

TONGUES WILL CEASE (part one)

We are currently studying a series entitled, Spiritual Gifts - 2021. Each year I teach on Spiritual Gifted Ministries in the local church of Jesus Christ, This year I am teaching from 1 Cor.12-14.

Paul is a great teacher of koine Greek. For the student of koine Greek who enjoy studying and teaching, he will love Paul's Greek of 1 Cor.12-14.

I have taken my time to show Paul's mastery of the koine Greek language in these three chapters of study. Peter said that when you study Paul's teachings, you must wear your thinking cap (2 Pet.3:15-18).

Paul laid out his doctrinal argument by comparing 1 Cor.12:8-10 to 13:8-10 to 14:20-22 to teach how and why the spiritual gift of Tongues would cease during the Church Age of the New Covenant.

In part one of today's lesson, we will study four points by comparing (1 Cor.12:8-10) to (1 Cor.13:8-10) and to (1 Cor.14:20-22) which tells us that Tongues will Cease as a Spiritual Gift during the Church Age.

1. In point one, we will review Paul's teaching by comparing 1 Cor.12:8-10 to 1 Cor.13:8-10.

Paul used the Greek men-de sequence to separate 9 spiritual gifts into three groups or sections.

- Section 1 - (1 Cor.12:8) (2 gifts)
- Section 2 - (1 Cor.12:9-10a) (5 gifts) Total of 9 spiritual gifts
- Section 3 - (1 Cor.12:10b) (2 gifts)

Paul broke the sequence twice by dropping the (de) part of sequence and added (heteros) meaning of another kind.

- **First break at end of section 1:**
 - (heteros) A different kind of faith (1 Cor.12:9-10a) (5 gifts) creating section 2.
- **Second break at end of section 2:**
 - (heteros) A different kind of tongues (1 Cor.12:10b) (2 gifts) creating section 3.

2. In 1 Cor.13:8-10, Paul pulled one spiritual gift out of each section of 1 Cor.12:8-10.

- (1 Cor.13:8) Prophecy from (1 Cor.12:9-10a) (section 2)
- (1 Cor.13:8) Tongues from (1 Cor.12:10b) (section 3)
- (1 Cor.13:8) Knowledge from (1 Cor.12:8) (section 1)

Then Paul taught that the spiritual gift of:

- Prophecy and Knowledge would be **DONE AWAY** (1 Cor.11:3:8a) [sections 1 and 2]
- Tongues would **CEASE** (1 Cor.11:3:8b) [section 3]

Both accruing during the Church Age (1 Cor.12:21-27).

By pulling one spiritual gift from each section, those sections would either be DONE AWAY or CEASE. Therefore all 9 of these spiritual gifts listed in (1 Cor.12:8-10) are consider Temporary at some time during the Church Age would be "done away" or "cease".

3. The koine Greek word for done away is katargeo (f.p.ind.3pl).

It is a transitive verb which requires an outside object to complete it. This means that something outside of these gifts will cause them to be DONE AWAY (Dana, pg.154).

- The “something outside itself” is the PERFECT (to teleion) (1 Cor.13:10).
- The Perfect will incorporate all the spiritual gifts in section 1 and 2 (All 7 gifts) during the Church Age.

These gifts are called “partial or in part” (ek meros) in (1 Cor.11:9-10) - “For we **know in part**, and we **prophesy in part**; but when **the perfect** (to telion) [n.s.neuter] (thing/ subject) comes, **the partial** (to ek meros) will be done away.”

We learned last week that the Perfect was the completed Canon of Scriptures, called the Bible (James 1:25).

4. Paul changed the verb “cease” (pauo) (f. indirect middle. ind.3pl) to an intransitive verb, using the indirect middle voice (Dana, pg.158-59).

An Intransitive verb says that something within the gift of tongues would be fulfilled and cause it to cease.

- When God’s divine purpose placed inside the exercise of the spiritual gift of Tongues was fulfilled, it would cease during the Church Age.

Paul taught that God’s divine purpose was prophesied in (**Isa.28:20-22**) (1 Cor.14:20; (1 Cor.1:22); (1 Cor.13:11).

In (1 Cor.14:20), Paul **warned** those who study the spiritual gift of tongues, “Brethren, Do not be (me ginomai/ p.m.impv.2pl) **children** (paidion) in your thinking (tais phren/ lplf); yet in evil be **infants** (nepiazo/ p.a.impv.2pl), but (alla/ contrast) in your thinking be **mature**.”

- **In our next lesson** we will study **part two** of the study entitled, **Tongues Will Cease**.