

Spiritual Gifts (Part Two) (The Partial Gifts)

Peter reminds us to **put our thinking cap** on when studying Paul's writing (**2 Pet.3:16-18**).

- **1st Thinking Cap** - Last Sunday, we studied Paul's use of the transitional conjunction (de) [now] to divide (1 Cor.12:1-31) into seven **sections of study on spiritual gifts**.
- **1st Thinking Cap** - We also studied Paul's use of the men-de sequence to identify **three sections of Spiritual Gifts** (1 Cor.12:8-10).
- **1st Thinking Cap** - We also studied Paul unique use of allos (same kind) with (de) and heteros (different kind) in these three sections of spiritual gifts.

This lesson will study five aspects of Partial Spiritual Gifts recorded in 1 Cor.12:8-10 and 13:8-10.

1. Paul taught that spiritual gifts make-up the body of Christ, the church, during the church age

(1 Cor.12:12-27) and (1 Cor.12:18)	God has placed
(1 Cor.12:24)	God has so composed
(1 Cor.12:28)	God has appointed

(1 Cor.12:12) "For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ." (1 Cor.12:20, 27; 1:7)

(Rom.12:4-5) "For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

At the Rapture, the church and spiritual gifts will be removed from the earth (1 Cor.15:51-58); (1 Thess.4:13-18).

Thinking Cap!

2. In (1 Cor.12:8-10), Paul established three sections of spiritual gifts by the Greek men-de sequence. He also used the Greek allos and heteros with spiritual gifts in these three sections.

- **1st section** (1 Cor.12:8) [2 gifts]
 - (hos men) **word of wisdom**
 - (de allos) **word of knowledge.**
- **2nd section** (1 Cor.12:9-10a) [5 gifts]
 - (heteros) **faith**
 - (de allos) **gifts of healings**
 - (de allos) **effects of miracles**
 - (de allos) **prophecy**
 - (de allos) **distinguishing spirits**
- **3rd section** (1 Cor.12:10b) [2 gifts]
 - (heteros) **tongues**
 - (de allos) **interpretation of tongues**

The Spiritual Gifts listed above are 9 of the 19 spiritual gifts found in (Rom.12) (1 Cor.12) (Eph.4)

3. Paul's concept of sets of gifts is discussed in (1 Cor.14) with four of the gifts causing assembly problems.

- Tongues and interpretation of tongues is a set (1 Cor.14:5-13, 26-28)
- Prophecy and discerning spirits is a set (1 Cor.14:29-33)

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SET: Prophecy and discerning spirits are listed together in the **2nd section** (1 Cor.12:9-10a)

SET: Tongues and interpretation of tongues are listed together in **3rd section** (1 Cor.12:10b)

4. In (1 Cor.13:8-10), Paul taught that certain spiritual gifts would cease and some would be done away during the church age (1 Cor.12-14).

(1 Cor.13:8a) "But if there are gifts of **prophecies**, they will be done away (katargeo) (f.p.ind.3pl)." [true]

(1 Cor.13:8b) "If (1cc) there are **tongues**, they will cease (pauo) (f.m.ind.3pl)." [true]

(1 Cor.13:8c) "If there is **knowledge**, it will be done away (katargeo) (f.p.ind.3ps)." [true]

- **Note what section these spiritual gifts are listed in point two of this lesson (1 Cor.12:8-10).**

Prophecies _____; Tongues _____; Knowledge _____.

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5. Paul taught the spiritual gifts done away with were partial.

(1 Cor.13:9-10) "For we **know in part** (ek meros / gsn), and we **prophecy in part**; but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away (katargeo / f.p.ind.3ps)."

Partial (ek meros) is part of the perfect (to teleion) (nominative singular neuter) (the complete or whole).

Point: The partial gifts and the complete do not co-exist.

Point: The perfect will complete the partial spiritual gifts.

- In what section is the partial gift of **knowledge** listed in (1 Cor.12:8-10)? _____
- In what section is the partial gift of **prophecy** listed in (1 Cor.12:8-10)? _____

Therefore, we could consider that all the gifts listed in **sections 1 and 2 are partial** and would be done away with when the "perfect" comes during the church age.

This leaves **Section 3** (tongues and interpretation) which will **cease**, not by the perfect, but rather by the Fifth Cycle of Divine Discipline coming to Israel by Rome in 70AD. (1 Cor.14:21-22) (Isa.28:11) (1 Cor.1:22).

Point: It is conceivable that these 9 spiritual gifts could be terminated during the church age.

Next Sunday: The Perfect and Spiritual Gifts