

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS

### Part 7c

#### The Cessation of Temporary Gifts

Heb. 2:1-4

## INTRODUCTION

- I. THE PURPOSE OF THE TEMPORARY GIFTS WAS TO AUTHENTICATE THE MESSENGER. Heb. 2:3-4.
  - A. The message was our “great salvation”
    1. It was verbalized by the Lord. vs.3 cf. John 13-17
    2. It was “confirmed” “*ebebaiothe*” -- is used in Scripture of ***making a thing sure; cause something to be made to stand*** -- K.D.J. cf. Rom. 15:8 (of the promises made to the fathers); Col. 2:7 (of believers being made firm in the faith)
  - B. The use of the temporary gifts authenticated the messengers. vs. 4
    1. “Bearing them witness” is a word used just once “*sunepimarturontos*”.
      - a) “Sun” -- together (notes how God was working together with them).
      - b) “Epi” -- upon -- with used in composition it means to thoroughly (in this case witness).
      - c) “Marturontos” -- (pres. act. part.) is used for ***validating; authenticating a thing by various means***. cf. Heb. 11:4 (of God testifying of the gifts of Abel); John 5:39 (Old Testament Scriptures testified of the Lord)
  - C. Three things authenticated the message of the Lord and the apostles.
    1. “Signs” -- *semion* is ***a miracle done that points to a message about the one performing the miracle***. cf. 1st Co. 14:21-22; Acts 13:17; 28:26,27; John 2:11
    2. “Miracles (various)”
    3. “Gifts of the Spirit”
      - a) “Gifts” -- is *merismois* -- “division
      - b) “Of” (from)
      - c) “The Holy Spirit”
      - d) “According to (as measured by) His own will”
- II. THE QUALIFICATIONS AND AND AUTHORITY OF APOSTLES PROVE THE CESSATION OF THE GIFT OF APOSTLE.
  - A. Those with the gift saw (eraka – ***see with direction of thought***) the Lord Jesus. 1Co. 9:1; 15:7-8 (Acts 1:21-22)
  - B. Those with the gift could give the Holy Spirit by the laying on (epetiquesan – ***the identification of the part of him who did it with the person upon whom the***

*hands are layed*) of their hands. Acts 8:17-18

- C. Those with the gift could do three kinds of miracles: 2 Co. 12:12; Heb.2:4
    - 1. Signs (shmeion – *gives evidence*) ill. Acts 7:36; John 2:11; 3:2; Acts 2:43; 4:16; 5:12
    - 2. Wonders (terasim – *is a signal act designed to produce amazement; accordingly something so strange as to cause it to be 'watched' or 'observed'*) Acts 14:7-11
    - 3. Might deeds (dunamesin – *mighty power*) ill. Acts 3:7-10; 19:11-12; Rom. 15:17
  - D. Those with the gift received special revelation. Eph. 3:3,5; Gal. 1:12; 2 Pet. 1:16-17
  - E. Those with the gift had the authority to establish *decrees* in the early church.
    - 1. Paul had a role in the integration of the Gentiles into the Church. Acts 15:19-23
    - 2. Paul determined the operation of men and women in the early church. 1st Tim. 2:8; 1st Tim. 5:14; Tit. 3:8
  - F. Those with the gift of apostleship could confer spiritual gifts upon others. 2 Tim. 1:6
- III. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PROVISION OF WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT NEGATES THE NEED FOR THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS OF WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT.
- A. The spiritual gift of the Word of Wisdom is only used twice in Scripture. cf. 1st Co. 12:8
    - 1. It is not in existence today because other gifts were given for directing the church.
    - 2. It is not in existence today because all believers have access to wisdom from God.
  - B. The gift of Discerner of Spirits is used once in Scripture. 1st Co. 12:8
    - 1. It is not in existence today because all believers have the ability to judge spirits. cf. 1st John 4:1-3
    - 2. It is not in existence today.
- IV. THE INABILITY TO HEAL OR DO MIRACLES AS THE CHURCH MATURED PROVE THE CESSATION OF HEALING AND MIRACLE GIFTS AS THE CHURCH PROGRESSED.
- A. Paul's ability to heal himself. 2 Co. 12:7-9
  - B. Paul's inability to heal Epaphroditus. Phil. 2:25

C. Paul's inability to heal Timothy's stomach ailment. 1st Tim. 5:23

D. Paul's inability to heal Trophimus at the end of his ministry. 2 Tim. 4:20

## CONCLUSION