

## **TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

In our [last study](#) we discussed how Paul separated the nine Spiritual Gifts into three sections as translated by the Nestle's Greek grammar of (1 Cor.12:8-10) (NASB).

He broke the men-de sequence twice to make three sections containing the nine gifts.

- **Section one** (1:8) The word of wisdom and the word of knowledge
  - **Two** Spiritual Gifts Listed
- **Section two** (1:9-10a) No (de) and a (heteros) [different] faith, gifts of healing, effecting of miracles, prophecy (plural), distinguishing of spirits.
  - **Five** Spiritual Gifts Listed
- **Section three** (1:10b) No (de) various (heteros) [different] kinds of tongues, interpretation of Tongues.
  - **Two** Spiritual Gifts Listed

**In this lesson text, (1 Cor.13:8-10), Paul introduced us to Temporary Spiritual Gifts in the Church Age by the following five points.**

1. **Once again you will see Paul's mastery of the Greek grammar as he builds the argument of temporary spiritual gifts during the Church Age in (1 Cor.13:8-10).**
  - 13:8 a - "But if ~~there are~~ gifts of **prophecy** (nplf), **they will be done away** (katargeo/ f.p.ind.**3pl**)."
  - 13:8b - "If ~~there are~~ **tongues** (nplf), **they will cease** (pauo/ f.m.ind.**3pl**)."
  - 13:8c - "If ~~there is~~ **knowledge**, it will be **done away** (katargeo/ f.p.ind.**3ps**)"
2. **In the Doctrinal concept of temporary Spiritual Gifts, some will (be done away) and some will (cease) during the Church Age.**
  - "**Done away**" is a **transitive verb** (katargeo) (future passive indicative) needing a direct object, or something outside itself to complete it.
    - Note that it is used twice with two different categories of spiritual gifts.
  - "**Ceased**" is an **intransitive verb** (pauo) (future indirect middle indicative) meaning that something inside it will cause it to cease as a spiritual gift during the Church Age.

3. **Paul referred to the spiritual gifts that will be done away with during the Church Age as PARTIAL spiritual gifts.**

(1 Cor.13:10) “For we know in part (ek meros), and we prophecy in part (ek meros).” (13:9) “But when the perfect (to teleion/ nsn) comes, the partial (to ek meros) will be done away.”

**Four important doctrinal points:**

- A. The partial spiritual gifts are part of the perfect (to teleion/ n.s.neuter). The Partial will be completed in the perfect.
- B. The **partial** spiritual gifts do not co-exist with the **perfect**. The perfect will incorporate them.
- C. The perfect is not a person but a thing (**neuter**).
- D. The perfect is the “**outside thing**” (transitive passive katargeo) that is necessary to complete the partial spiritual gifts in the Church Age.

**QUESTION:** What were the two partial spiritual gifts listed by Paul in 1 Cor.13:9 as “done away?”

4. **Two spiritual gifts (knowledge and prophecy) were listed by Paul as partial that would be done away by the “coming of the perfect”.**

Now look back at the three sections of spiritual gifts listed by Paul in (1 Cor.12:8-10) in our introduction to this lesson.

- Notice Paul pulled one spiritual gift out of each section and discussed them in (1 Cor.13:8-10) in the doctrine of Temporary Spiritual Gifts (knowledge, prophecy, and tongues).
- Therefore, the Nine spiritual gifts listed in (1 Cor.12:8-10) are considered Temporary.
  - **Seven** spiritual gifts would be done away and **two** would cease during the Church Age.

Our focus in this lesson was to discuss the Seven spiritual gifts that would “be done away with” the **coming of the perfect**. Next week we study the other two spiritual gifts that would be caused to “cease”, by something inside themselves.

5. **I believe the Perfect (to teleion/ n.s.n) is in the neuter (thing) and came (hotan erchomai/ a.a.subj) to incorporate the partial spiritual gifts into the canonization of the Scriptures, THE COMPLETION OF BIBLE. Neuter is a Thing and not a Person.**

**The Perfect** must be something that incorporated the seven partial gifts, completing them for their intended purpose in the Church.

**Remember** Spiritual gifts are for the body of Christ, the Church (1 Cor.12:12-27) (read).

(James 1:25) “**But the one who looks intently at the perfect (ton teleion/ nsn) law, the law of liberty, and abide in it**, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.” **Vines Greek Word, pg.466** (Jas.1:22-25; Rom.12:2; 2Tim.3:15-17)