



"NOW CONCERNING"—

*Reply To Their Letter –
Liberty In Christ – 7:1-16:4*

“Spiritual Gifts And Love”

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

"Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love" – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS IN CORINTH

THE PROBLEM AT CORINTH

- ✦ They seemed ignorant of the purpose and proper use of the various gifts.
- ✦ They were exercising such gifts in a very unloving and prideful way.
- ✦ Those who didn't possess such gifts or the more flamboyant among the various gifts, were looked down upon (12:21-25).
- ✦ The "ungifted" members were thinking that they were unneeded. (12:14-20)



“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS IN CORINTH

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- ✦ A spirit of competition had apparently developed in the assembly over who would be allowed to speak. (14:26-33)
- ✦ They had lost sight of the main purpose of such gifts, i.e. the edification of the whole body and not merely the individual who possessed them. (12:7; 13:5; 14:3-5)



“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS IN CORINTH

CHAPTER 12

- ◆ The intent of the gifts was to
 - ❖ Build them up –
 - ❖ Bind them together –
- ◆ What was missing by some in Corinth? - LOVE
- ◆ Behold, I show you a better way than the gifts – (12:31)



WE ARE COMMANDED TO LOVE



1 Corinthians 12:31
(NKJV)

³¹ But earnestly
desire the best gifts.
And yet I show you a
more excellent way.

- ◆ **God's love** – John 3:16; Rom 5:8
- ◆ **Jesus & His Disciples** – John 13:1;
2 Cor. 5:14
- ◆ **Jesus' Instructions To His
Disciples** – John 13:31-35; 15:9-12
- ◆ **Followers of Christ Are To Have
A Deep And Abiding Love For
Each Other** – Rom 13:8; 1 Thes.
4:9; Heb 13:1; 1 Peter 1:22
- ◆ **A Test of Discipleship** – 1 John
3:10,11,14-23; 4:7,8,20-5:3

“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

GIFTS HAVE NO VALUE WITHOUT LOVE . . .

CHAPTER 13



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- ✦ **Gifts are worthless without love— (1-3)**
- ✦ **Characteristics of love prove love’s superiority – (4-7; cf. 1 Cor. 8:1)**
- ✦ **The permanence of love demonstrates its value over spiritual gifts – (8-13)**

MIRACULOUS GIFTS & LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NKJV)

¹ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

MIRACULOUS GIFTS & LOVE

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³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. ⁴ Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

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“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS & LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NKJV)

¹³ And now abide faith,
hope, love, these
three; but the greatest
of these *is* love.

“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

HAVE NO VALUE WITHOUT LOVE – (1-3)



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- ◆ **“The tongues of men”** –The tongues of chapters 12-14, are the same gift as described in Acts 2:6-11 and 10:46, i.e., the ability to speak in a human language, which you had never learned. (Acts 2:7)
- ◆ Mentioned first because really least and because the Corinthians put undue emphasis on this gift.—
Word Pictures in the New Testament

“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

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- ◆ “Tongues of angels” - Some have used this phrase in an attempt to prove that the tongues of chapter 14 are "angelic" languages. . . .
- ◆ 'Paul doesn't suggest that tongue-speakers spoke with the language of angels. He is saying: "even if..".' (McGuiggan p. 174)
- ◆ 'If I can speak the languages of men and even of angels.' (Gspd)

“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

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- ✦ **Paul's point** - ‘Suppose that my tongue-speaking ability included every language on the planet (which it didn't-14:18), and even the language of heaven, . . . exhausting the languages of earth and heaven...
- ✦ Even then, the absence of love on my part, would make even such exalted tongue-speaking pointless. How much more then is the gift they possessed-14:18), in vain without love?

"Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love" – (13:1-13)

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✦ 'The characteristic of heathen worship, especially the worship of Dionysus and Cybele, was the clashing and the clanging of cymbals and the braying of trumpets. Even the coveted gift of tongues was no better than the uproar of heathen worship if love was absent.' (Barclay p. 131)

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- ✦ 'But let's not hear the preacher brag or the loveless speaker, let's not see him strut. He's as offensive as the rattling of garbage-can lids. Without love, the most inspired teaching/speaking is noise! THAT'S GOD'S VIEW OF IT.' (McGuiggan p. 174)

“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

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**1 Corinthians 13:2
(NKJV)**

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

- ✦ What profit is excellence in every gift without possessing, and acting out of a sincere love for God and man? (Mark 12:29-31)
- ✦ Even if I had the faith to move the Rocky Mtn's into the sea – but have not love I am NOTHING – it profits me nothing in the sight of God!

"Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love" – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

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**1 Corinthians 13:3
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**³And though I
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though I give my
body to be burned,
but have not love, it
profits me nothing.**

- ◆ 'Those who make sacrifices to benefit others without love, must have some hidden selfish recompense that they count upon.' (Gr. Ex. N.T. p. 898)
- ◆ EVEN if I'm a martyr for Christ, but don't treat people right, nothing is gained!!
- ◆ 'Willingness to fight and die for Christianity will not take the place of loving obedience to Christ.' (McGarvey p. 129)

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If the highest possible
manifestation of tongues,
prophecy, knowledge, faith,
benevolence and sacrifice are
rendered pointless by
lovelessness, then so are all
lower degrees of the same
things.

"Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love" – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

INFERIOR IN CHARACTER TO LOVE – (4-8)



**1 Corinthians 13:4
(NKJV)**

**4 Love suffers long
and is kind; love
does not envy; love
does not parade
itself, is not puffed
up;**

- ◆ More important than the "gifts" of the Spirit (12:7-10), stood the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- ◆ **"Suffers long"** - Not quick to punish or retaliate wrongs incurred – associated with mercy.
- ◆ **"Is kind"** - sympathetic sweetness of temper, rendering good instead of pain.
- ◆ Is not **jealous**, is not **boastful** or **arrogant** – but is meek and humble.

“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

INFERIOR IN CHARACTER TO LOVE – (4-8)



**1 Corinthians 13:5
(NKJV)**

**5 does not behave
rudely, does not seek
its own, is not
provoked, thinks no
evil;**

- ◆ **“Does not behave rudely”** - love always conducts itself with proper decorum – arrogance treats others with contempt.
- ◆ **“Is not selfish”** - but rather a genuine concern for the well being of other people.
- ◆ **“Not provoked”** - Love does NOT go around with a chip on its shoulder.
- ◆ **“Thinks no evil”** - Love does not dwell on evils it has incurred - (evil is fertile soil for bitterness and resentment)

"Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love" – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

INFERIOR IN CHARACTER TO LOVE – (4-8)



**1 Corinthians 13:6-7
(NKJV)**

⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

- ◆ Love cannot find any pleasure in hearing about the moral weakness of another, because love realizes that sin "costs". When sin happens people are always hurt. (Romans 6:23)
- ◆ Love never encourages someone in wrong-doing. (Romans 1:32)
- ◆ 'Love absolutely rejects the most pernicious form of rejoicing over evil, gossiping about the misdeeds of others.'
(Fee p. 639)

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- ✦ 'Christian love has no wish to veil the truth; it is brave enough to face the truth.' (Barclay p. 137)
- ✦ Love is never ashamed of the truth. (Romans 1:16) Love will speak the truth, in the most difficult of situations. (Eph. 4:15; 2 Tim. 2:2)
- ✦ Love even rejoices in truth that is hard to listen to – (Judges 11:34-36)
- ✦ Love rejoices when the truth is obeyed, returned to, propagated . . .

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- ◆ **“Bears all things”** - To remain steady under trial, to hold another up - OR to conceal or hide – 1 Pet 4:8.
- ◆ **“Believes all things”** – wants to believe the best until evidence proves otherwise - considers all evidence.
- ◆ **“Hopes all things”** - When evidence is adverse – love still hopes for the best.
- ◆ **“Endures all things”** - loves sticks it out . . . It doesn't quit under adverse circumstances.

