

1 Corinthians 12 (12-16-12)

CAN CERTAIN GIFTS CEASE?

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

Ephesians 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and **of the household of God;**

20 And are built upon **the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together **groweth** unto an holy temple in the Lord:

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon **this rock I will build my church;** and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 18:17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto **the church:** but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

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1 Corinthians 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally **as he will.**

Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, **according to his own will?**

Job 33:13 Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.

Daniel 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and **none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?**

Job 9:12 Behold, **he taketh away**, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?

2 Thessalonians 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and **lying wonders**,

Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and **false prophets**, and **shall shew great signs and wonders**; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, **I would not have you ignorant.**

2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, **carried away** unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1 Corinthians 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

37 **If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.**

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and **confirming the word** with signs following. Amen.

1 Corinthians 13:8 Charity never faileth: but **whether there be prophecies, they shall fail**; whether there be **tongues, they shall cease...**

1 Kings 17:16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil **fail...**

1 Corinthians 12:31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

"That as the sanctifying graces of the Holy Spirit are more excellent than the miraculous and extraordinary gifts of the Spirit, so it is the Christian's duty to be much more covetous and desirous of them; for when gifts vanish away, [these] habits of grace shall never fail, but abide for ever, particularly the grace of love..."

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