

Appendix C

About Cessationism

That the Spiritual Gifts and operations have by some means or extent ceased or altered after the Apostles died.

Cessationists teach that to be led by the Holy Spirit, you must ONLY read the scriptures and go by what you think they say for you to do. And, that in doing this, you are living by faith, your faith.

The Purpose and Work of the Holy Spirit being sent into the world after Christ left is totally ignored and totally redefined.

(1) All nine gifts of 1 Cor 12:1-11 and ch. 14, are supernatural and only Holy Spirit administered and operated in character and manifestation. They have never been ceased or altered.

All Spiritual gifts described in the Sola Scriptura are manifest through members of Christ's Assembly of saints only. There is no scriptural evidence of Spiritual gifts ever being removed until the rapture of NT Assembly. To the contrary is man's imagination rationalizing false traditions (teachings) of men.

(2) The scriptures, 1 Cor 12-14, indicate **the gifts are never given to any man to exercise as he wishes**, but are manifest by the *administration* and *operation* of the Holy Spirit ONLY as how He precisely wishes and when He precisely wishes.

No man possesses or can exercise any spiritual gift apart from the complete administration and operation by the Holy Spirit through faith of Christ indwelling the individual; therefore, also subject to the individual's choice at all times. [[Must understand what faith is. Today, nearly no one does.]]

They are Holy Spirit gifts manifest through faith in the individual; not human gifts simply manifest through human ability and choice. "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be, that the Spirit of God is dwelling in you" (Rom 8:9), and "As many are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom 8:16). "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom 14:23).

Faith is the indwelling Holy Spirit Mind of Christ in your spirit, after your birth-from-above, to whom we are to be in obedient to His assurance, teaching, guiding, gifting, and empowering for God-good works. Manifestations of the nine Spiritual gifts is just one aspect of His power that works through us in His operation and administration for righteousness and Holiness in us.

Any saint can be exercised and empowered **by the Holy Spirit** through faith of Christ in himself, through his own choice of obedience, to manifest any one of the gifts in present time, from Pentecost to rapture, IS only as the Holy Spirit dictates and allows through faith. "Christ in you, the hope of Glory" (Col 1:27).

(3) All doctrines taught by Apostles/ Prophets are fixed and established for Eternity (Psa 119:160; Psa 12:6-7; Matt 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33). In this respect, *Sola Scriptura*, scripture ALONE, stands.

ALONE, means single solitary existence.

ONLY, means one means and purpose exclusively.

But scripture ONLY, the dead letter ONLY, has never been the norm, as prescribed by the scriptures themselves. **This concept would be Pharisaic, which was condemned to hell by our Lord** (Matt 5:20; John 5:39-40). The scriptures prescribe many different manners or purposes of man, God, and the Holy Spirit. We are to be “able ministers of the New Testament, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth Life” (2 Cor 3:6).

There can be no danger to the closed canonicity of the scriptures ALONE, because the scriptures clearly detailed the several administrations and operations of the Holy Spirit of Christ in men as well as many Spiritual gifts, clearly prescribed in the canon for the church (1 Cor 14:1-6; 1 Cor 14:26-32, 39-40), and also supervised works of the Father Himself through Angels and prophecies. He will not contradict Himself in any way.

Our responsibility is to be obedient to the Holy Spirit, NOT the dead letter scriptures ONLY, as the scriptures plainly teach. "Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth Life"(2 Cor 3:6).

For this reason, Christ said it was expedient that He go away, so that the Holy Spirit would come that all men might be born from-above into righteousness and Holiness, lead us, teach us all Truth, gift us, assure us, and empower us to God-good works. Do the dead written letters do these things or the power of God through the Holy Spirit do them?

Whenever a man studies the written word and then tries to live accordingly with all his heart, he is headed for hell, as a Pharisee. He is supposed to be first indwelt (born from above) by the Holy Spirit (faith) by which to Live and be taught the scriptures and be obedient to the teachings of the Holy Spirit as to what the Living Christ in him wishes him to do. He is not to live like a Pharisee, thinking faith is his own mental notations concerning the “letter which killeth.”

It is manifest blindness and double-minded to say that the canon of scriptures is established, therefore, spiritual gifts have ceased. This is contradictory and reveals an ignorance of the canon that is insanity. The scriptures certainly do not teach this. When has the Perfect King from Heaven arrived to reign in Perfect Kingdom rule on earth, and all men on earth know Him, from the youngest and least to the greatest, that 1 Cor 13:10-12 references (when that which is perfect is come) and satan is absent from the earth?

(4) Fake manifestations of the gifts by satan do not invalidate Holy Spirit gifts as chosen by the Holy Spirit to manifest, they possibly only confirm their reality as satan tries to counterfeit and deceive,

especially in these last days, with great signs and wonders. Those of the Day will not be deceived.

We readily grant that almost all the Charismatic teachers and preachers are very false in doctrines and even demonic according to the scriptures. But this is only because so many people are readily deceived, looking for something of "spiritual" substance, not wanting the typical dead Pharisaism of today's teachers.