“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT WOULD CEASE — LOVE WILL NOT - (9-13)

The Gifts That Will Cease - 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

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- ① miraculous word of wisdom
 - ② miraculous word of knowledge
 - ③ miraculous faith
 - ④ miraculous healing
 - ⑤ working of miracles
 - ⑥ miraculous prophecy
 - ⑦ miraculous discerning of spirits
 - ⑧ miraculous speaking in different languages
 - ⑨ miraculous interpretation of different languages
- 1 Cor. 13:8**

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MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT WOULD FAIL, CEASE, VANISH AWAY - (9-13)

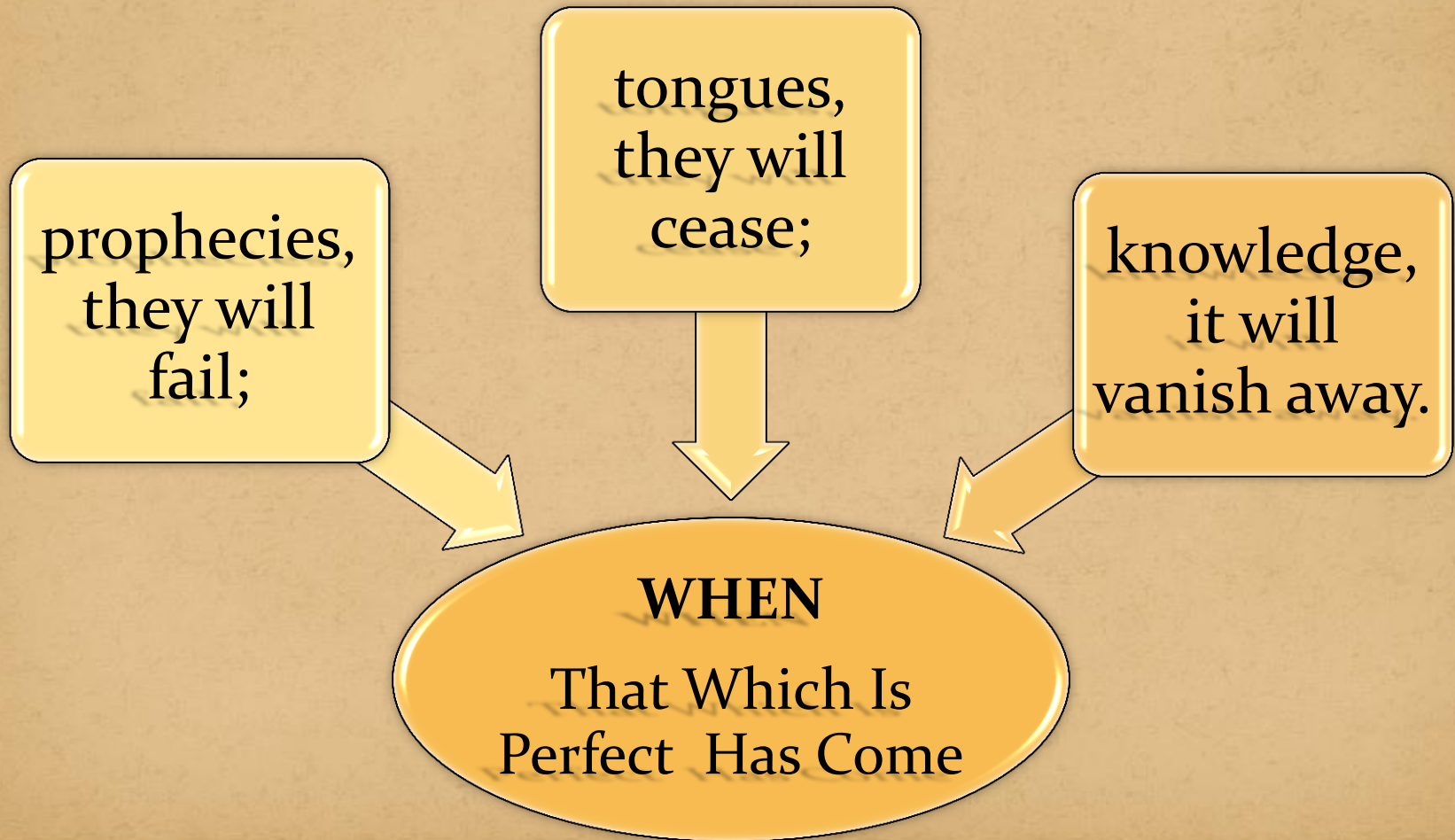
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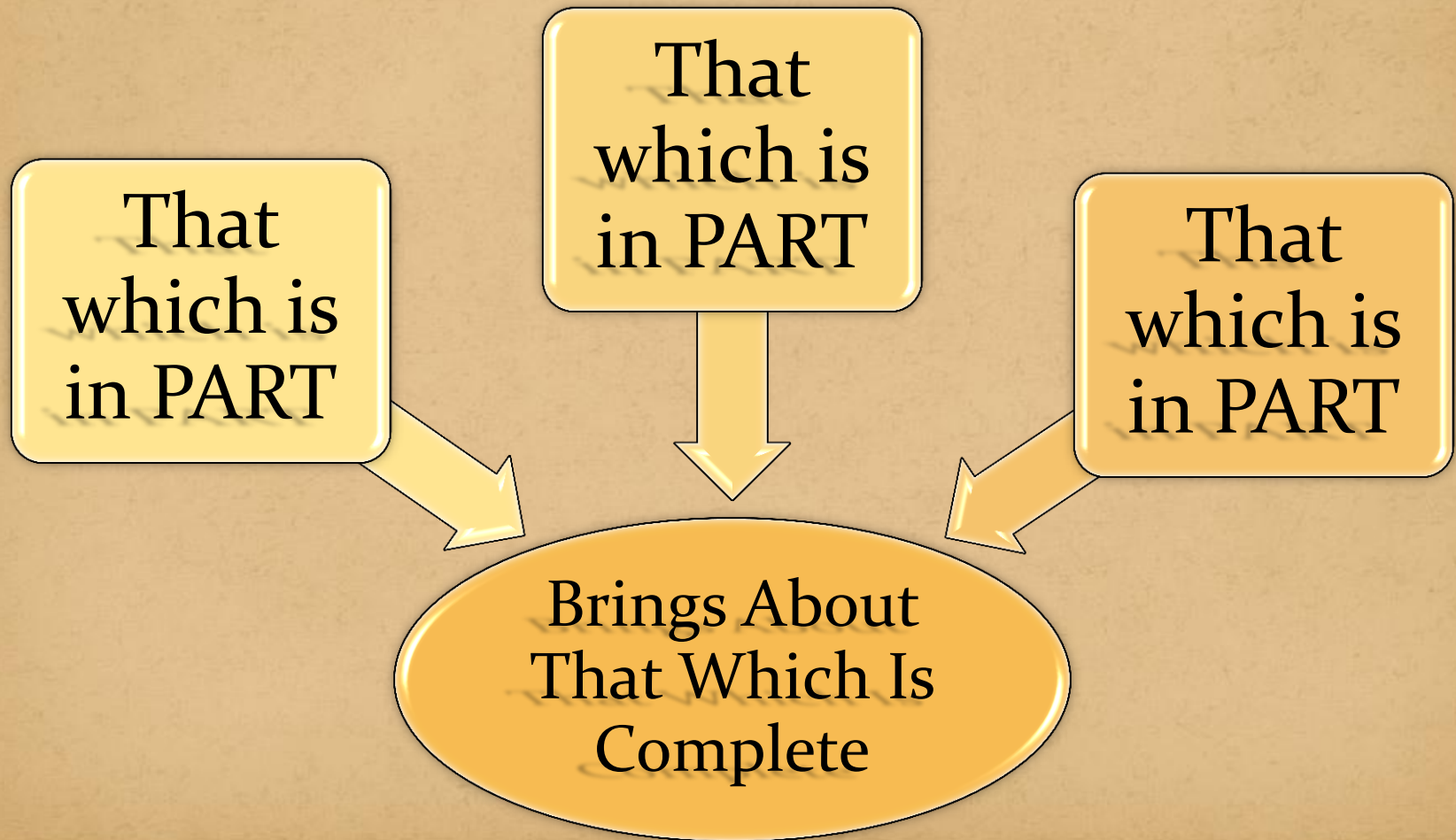
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- ✦ **“That which is perfect” and “that which is in part” are contrasted with each other . . .**
- ✦ **“That which is in part” brings about “that which is perfect”**

