

Gifts For The Church, part 3

**Gifts for the
Church 3:
Message**

**Serve with confidence
knowing that God has
provided everything
we need to build upon
the Church's
completed foundation**

Two Basic Views On Temporary Gifts

Cessationists believe that some spiritual gifts ceased operating after the Apostolic era

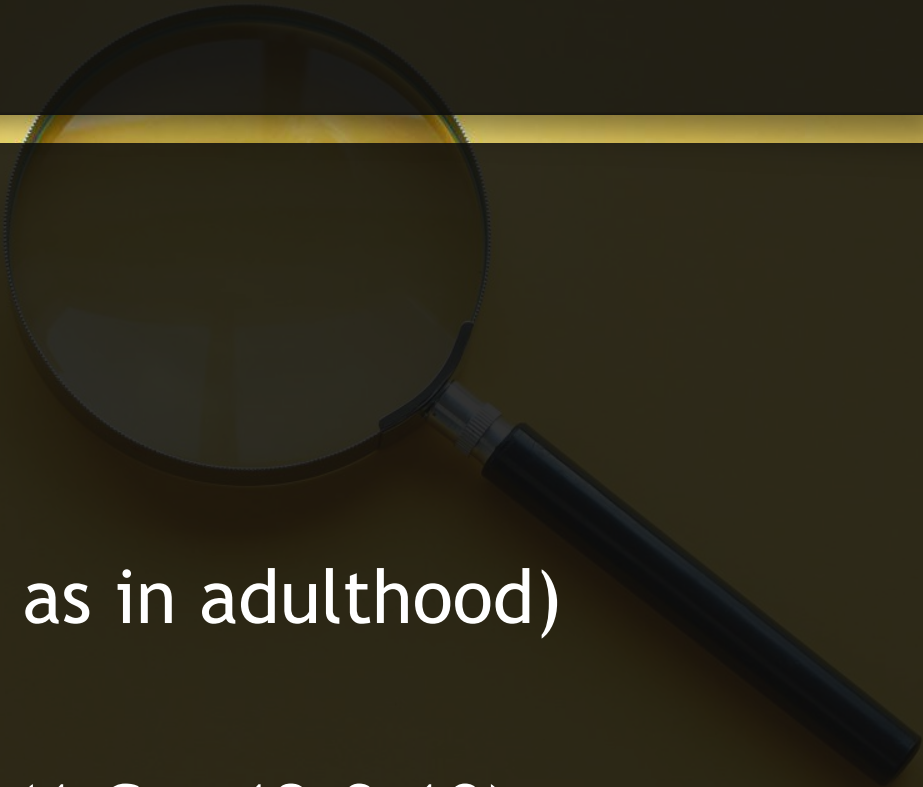
Continuationists believe that all of the spiritual gifts are still in operation today

“With the New Testament revelation now complete, Scripture becomes the sole test of the authenticity of a man’s message, and confirming signs of a miraculous nature are no longer necessary to validate a man or his message (1 Corinthians 13:8-12). Miraculous gifts can even be counterfeited by Satan so as to deceive even believers.”



**GBC Doctrinal
Statement**

“*Teleios*” (1 Cor 13:10)

- Perfect? Not in the NT!
 - State of completion
 - Becoming full-grown (mature, as in adulthood)
 - Having reached its goal
 - Contrasted with “the partial” (1 Cor 13:9-10)
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Partially revealed truth is the opposite of the completely revealed truth

Teleios looked to completion of the Church's foundation

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All NT truth delivered to the saints

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Jews and Gentiles brought into the Church

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Churches planted and strengthened

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Leaders appointed

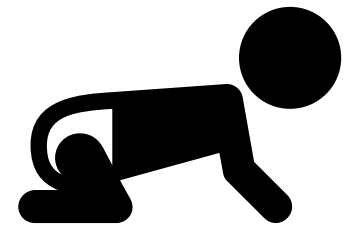
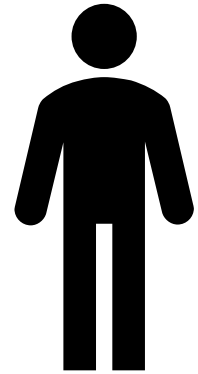
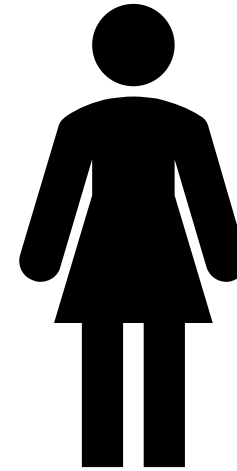
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Church practices established

The Church Age

Childhood - A time for laying the Church's foundation

Adulthood - A time for building on the Church's foundation



“The only gifts in operation today are those non-revelatory equipping gifts given for edification.”

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Evangelist

- Sent out by a church
- Serve within a church
- Preach the gospel to the lost

Equipping
Gifts

Pastor (shepherd)

- Leaders of people
- Leading
- Feeding
- Guarding
- Protecting
- Caring for the flock

Equipping
Gifts

Teacher

- Explain and help apply Scripture
- Preaching
- Teaching SS or Bible studies
- Discipling
- Counseling

Equipping
Gifts

Helps or Serving

- Taking up someone's burden
- Coming to their aid
- Assist someone
- Provide more extensive help
- Helping the weak

Serving Gifts

Administrations or Leading

- “the ability to make wise decisions and to mobilize, motivate, and direct others toward an objective”

(John MacArthur, *1 Corinthians*, p. 325)

Serving Gifts

Exhortation

- Exhorts
- Encourages
- Comforts
- Consoles
- Befriends

Serving Gifts

Giving

- Gives sacrificially
- Gives liberally
- Give of themselves

Serving Gifts

Showing mercy

- Acts of mercy
- To the sick, dying, vulnerable
- Widows, orphans, oppressed, in danger, in distress

Serving Gifts

Hospitality

- Is this a spiritual gift?
- Some people seem to be used to a greater extent in showing hospitality

Serving Gifts