You Land?

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