“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

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**We know what
“that which is
in part” was –**

- **Ek merous = The spiritual gifts God used to reveal His will (Prophecy, Tongues, Knowledge) – As well as the signs used to confirm that revelation.**

**Therefore we
can know what
“that which is
perfect” is –**

- **Teleios = The completed and perfected revelation of God’s will to man. (James 1:25; 2 Tim 3:16,17; Jude 1:3)**

"Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love" – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT **WOULD FAIL, CEASE, VANISH AWAY – (9-13)**



**What Did The
Things In Part
Produce?**

**NOT JESUS
NOT HEAVEN
BUT GOD'S
COMPLETED
REVELATION!!**

“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

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**Perfect - Τέλειος - teleios - <G5056>
neuter - *complete* - of full age, man, perfect**

- ✦ 1 Cor 2:6 – “we speak wisdom among them that are perfect”
- ✦ 1 Cor 14:20 - “. . . in understanding be men. ”
- ✦ Eph 4:13 - “till we all come ... unto a perfect man,”
- ✦ Phi 3:15 - “as many as are perfect,”
- ✦ Col 4:12 – “that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.”
- ✦ Jam 1:25 – “whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, . . . ,”
- ✦ Heb 5:14 – “Meat belongeth to them that are of full age”

“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

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**Contrasting
immaturity with
maturity!**

**When God’s
revelation became
mature, it no longer
needed those things
necessary during its
immaturity.**

1 Cor 13:8-13 (NKJV)

¹¹ When I was a child, I
spoke as a child, I
understood as a child, I
thought as a child; but
when I became a man, I
put away childish
things.

“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

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**Contrasting
NOW with Later!**

**The mirror was dim
because God’s
revelation was NOT
complete!**

**When it became
complete – a man
could see himself as
God sees him!**

1 Cor 13:8-13 (NKJV)

¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

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Who will be
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Who will be
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Can we know
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James 1:23-25 (NKJV)

²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; . . . ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

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2 Tim 3:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Jude 1:3 (NKJV)

³ Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

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John 16:13 (NKJV)

¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

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Ephesians 3:3-5 (NKJV)

³ how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, ⁴ by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), ⁵ which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

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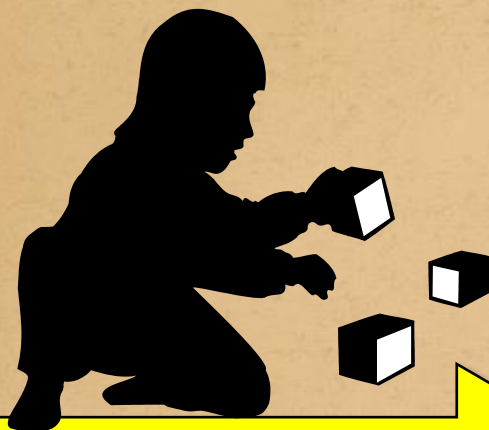
Miraculous Gifts:

- ✗ Fail, Cease, Vanish Away (vs. 8)
- ✗ Partial knowledge (vs. 9)
- ✗ Childish speaking, understanding & thinking to be put away (vs. 11)
- ✗ Darkly see, know in part (vs. 12)
- ✗ Will not abide (vs. 13)

God's Word:

- ◆ Not Pass Away (Mt. 24:35)
- ◆ Complete knowledge (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3)
- ◆ Provides maturity (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 5:12-6:5)
- ◆ Clearly see & know fully (Eph. 3:3-5; Rom. 16:25-26; Heb. 4:12)
- ◆ Abides Forever (1 Pet. 1:23)