(5) Pentecost was plainly 120 in the upper room speaking in tongues, and the 3,000 each hearing all the 120 speaking simultaneously in an "unknown tongue" (1 Cor 14:2, 4-19) is understood by the 3,000 through the Holy Spirit gift of "interpretation of tongues." This is the only reasonable scripturally coherent explanation.

This will be easily understood as you look at the scriptures clearly given below concerning prophecy and tongues.

THE SCOPE AND PLACE TODAY OF GIFT OF PROPHECY AND SPEAKING PROPHECY.

to prophesy, VERB = 4395, propheteuo, 28x, "to speak spiritual insight applications of present or future

But he that **is prophesying** (propheteuo) is speaking unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." (1 Cor 14:3).

He that **is speaking prophecy** (propheteuo) is edifying (building) the assembly, 1577, 116x, ekklesia (1 Cor 14:4).

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, **prophesied** (propheteuo) of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints (Jude 14).
And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they **shall prophesy** (propheteuo) a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth (Rev 11:3).
For all the prophets and the law **prophesied** (propheteuo) until John (Matt 11:13).
And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and **prophesied** (propheteuo), saying, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; _____ (Luke 1:67-69, ff)
Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. Every man praying or **prophesying** (propheteuo), having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. But every woman that is praying or is **prophesying** (propheteuo) with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven
But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering (1 Cor 11:1-2, 4-5, 15).
But if ALL **prophesy** (propheteuo), and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all (1 Cor 14:24).

prophet, NOUN = 4396, prophetes, 150x, " is given Spiritual insight applications of present or future."

For ye may ALL prophesy (propheteuo) one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the **prophets**, 4396, prophetes, are subject to the **prophets**, 4396, prophetes_ (1 Cor 14:31-32).
(Which he had promised afore by his **prophets**, 4396, prophetes, in the holy scriptures,) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; (Rom 1:2-3)
But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the **prophets**, 4396, prophetes. (Acts 24:14)
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. (1 Cor 14:37)
Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the

apostles and **prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone (Eph 2:19-20)

Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and **prophets** by the Spirit;

That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: (Eph 3:5-6)

Of which salvation the **prophets** have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. (1 Peter 1:10-11)

God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy **prophets**, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. (Rom 11:2-3)

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.

Are all apostles? are all **prophets**? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? (1 Cor 12:28-30)

Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

If any thing be revealed to another (allos, another of the same kind) that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the **prophets** are subject to the **prophets** (1 Cor 14:29-32)

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. (1 Cor 14:37)

In the New Testament, as exemplified above, from a careful examination of the way "prophet" and "to prophesy" is used for the OT and NT prophets, it is apparent that the term is used for a person who may not only foretell the future but also has insight applications to the present.

Therefore, a definition of prophet = "is given Spiritual insight applications of present or future."

Since all done by the sons of God must be done through faith (Holy Spirit Mind of Christ) obedience (Rom 1:5 and 16:26), it is expected that through the same faith they may all have spiritual insight applications to doctrines, present happening, personal applications, that all may be edified, exhorted, and comforted.

Therefore, in Assembly meetings, with their Lord Creator, Paul says that ALL may prophesy as led, one by one, so that all may speak, if so led. Their ONLY leader is to be the Holy Spirit of their Lord in manifest Presence to them in meetings. Unbelievers, not Holy Spirit indwelt, cannot have this Spiritual insight of God's Presence.

SPEAKING IN TONGUES PLACE, PURPOSE, AND WHAT IS TONGUES

We must here give these plain and clear scriptures to answer these questions, upon which so much false teachings today give no notice. Here is the clear plain scriptural answers given:

1 Cor 14:2

For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue **speaketh not unto men, but unto God:** for **no man** understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

1 Cor 14:4-19

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue **edifieth himself;** but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, **except he interpret,** that the church may receive edifying.

Now, brethren, **if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?**

And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.

Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.

Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

Wherefore **let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.**

For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

1 Cor 14:23-33

If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and **all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?**

But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

1 Cor 14:39-40

Wherefore, **brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order.**

Today, we are told that tongues is speaking in a human foreign language of another culture or language of the hearer. These clear scriptures teach exactly the opposite. There are no scriptures that teach these modern day lies about Holy Spirit gift of tongues being a human foreign language of an existing culture on earth.

Must we wonder why we are taught the opposite?

Can the Holy Spirit be allowed any place at all in the saints living? No, not if the devil has his way of deceptions and false teachings through totally blinded people.

Who can read the plain scriptures without being supernaturally (satanically) blind? Certainly, going by the scriptures is NOT done by Baptists or Calvinists or Dispensationalists or Catholics. And certainly most all Pentecostals and Charismatics have been blinded also in false doctrines and satanic excesses. However, the last and most satanic teachings of all these are those of the recent so-called Emerging church preparing all people for the last one global totally false anti- Christian religion, prepared for the coming antichrist.

Indeed, today, we are fast approaching the fulfillment of Amos 8:11-12:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:

**And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north
even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of
the Lord, and shall not find it"**