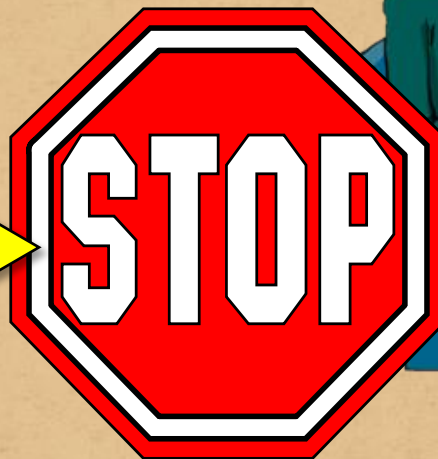
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Gifts Childish

Spiritual Gifts

Childish Speaking,
Understanding &
Thinking (13:12)



God's Word

Provides maturity
(2 Tim. 3:16-17;
Heb. 5:12-6:5)

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The Word of God

- ✦ Is complete –
Mature – Perfect!
- ✦ Provides us with
everything that we
need to know!
- ✦ Can make a
Christian complete!



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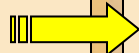
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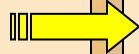
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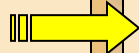
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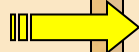
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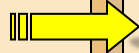
Knowledge



Immaturity



A Dim Mirror



**Partial
Knowledge**



Then

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Shall fail

Shall cease

Will vanish away

Maturity

Can see self as seen

**Can know self as
known**

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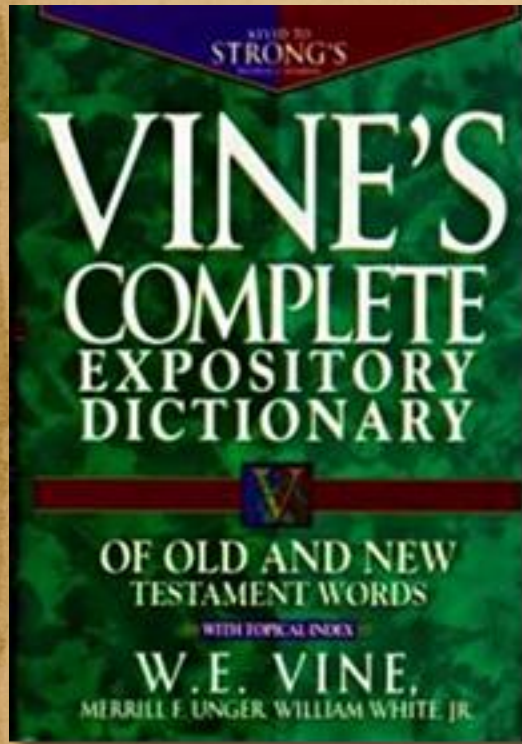
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**Faith, Hope
& Love**

**Romans 8:24;
2 Cor 5:7; Heb
11:1; 1 Pet 1:8**

“Spiritual Gifts Inferior To Love” – (13:1-13)

MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT WOULD FAIL, CEASE, VANISH AWAY - (9-13)



Greek Word: *γλῶσσα*
Transliteration: glōssa

There is no evidence of the continuance of this gift after apostolic times nor indeed in the later times of the Apostles themselves; this provides confirmation of the fulfillment in this way of 1 Cor. 13:8, that this gift would cease in the churches, just as would "prophecies" and "knowledge" in the sense of knowledge received by immediate supernatural power (cp. 1 Cor. 14:6). The completion of the Holy Scriptures has provided the churches with all that is necessary for individual and collective guidance, instruction, and edification.

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GIFTS HAVE NO VALUE WITHOUT LOVE . . .

CHAPTER 13



1 Corinthians 12:31
(NKJV)

³¹ But earnestly
desire the best gifts.
And yet I show you a
more excellent way.

- ✦ **Gifts are worthless without love— (1-3)**
- ✦ **Characteristics of love prove love’s superiority – (4-7; cf. 1 Cor. 8:1)**
- ✦ **The permanence of love demonstrates its value over spiritual gifts – (8-13)**

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Colossians 3:12-17 (NKJV)


¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

Colossians 3:12-17 (NKJV)

¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another

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Colossians 3:12-17 (NKJV)
in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing with grace
in your hearts to the Lord.

¹⁷ And *whatever* you do in word or
deed, *do* all in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God
the Father through Him.